

TELANGANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Vidyut Niyantran Bhavan, G.T.S Colony, Kalyan Nagar, Hyderabad- 500 045

ORDER

ON

AMENDMENTS

TO

TIME OF DAY (TOD) TARIFFS APPROVED IN RETAIL SUPPLY TARIFF ORDER FOR FY 2025-26

IN THE SUPPLY AREAS

OF

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED (TGSPDCL)

AND

NORTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED (TGNPDCL)

ORDER DATED 15.11.2025

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Dated 15.11.2025

Present

Dr. Justice Devaraju Nagarjun, Chairman Sri. Raghu Kancharla, Member (Technical) Sri. Cherukuri Srinivasa Rao, Member (Finance)

I.A. No. 24 of 2025 in O.P. No. 21 of 2025

Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL)

I.A. No. 25 of 2025 in O.P. No. 22 of 2025

Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGNPDCL)

... Applicants

Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL) and Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGNPDCL) (hereinafter referred to as or "TGDISCOMs") have filed petitions on 05.08.2025 and 06.08.2025 respectively under Section 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003 proposing certain amendments to the Time of Day (ToD) Tariffs approved by the Commission in the Retail Supply Tariff Order for FY 2025-26 vide O.P. Nos. 21 & 22 of 2025 to align with industrial load patterns, average power purchase cost, exchange price trends for efficient power usage and supporting demand-supply balance.

The TGDISCOMs have filed the petitions with following prayer:

TGSPDCL:

- a. Take the accompanying application of TGSPDCL on record and treat it as complete.
- b. Approve the amendments proposed to the Time-of-Dat (ToD) tariffs under Table 3.24 of Tariff order for the remaining part of FY 2025-26.
- c. Grant suitable opportunity to TGSPDCL within a reasonable time frame to file additional material information that may be subsequently required,

d. Pass such order as the Commission may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

TGNPDCL:

- a. Take the accompanying application of TGNPDCL on record and treat it as complete.
- b. Approve the amendments proposed to the Time-of-Dat (ToD) tariffs under Table 3.24 of Tariff order for the remaining part of FY 2025-26.
- c. Grant suitable opportunity to TGNPDCL within a reasonable time frame to file additional material information that may be subsequently required,
- d. Pass such order as the Commission may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

COMMOM ORDER

CHAPTER 1: INTRODUCTION

1.1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1.1. Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL) and Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGNPDCL) (hereinafter referred to as "TGDISCOMs") filed petitions on 28.01.2025 under Section 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and in accordance with provisions under 'Multi Year Tariff' (MYT) Regulation No. 2 of 2023 for determination of revised Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) and Retail Supply Tariffs for Retail Supply Business for FY 2025-26.
- 1.1.2. The said filings were admitted and assigned the following original petition (O.P.) numbers:
 - O.P. No. 21 of 2025 for TGSPDCL
 - O.P. No. 22 of 2025 for TGNPDCL
- 1.1.3. The Commission, in exercise of its powers under the Electricity Act, 2003 and Regulation No. 2 of 2023 had passed the Retail Supply Tariff Order for FY 2025-26 vide order dated 29.04.2025.

1.2. ADMISSION OF PETITIONS

- 1.2.1. The petitions submitted by TGDISCOMs were scrutinised and found to be in order as required under 'Conduct of Business' Regulations, 2015 (Regulation No. 2 of 2015). Accordingly, the filings were admitted and were taken on record by assigning the following Interlocutory Application (I.A.) numbers:
 - I.A. No. 24 of 2025 in O.P. No. 21 of 2025 for TGSPDCL

• I.A. No. 25 of 2025 in O.P. No. 22 of 2025 for TGNPDCL

1.3. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1.3.1. The Commission has found certain data gaps and directed the TGDISCOMs to furnish additional information. Accordingly, the information was submitted by TGDISCOMs and this Commission has considered the same while dealing with the present petitions.

1.4. PUBLIC NOTICE

1.4.1. The TGDISCOMs, as directed by the Commission, published a public notice in two (2) English, two (2) Telugu and one (1) Urdu daily newspapers on 14.08.2025 (Annexure I). The public notice was to inform the stakeholders and general public at large that the TGDISCOMs have filed petitions proposing certain amendments to the Time of Day (ToD) Tariffs approved by the Commission in the Retail Supply Tariff Order for FY 2025-26 vide O.P. Nos. 21 & 22 of 2025. It was also notified in the said public notice that, objections/suggestions/comments on the filings may be filed with the TGDISCOMs on or before 04.09.2025 with a copy marked to the Commission Secretary. Further, in the public notice it was also indicated the venue of public hearing to be held from 10:30 hours onwards on 19.09.2025 in the Court Hall of the Commission, 'Vidyut Niyantran Bhavan', Kalyan Nagar, Hyderabad- 500045. However, due to administrative exigencies, the public hearing was rescheduled to 23.09.2025.

1.5. RESPONSE TO PUBLIC NOTICE

- 1.5.1. In response to the public notice, objections/suggestions/comments were received from 09 stakeholders for both TGDISCOMs. The details of stakeholders who submitted objections/ suggestions is enclosed as **Annexure II**.
- 1.5.2. The TGDISCOMs were directed to submit responses to objections/suggestions /comments of the stakeholders by 11.09.2025. It was also directed to post the replies on the website of the respective TGDISCOM.
- 1.5.3. The filings of the TGDISCOMs along with the additional information, objections/suggestions/comments, replies submitted by TGDISCOMs were also posted on the official website of TGDISCOMs as well as on the website of the Commission.

1.6. PUBLIC HEARING

1.6.1. The public hearing was conducted on 23.09.2025 in the Court Hall at TGERC. During the public hearing, TGDISCOMs made brief presentations on their respective filings. Out of 9 objectors who filed objections, 6 objectors were present in public hearing. They were permitted to present objections before the Commission. At the end, as directed by the Commission, the TGDISCOMs responded on the issues raised by the stakeholders during

the Public Hearings. The TGDISCOMs have also made a written submission of the replies given. The list of the stakeholders who attended the public hearing is at **Annexure II**.

1.7. SUMMARY OF FILINGS

1.7.1. The salient features of the filings of TGDISCOMs proposing certain amendments to the Time of Day (ToD) Tariffs approved by the Commission in the Retail Supply Tariff Order for FY 2025-26 vide O.P. Nos. 21 & 22 of 2025 to align with industrial load patterns, average power purchase cost, exchange price trends for efficient power usage and supporting demand-supply balance are summarised below.

EXISTING TIME OF DAY (TOD) TARIFFS

1.7.2. The Commission has approved the following Time of Day (ToD) tariffs in the Retail Supply Tariff Order for FY 2025-26 dated 29.04.2025:

3.24 TIME OF DAY (TOD) TARIFFS:

Applicability:

3.24.1 The following Time of Day (TOD) Tariffs are applicable for categories viz.,

HT-I (A) Industry General;

HT-I (A) Poultry Farms;

HT-II (A) Others;

HT-II (B) Wholly Religious Places;

HT-III Airports, Railway stations and Bus Stations

HT-IX Electric Vehicle Charging Stations;

Table 0-1: Applicable Time of Day (TOD) Tariffs

Description	During the Period	ToD Tariff over Retail Supply Energy Charges for FY 2025-26
Time of Day (TOD)Tariff	6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm	Plus Rs. 1.00/unit
Time of Day (TOD) Tariff	10 pm to 6 am	Less Rs. 1.50/unit

PROVISIONS OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

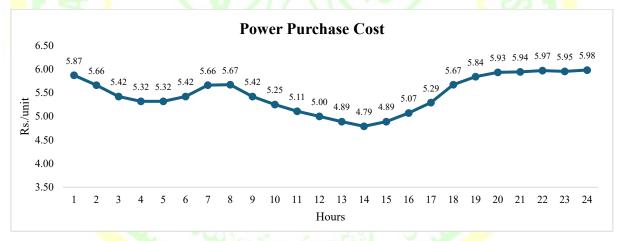
- 1.7.3. Section 62 (3) & (4) of the Electricity Act, 2003 which empowers the State Commission's to differentiate the tariff based on the time at which the supply is consumed is as under:
 - (3) The Appropriate Commission shall not, while determining the tariff under this Act, show undue preference to any consumer of electricity but may differentiate according to the consumer's load factor, power factor, voltage, total consumption of electricity during

any specified period or the time at which the supply is required or the geographical position of any area, the nature of supply and the purpose for which the supply is required.

(4) No tariff or part of any tariff may ordinarily be amended, more frequently than once in any financial year, except in respect of any changes expressly permitted under the terms of any fuel surcharge formula as may be specified.

POWER PURCHASE COSTS

- 1.7.4. TGDISCOMs have submitted that during the time period from 10:00 pm to 06:00 am, power is purchased by them from costlier sources like thermal power and market purchases.
- 1.7.5. TGDISCOMs are purchasing power from different sources like state thermal, central generating station, IPPs, hydel, wind, solar, gas, non-conventional energy sources and market purchases.
- 1.7.6. TGDISCOMs have arrived at the hour-wise power purchase cost by taking into consideration the actual hour wise generation of contracted power sources and the approved costs (fixed and variable) for the FY 2024-25, which is as under:



1.7.7. The costs incurred by TGSPDCL for 132 kV, 33 kV and 11 kV are higher than the above due to losses incurred in the respective voltage levels, which are given as under:

Voltage	Approved												Ho	our										-	
ronage	losses	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
11kV	4.07%	6.48	6.25	5.98	5.87	5.88	5.98	6.25	6.26	5.98	5.80	5.65	5.52	5.40	5.29	5.40	5.59	5.84	6.26	6.44	6.55	6.56	6.59	6.57	6.63
33kV					5.63																				
132kV		6.02																							

1.7.8. The costs incurred by TGNPDCL for 132 kV, 33 kV and 11 kV are higher than the above due to losses incurred in the respective voltage levels, which are given as under:

	Approved												Но	ur											
Voltage	losses	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
11kV	3.74%	6.45	6.21	5.95	5.84	5.84	5.95	6.22	6.22	5.95	5.77	5.62	5.49	5.37	5.26	5.37	5.56	5.81	6.23	6.41	6.51	6.52	6.55	6.54	6.57
33kV	2.99%	6.21	5.98	5.73	5.62	5.63	5.73	5.99	5.99	5.73	5.55	5.41	5.29	5.17	5.06	5.17	5.36	5.59	6.00	6.17	6.27	6.28	6.31	6.29	6.32
132kV	2.48%	6.02	5.80	5.56	5.45	5.46	5.55	5.81	5.81	5.56	5.38	5.24	5.13	5.01	4.91	5.02	5.20	5.43	5.82	5.99	6.08	6.09	6.12	6.11	6.14

- 1.7.9. TGDISCOMs have submitted that the market purchase prices during the period of 10:00 pm to 06:00 am are on the higher side whereas they are providing supply to certain HT categories at lower rates due to the Time of Day (ToD) tariffs.
- 1.7.10. The normal energy charges between 10:00 am to 06:00 pm vis-à-vis the ToD charges between 10:00 pm to 06:00 am are as under:

Time of		HT I(A	.)		HT II(A	()		HT II(E	3)		HT III]		HT IX	
Day	11	33	132	11	33	132	11	33	132	11	33	132	11	33	132
J	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV	kV
10:0 <mark>0 am</mark> to	7.65	7.15	6.65	8.80	8.00	7.80	5.00	5.00	5.00	8.50	7.85	7.45	6.00	6.00	6.00
06:00 pm	CH			/ Lu			$\overline{}$	/=							
10: <mark>00 pm to</mark>	6.15	5.65	5.15	7.30	6.50	6.30	3.50	3.50	3.50	7.00	6.35	5.95	4.50	4.50	4.50
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ADVERSE IMPACT ON REVENUES OF TGDISCOMS

- 1.7.11. TGDISCOMs have submitted that while the cost of power purchase is on higher side, their revenues are getting adversely affected due to the implementation of ToD tariffs.
- 1.7.12. TGSPDCL has submitted that due to the ToD incentives at night hours (i.e., 10;00 pm to 06:00 am), they have an outflow to the tune of Rs. 914.7 crores. The sales (in MUs) across the ToD categories for FY 2024-25 have been presented as under:

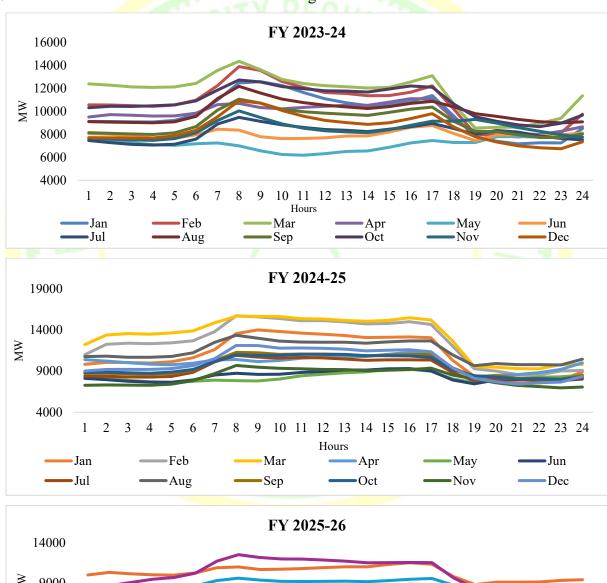
Current	HT I (A)	(Including HMW		ms and		НТ І	IA		НТ	II B	н	ГШ	НТ	IX	Total
	11kV	33kV	132kV	220kV	11kV	33kV	132kV	220kV	11kV	33kV	11kV	220kV	11kV	33kV	
Normal Timings (10 AM to 6 PM)	1,627.00	2,228.00	1,125.95	5.38	1,102.31	675.29	30.90	63.27	0.13	1.92	1.84	34.76	9.12	1.09	6,906.95
ToD Tariffs - Peak charges (6 am - 10 am and 6 pm - 10 pm)	1,371.07	2,318.49	1,142.11	4.32	823.11	549.94	19.71	54.01	0.15	1.80	2.07	41.25	7.11	0.28	6,335.42
TOD Tariffs - incentives (10 pm to 6 am)	1,321.36	2,332.60	1,316.37	3.57	577.68	421.15	15.31	51.32	0.16	1.19	2.26	42.02	11.03	2.38	6,098.40

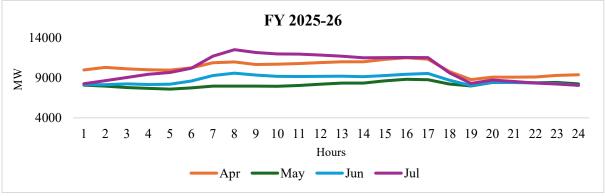
1.7.13. TGNPDCL has submitted that due to the ToD incentives at night hours (*i.e.*, 10;00 pm to 06:00 am), they have an outflow to the tune of Rs. 110.4 crores. The sales (in MUs) across the ToD categories for FY 2024-25 have been presented as under:

TOD Slots) (Including and MWW			HT II A		HT II B	HT III	HT IX	Total
	11 kV	33 kV	132 kV	11 kV	33 kV	132 kV	11 kV	11 kV	11 kV	
Normal Timings (10 AM to 6 PM)	318.46	48.01	158.12	105.13	5.81	1.23	0.08	2.16	8.05	647.04
ToD Tariffs - Peak Charges (6 PM to 10 PM)	164.36	50.98	132.09	53.08	2.79	1.54	0.09	1.74	1	406.67
ToD Tariffs - Peak Charges (6 AM to 10 AM)	153.76	41.63	85.30	27.25	2.30	0.75	0.04	1.19	-	312.24
ToD Tariffs – Incentives (10 PM to 06 AM)	308.94	98.97	267.77	50.13	4.55	2.96	0.14	3.02	-	736.48

DETAILED LOAD CURVES FOR FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26

1.7.14. TGDISCOMs have submitted the following load curves:





POWER PURCHASE COST DATA FOR FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26

1.7.15. TGDISCOMs have submitted the following power purchase cost data (Rs./unit):

FY 2023-24:

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6		7	8	9	10		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Jan '24	5.59	5.45	5.35	5.32	5.36	5.63		6.43	7.48	7.41	6.96		6.45	6.03	5.94	5.90	5.88	5.90	6.58	6.75	6.21	6.18	6.09	6.11	6.12	5.84
Feb '24	5.52	5.43	5.36	5.33	5.38	5.61		6.52	7.27	6.81	6.25		5.97	5.80	5.80	5.74	5.73	5.74	5.89	6.37	6.41	6.46	6.10	5.98	5.92	5.70
Mar '24	5.68	5.55	5.48	5.46	5.50	5.60		5.73	5.95	5.80	5.76		5.71	5.67	5.60	5.51	5.53	5.54	5.56	5.77	5.98	6.13	5.94	5.91	5.89	5.77
Apr '23	6.53	6.48	6.39	6.33	6.40	6.56		6.36	5.82	5.77	5.81		5.79	5.76	5.75	5.71	5.70	5.73	5.79	5.94	6.20	6.34	6.24	6.25	6.33	6.39
May '23	6.29	6.15	6.02	5.96	5.95	5.96		5.96	6.01	6.07	6.05		6.01	5.99	5.97	5.97	5.97	5.98	5.99	6.00	6.07	6.34	6.32	6.38	6.40	6.39
Jun '23	6.61	6.52	6.24	6.01	5.97	5.96	A	5.85	5.82	5.80	5.84		5.86	5.87	5.86	5.86	5.87	5.90	5.91	5.90	6.02	6.43	6.47	6.56	6.63	6.70
Jul '23	6.32	6.08	5.94	5.89	5.84	5.81	2	5.83	5.63	5.55	5.66		5.72	5.73	5.72	5.70	5.66	5.65	5.63	5.66	5.91	6.60	6.66	6.67	6.63	6.58
Aug '23	6.98	6.88	6.72	6.49	6.54	6.77	1	7.22	6.93	6.12	6.03		5.94	5.89	5.88	5.86	5.97	6.09	6.32	6.52	6.96	7.24	7.18	7.17	7.11	7.07
Sep '23	6.48	6.36	6.24	6.19	6.18	6.33		6.63	6.48	6.09	6.06		5.98	5.95	5.93	5.91	5.98	6.10	6.25	6.33	6.59	6.75	6.64	6.55	6.52	6.60
Oct '23	6.57	6.51	6.41	6.33	6.34	6.56		6.76	6.53	6.14	6.02		5.96	5.94	5.92	5.89	6.02	6.23	6.63	6.91	6.78	6.61	6.42	6.42	6.41	6.53
Nov '23	5.76	5.65	5.58	5.53	5.57	5.70		5.72	5.74	5.77	5.84	,	5.85	5.85	5.83	5.79	5.75	5.75	6.03	6.83	6.88	6.19	5.86	5.80	5.75	5.73
Dec '23	5.38	5.29	5.20	5.15	5.18	5.39		5.74	6.72	6.63	6.19		5.84	5.73	5.72	5.67	5.61	5.60	6.09	6.69	6.35	6.01	5.83	5.81	5.73	5.54
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FY 2024-25:

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Jan'25	4.65	4.45	4.35	4.31	4.44	5.00	5.94	7.15	6.84	6.16	5.78	5.52	5.21	4.91	4.96	5.17	5.74	6.30	5.80	5.82	5.98	5.84		5.48	5.04
Feb'25	5.31	5.16	5.11	5.08	5.14	5.41	6.15	7.09	6.55	5.98	5.61	5.34	5.22	5.04	5.00	5.12	5.46	6.00	6.08	6.00	5.97	5.85		5.63	5.59
Mar'25	5.79	5.65	5.59	5.58	5.56	5.66	5.86	5.93	5.55	5.35	5.23	5.14	5.00	4.81	4.89	5.02	5.24	5.56	5.88	5.78	5.86	5.90		5.85	5.87
Apr'24	6.73	6.46	6.21	6.09	6.03	6.08	6.21	5.80	5.46	5.32	5.16	5.07	4.99	4.92	4.99	5.19	5.45	5.76	6.13	6.37	6.32	6.44		6.53	6.75
May*24	6.43	6.27	6.07	5.98	5.98	6.01	5.98	5.76	5.50	5.38	5.33	5.29	5.27	5.26	5.43	5.61	5.74	5.85	6.00	6.33	6.37	6.44		6.46	6.52
Jun'24	6.72	6.52	6.25	6.06	6.07	6.02	5.96	5.56	5.23	5.07	5.07	5.07	5.10	5.18	5.45	5.56	5.63	5.70	5.84	6.42	6.64	6.72		6.68	6.76
Jul'24	6.88	6.48	5.88	5.78	5.77	5.55	5.77	5.28	4.97	4.79	4.65	4.60	4.56	4.55	4.72	4.91	5.05	5.28	5.66	6.55	6.69	6.94		6.93	7.10
Aug*24	5.59	5.27	5.00	4.94	4.97	4.94	5.17	4.97	4.61	4.44	4.35	4.29	4.23	4.20	4.29	4.45	4.63	4.84	5.22	5.79	5.79	6.02		5.94	6.00
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Oct 24	5.34	5.22	5.15	5.11	5.07	5.11	5.17	5.10	5.01	4.94	4.86	4.81	4.79	4.79	4.89	5.00	5.10	5.35	5.47	5.44	5.37	5.36		5.35	5.35
Nov'24	5.08	4.95	4.88	4.85	4.86	5.05	5.29	5.39	5.40	5.41	5.29	5.15	5.02	4.94	4.96	5.16	5.36	5.68	5.65	5.66	5.59	5.49		5.33	5.21
Dec'24	4.18	4.08	4.01	4.00	4.08	4.61	5.35	6.24	6.12	5.71	5.37	5.14	4.88	4.64	4.70	4.99	5.45	6.25	5.82	5.82	5.71	5.38		4.87	4.49
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FY 2025-26 (April-July):

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Apr'25	6.04	6.02	5.86	5.77	5.78	5.90	6.03	5.42	4.95	4.76	4.64	4.59	4.53	4.47	4.54	4.73	4.94	5.41	5.86	5.92	5.92	5.91	5.94	5.96
May'25	5.78	5.76	5.68	5.54	5.52	5.51	5.45	4.96	4.53	4.62	4.75	4.73	4.71	4.70	4.76	4.84	4.96	5.23	5.55	5.95	5.95	5.95	5.98	5.92
Jun'25	5.73	5.70	5.54	5.34	5.21	5.13	5.06	4.57	4.10	3.97	3.99	4.07	4.09	4.07	4.18	4.34	4.54	4.80	5.17	5.85	5.88	5.95	5.88	5.81
Jul'25	5.33	5.17	5.03	4.92	4.87	4.98	5.00	4.61	4.39	4.18	3.96	3.93	3.90	3.85	3.99	4.22	4.40	4.75	5.17	5.56	5.54	5.50	5.49	5.44
		10	PM t	o 06 A	M		6 A	AM to	10 A	М			10	AM t	o 06 l	PM			61	PM to	10 P	M		M to 06 AM

DETAILED POWER PURCHASE COST INCURRED DURING THE 10PM TO 6AM TIME PERIOD FOR FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26

1.7.16. TGDISCOMs have submitted the following average cost/unit during the incentive hours (10pm to 6am) are higher than the morning peak hours and normal hours:

FY 2023-24:

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Cost/uni	5.60	5.46	5.30	5.19	5.19	5.31	5.51	5.58	5.40	5.31	5.22	5.15	5.12	5.08	5.10	5.14	5.33	5.63	5.72	5.79	5.64	5.63	5.63	5.66

Time slot	Cost per unit
Morning Peak hours (6am to 10am)	5.31
Normal hours (10am to 6pm)	5.22
Evening Peak hours (6pm to 10pm)	5.63
Incentive hours (10pm to 6am)	5.42

FY 2024-25:

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Cost/unit	5.87	5.66	5.42	5.32	5.32	5.42	5.66	5.67	5.42	5.25	5.11	5.00	4.89	4.79	4.89	5.07	5.29	5.67	5.84	5.93	5.94	5.97	5.95	5.98

Time slot	Cost per unit
Morning Peak hours (6am to 10am)	5.50
Normal hours (10am to 6pm)	5.09
Evening Peak hours (6pm to 10pm)	5.92
Incentive hours (10pm to 6am)	5.62

FY 2025-26 (April-July):

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Cost/unit	5.72	5.67	5.55	5.41	5.38	5.42	5.43	4.90	4.48	4.35	4.29	4.29	4.27	4.24	4.35	4.52	4.71	5.06	5.50	5.88	5.85	5.83	5.83	5.78

Time slot	Cost per unit
Morning Peak hours (6am to 10am)	4.79
Normal hours (10am to 6pm)	4.24
Evening Peak hours (6pm to 10pm)	5.77
Incentive hours (10pm to 6am)	5.59

ENERGY AVAILABILITY

1.7.17. TGDISCOMs have claimed that the generation availability is higher than demand during the daytime. TGDISCOMs have entered into PPAs for about 9800 MW solar power in addition to about 1,000 MW Rooftop Solar Power, which are must run stations and cannot be backed down. This will further increase the generation availability during the daytime.

This surplus available energy will be sufficient to cater the additional demand which is expected to shift from night hours to the day hours.

1.7.18. The average generation availability and average demand during daytime (09:00 hrs to 16:00 hrs) for the year 2024-25 are summarized as below:

Time	Generation availability (MW)	Demand (MW)
09:00 to 10:00	11,227	11,496
10:00 to 11:00	11,956	11,508
11:00 to 12:00	12,280	11,521
12:00 to 13:00	12,329	11,530
13:00 to 14:00	12,210	11,409
14:00 to 15:00	11,844	11,479
15:00 to 16:00	11,094	11,544

PROPOSALS OF TGDISCOMS

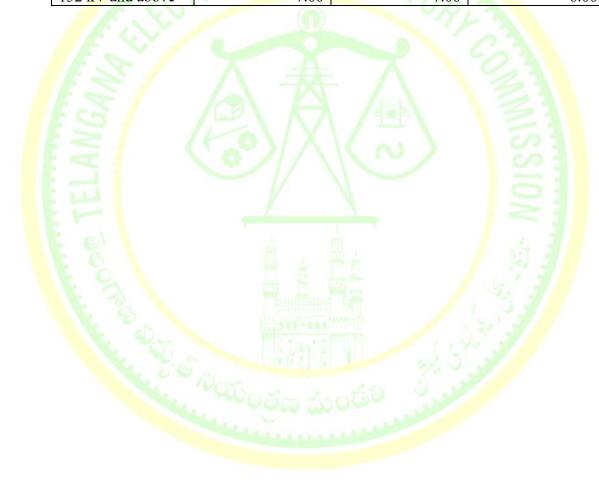
- 1.7.19. TGDISCOMs proposed the following amendments to the Time of Day (ToD) Tariffs for the remaining part of FY 2025-26:
 - a) Time of Day (ToD) tariffs applicable for:
 - i) HT- I(A): Industry General and Poultry
 - ii) HT-II(A): Others
 - iii) HT- II(B): Wholly Religious Places
 - iv) HT- III: Airports, Railway stations and Bus stations
 - v) HT- IX: Electric Vehicle Charging stations

Description	During the period	ToD Tariff over Retail Supply Energy Charges for FY 2025-26
Time of Day (ToD) Tariff	6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm	Plus Re. 1/unit
Time of Day (ToD) Tariff	10 pm to 6 am	Rs. 0.00/unit

b) Accordingly, category-wise energy charges (Rs. / kVAh) applicable during the peak hours and night time hours proposed by TGDISCOMs are as below:

Cotogowy	Time of Day (ToD) Tariffs							
Category	6 am to 10 am	6 pm to 10 pm	10 pm to 6 am					
HT- I (A): Industry	General (other than	Poultry Farms)						
11 kV	8.65	8.65	7.65					
33 kV	8.15	8.15	7.15					
132 kV and above	7.65	7.65	6.65					
HT- I (A): Industry	General (Poultry Fa	rms)						
11 kV	8.65	8.65	7.65					
33 kV	8.15	8.15	7.15					
HT- II(A): Others								
11 kV	9.80	9.80	8.80					
33 kV	9.00	9.00	8.00					

Catagory	Time of Day (ToD) Tariffs							
Category	6 am to 10 am	6 pm to 10 pm	10 pm to 6 am					
132 kV and above	8.80	8.80	7.80					
HT- II(B): Wholly Religious Places								
11 kV	6.00	6.00	5.00					
33 kV	6.00	6.00	5.00					
132 kV and above	6.00	6.00	5.00					
HT- III: Airports, Railway Stations and Bus Stations								
11 kV	9.50	9.50	8.50					
33 kV	8.85	8.85	7.85					
132 kV and above	8.45	8.45	7.45					
HT- IX: EV Charging Stations								
11 kV	7.00	7.00	6.00					
33 kV	7.00	7.00	6.00					
132 kV and above	7.00	7.00	6.00					



CHAPTER 2: OBJECTIONS OF STAKEHOLDERS; REPLIES OF TGDISCOMS; AND ANALYSIS & FINDINGS OF THE COMMISSION

2.1. OBJECTIONS/SUGGESTIONS MADE ON FILINGS

2.1.1. Nine (9) stakeholders have filed objections/suggestions/comments on the filings made by TGNPDCL and TGSPDCL for certain amendments to ToD Tariffs approved in Tariff Order of FY 2025-26 in O.P. Nos 21 & 22 of 2025. The Commission has considered all the objections/suggestions/comments of the stakeholders made in writing as well as objections raised during the course of Public Hearing and the responses to them by the TGDISCOMs. For the sake of brevity, the objections/suggestions/comments raised by the stakeholders and responses of the TGDISCOMs have been consolidated and summarised issue-wise. In case any suggestion is not specifically elaborated, it does not mean that the same has not been considered.

2.2. MAINTAINABILITY OF THE PETITIONS

Stakeholders' submissions

- 2.2.1. The tariff for FY 2025–26 was already determined and notified by the Commission in April 2025. The current attempt by the DISCOMs to seek a mid-year change in the tariff structure is therefore impermissible under Section 62(4).
- 2.2.2. TOD tariff is a fundamental component of tariff design and does not fall under the category of fuel surcharge adjustments. Hence, any change to it mid-financial-year is clearly beyond the scope of permissible amendments under the law.
- 2.2.3. It has been consistently held by Hon'ble Courts and Appellate Authorities that:
 - A tariff once approved and notified is meant to remain in force for the entire financial year to provide certainty and predictability to both licensees and consumers.
 - The only exception permitted under the Act is fuel surcharge adjustment, which is a narrowly tailored mechanism.
 - Mid-year revisions of tariff components including TOD surcharges or rebates have been held to be ultra vires Section 62(4) and are therefore liable to be disallowed.
- 2.2.4. The tariff order dated 29.04.2025 was issued after due process and public consultation. Permitting amendments mid-year:
 - Would set a dangerous precedent of allowing post-notification changes;
 - Erodes regulatory certainty and transparency;
 - Undermines the sanctity of Commission orders, thereby inviting unnecessary litigation and loss of consumer confidence in the regulatory process.

- 2.2.5. In similar cases before the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, where attempts to revise or remove night-time rebates were rejected on sound regulatory grounds in Order dated 28.03.2025 (MSEDCL ARR Petition), Case No. 116 of 2008 (Order dated 17.08.2009), Case No. 121 of 2014 (Order dated 26.06.2015) and Case No. 322 of 2019 (Order dated 30.03.2020).
- 2.2.6. In the contrary one of the objectors has submitted that a limited review, subject to the Commission's approval, is permissible in law. It is also pertinent to note that several SERCs, under their respective MYT Regulations, have provided for mid-term reviews to address uncontrollable costs, subsidy variations, or material deviations in revenue and expenditure.

Petitioner's Replies

- 2.2.7. It is important to note that TGDISCOMs have not sought any tariff amendments in the ARR filing for FY 2025–26. The Retail Supply Tariff remains unchanged from the previous year, as per the TGERC-approved order dated 29.04.2025. Therefore, this proposal for amending the ToD tariff stands as the first such submission in the current financial year, and is fully aligned with the provisions of Section 62(4) of the Electricity Act, 2003. In light of the above, and pursuant to the powers vested in the Commission under the applicable regulatory framework, requested that the proposed first amendment to the ToD tariff be considered and approved.
- 2.2.8. The TGDISCOMs have submitted that they remain committed to regulatory transparency and compliance. Far from undermining the sanctity of Commission orders, this proposal reflects a responsive approach to evolving grid realities. It is submitted not as a precedent for arbitrary changes, but as a measured intervention grounded in statutory provisions and consumer interest. By doing so, the amendment seeks to safeguard the long-term interests of consumers by mitigating the risk of future tariff increases driven by high-cost power purchases. It is to highlight that no tariff increase was proposed by the DISCOMs in the previous financial year, in a conscious effort to protect consumer interests and avoid additional financial burden. The current proposal to amend the Time-of-Day (ToD) tariff structure has been formulated in response to observed trends in elevated power purchase costs, particularly during incentivized time slots.
- 2.2.9. The TGDISCOMs have submitted that, as per the order dated 25 June 2025 on Case.
 75 of 2025, MERC has approved the removal of night incentive in the review petition of MYT order after thorough analysis of stakeholder comments and MSEDCL replies. The Commission clearly states that rebate during night hours may impact possibility of shifting

load during such night hours to solar hours, when the power is available in surplus. Also, the demand pattern and supply patterns are different from one state to other and the DISCOMs generally propose on the penalty and incentive based on their supply availability and demand patterns.

Commission's analysis & findings

- 2.2.10. This Commission is in agreement with the views of the stakeholders that tariffs once approved by the Commission normally expected to be in force for the financial year otherwise it undermines regulatory certainty and transparency.
- 2.2.11. As per Section 62(4) of the Electricity Act, 2003, no tariff or part of any tariff may ordinarily be amended more frequently than once in any financial year. However, while moving the application for determination of tariffs for FY 2025-26, TGDISCOMs did not propose, to this Commission, to revise the tariffs for any of the category that were existing in force as per order of this Commission dated 28.10.2024 for FY 2024-25. Therefore, as rightly submitted by the TGDISCOMs, the present petition to revise the ToD tariffs is first of its kind during FY 2024-25 and FY 2025-26 and hence in-principle it is not against the spirit of Sec. 62(4) of the Act.

2.3. IMPACT ON INDUSTRY

Stakeholders' submissions

- 2.3.1. Stakeholders submitted that the existing Time-of-Day (ToD) tariff framework was introduced to promote demand-side management (DSM) by encouraging industries to shift load to off-peak hours. They submitted that withdrawing the Rs. 1.50/unit night rebate would discourage such load shifting, undermine DSM objectives, and disrupt production planning for industries that had already aligned shift operations and invested in automation and infrastructure based on the notified tariffs. Tariff certainty, they emphasized, is a regulatory cornerstone under Section 61 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the National Tariff Policy 2016; any mid-year change would erode confidence, create sunk costs, and penalize consumers who acted in good faith on existing signals.
- 2.3.2. Several stakeholders also contended that the proposed amendment amounts to an unjustified mid-year revision, violating the principles of tariff stability and non-retrospectivity. They suggested that the removal of rebates would increase effective energy costs for night operations and undermine the credibility of the Commission's policy

- framework. Many urged that the ToD incentive be retained, or even strengthened, to maintain regulatory consistency and support long-term industrial competitiveness.
- 2.3.3. Continuous-process industries highlighted that they operate 24×7 and cannot realistically shift load between peak and off-peak hours. For such units, ToD differentials merely impose an additional financial burden without achieving load-shifting benefits. Stakeholders requested the Commission to ensure that ToD revisions do not adversely affect continuous or power-intensive industries which are already struggling with high input costs, and to maintain a fair balance between consumer interests and DISCOM sustainability.

Petitioner's Replies

- 2.3.4. The TGDISCOMs submitted that the proposed amendment to the existing Time-of-Day (ToD) tariff framework is intended to strengthen demand-side management and sustain affordable tariffs for consumers. They informed that the current night-time incentives have resulted in higher power procurement costs due to dependence on costlier thermal and market sources, particularly in view of delays in the commissioning of YTPS units. The amendment seeks to realign consumption with the availability of low-cost energy during daytime hours (10:00 AM 6:00 PM), thereby enhancing grid efficiency, optimizing power procurement, and maintaining tariff stability over long term.
- 2.3.5. They further clarified that ToD tariffs are globally recognized as an effective mechanism for aligning demand with generation availability. By encouraging consumption during low-cost periods and moderating it during peak hours, the revised structure aims to flatten the load curve and ensure efficient grid utilization. The TGDISCOMs have made publicly available detailed data on block-wise energy dispatch, hourly procurement costs, and demand for transparency. They also informed that the amendment would not affect minimum demand charges, and that power factor performance of industries remains independent of consumption variations under the revised schedule.

Commission's analysis & findings

- 2.3.6. The Commission examined the submissions of the stakeholders and the responses of the TGDISCOMs. It observed that the ToD incentive framework was originally intended to encourage off-peak consumption; however, the prevailing power procurement pattern has changed, with increased night-time reliance on costlier thermal and market sources.
- 2.3.7. Considering the current system conditions, the Commission found that the withdrawal of the night-time rebate would enable a gradual shift in demand toward daytime hours when

- more economical solar and contracted energy are available. The measure is therefore considered justified and prudent.
- 2.3.8. The Commission also acknowledged that continuous process industries operate round-the-clock and may have limited flexibility to alter consumption patterns, while noting that these consumers have benefited substantially from the ToD rebate. As no increase in base tariff or demand charges has been proposed, and the change is limited to withdrawal of an incentive that has lost cost justification, the Commission considered the amendment reasonable, non-discriminatory, and consistent with the objective of long-term tariff stability.

2.4. DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM) AND LOAD REALIGNMENT

Stakeholders' submissions

- 2.4.1. In their ARR and tariff proposals for 2025-26, the DISCOMs have sought consent of the Commission to their proposal to continue the ToD charges. In other words, they must have assessed the financial impact of implementation of ToD charges during pre-2025-26 period. While determining ARR and revenue gap of the DISCOMs for 2025-26, the Commission also must have taken into account the financial impact of ToD charges on the DISCOMs and determined tariffs, after taking into account subsidy the state government agreed to provide, to bridge the revenue gap of the DISCOMs.
- 2.4.2. Stakeholders submitted that the proposal to withdraw the existing Time-of-Day (ToD) rebate appears primarily revenue-oriented and does not adequately demonstrate benefits in terms of system efficiency or demand-side management (DSM). They contended that ToD tariffs were introduced as a behavioural tool to promote load shifting and flatten the demand curve, not as a mechanism to enhance revenue recovery. In their view, the petition did not provide sufficient supporting data or analysis to show how the withdrawal of the rebate aligns with DSM objectives or improves grid performance.
- 2.4.3. Stakeholders referred to Clause 8.4 of the National Tariff Policy (NTP), 2016, which mandates time-differentiated tariffs as a means to flatten demand peaks and encourage energy conservation. They stated that ToD tariffs must remain stable and predictable to influence consumer behaviour effectively. Aligning off-peak tariffs with normal-hour rates would convert the ToD mechanism from a demand-management instrument into a cost-recovery exercise. They also observed that excessive dependence on supply-cost signals could lead to volatility in tariffs, undermining long-term planning and predictability for consumers and utilities alike.

- 2.4.4. It was further submitted that effective resource planning should focus on maintaining a balanced and stable demand curve, reducing intraday fluctuations that strain grid operations. Stakeholders cited the Central Electricity Authority's (CEA) "Resource Adequacy Plan for Telangana," noting that the State's demand profile currently exhibits a higher daytime peak and relatively flat noon-hour demand. They emphasized that the off-peak rebate has played a significant role in achieving this stability by encouraging industrial consumers to operate during night hours, thereby moderating load variations and supporting cost efficiency in power procurement.
- 2.4.5. Stakeholders informed that the continuation and strengthening of the off-peak rebate would further improve utilization of base-load capacity, flatten the load curve, and reduce the need for costly peaking power. They also referred to judicial guidance from the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) in Appeal No. 34 of 2014, which recognized ToD tariffs as a DSM tool designed to encourage load shifting and improve system load factor. According to them, the proposal to withdraw the rebate could reverse these gains, potentially leading to a steeper daytime demand curve, increased grid stress, and higher procurement costs.
- 2.4.6. Several stakeholders requested the Commission to seek detailed information from the DISCOMs on revenue impact, energy procurement mix, and consumer response to the ToD mechanism. They also noted that DISCOMs already have mechanisms such as Fuel Surcharge Adjustment (FSA) to recover variations in power purchase cost, ensuring financial protection without altering the ToD framework. Stakeholders therefore suggested the Commission to continue the existing ToD incentive structure, as it effectively balances consumer interests, grid stability, and prudent cost management.

Petitioner's Replies

2.4.7. A thorough reassessment has been conducted, taking into account current supply-demand dynamics, peak consumption patterns, and the corresponding impact on power procurement costs borne by the licensees. This analysis underscores the necessity of realigning the existing Time- of-Day (ToD) tariff structure to more accurately reflect procurement costs and enhance overall grid efficiency. Accordingly, the proposed amendment aims to safeguard operational reliability and ensure the continued financial sustainability of the DISCOMs in turn avoiding any additional burden on the larger consumers in long run.

- 2.4.8. The TGDISCOMs submitted that the Time-of-Day (ToD) tariff framework is not intended to generate additional revenue but to serve as an instrument for improving grid stability and optimizing power procurement costs. They informed that ToD mechanisms enable effective demand-side management (DSM) by aligning electricity consumption with generation availability, thereby promoting long-term tariff affordability for consumers. With the growing integration of renewable energy, particularly solar power, the availability of low-cost energy during daytime hours (10:00 AM–6:00 PM) has increased, and the proposed amendment seeks to encourage partial consumption shift from night to daytime hours to enhance system efficiency.
- 2.4.9. The DISCOMs clarified that their proposal is based on a comprehensive assessment of power procurement costs and consumption trends in accordance with central regulatory and policy guidelines. They noted that while the initial intent of ToD tariffs was to flatten the load curve under a predominantly thermal-based generation mix, the current supply conditions necessitate realigning demand to periods of surplus availability rather than achieving a uniform load curve. They further informed that incentives during solar hours are under examination for inclusion in forthcoming filings.
- 2.4.10. It was also submitted that the generation availability during daytime presently exceeds demand, and further solar capacity additions expected in FY 2025–26 will add to this surplus.
- 2.4.11. The TGDISCOMs further stated that the differentiation of tariffs based on time of supply is supported under Section 62(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003, which empowers Commissions to consider factors such as load factor, power factor, voltage, consumption period, and timing of supply. The proposed ToD framework, therefore, is in accordance with statutory provisions and aligns with global best practices in DSM. They emphasised that the modification is confined to the withdrawal of rebates applicable during hours of high procurement cost, with detailed supporting data made publicly available on the TGDISCOMs' website to ensure transparency and stakeholder participation.
- 2.4.12. Additionally, the DISCOMs clarified that the reported incentive outlay of ₹1,025.10 crore reflects the cost of providing the existing Rs. 1.50/unit rebate, while the Rs. 1/unit peak charge serves as a recovery mechanism for high-cost procurement, not as a revenue gain. They stated that the proposed revision supports more efficient power procurement, minimizes dependence on costly market purchases, and ultimately reduces fuel cost adjustments (FCA) and energy charge burdens on consumers. TGDISCOMs reiterated their commitment to refining the ToD structure through continued data analysis ensuring that

benefits of efficient demand management and renewable integration are sustained in the long term.

Commission's analysis & findings

- 2.4.13. The Commission noted the stakeholders view that Time-of-Day (ToD) tariffs are primarily a demand-side management (DSM) tool and should not be reduced to a cost-recovery mechanism. At the same time, the Commission recognised that DSM principles must adapt to the evolving generation profile. With the increasing integration of renewable energy, particularly solar, the State now experiences surplus generation during daytime and comparatively higher procurement costs during night hours. In this context, effective DSM requires encouraging consumption during economical daytime blocks and moderating it during costlier night periods.
- 2.4.14. The Commission observed that the proposal submitted by the TGDISCOMs, supported by detailed data and made publicly accessible, seeks to realign consumption patterns with the current supply availability. The aim is to promote efficient utilisation of surplus solar energy, reduce dependence on high-cost night-time purchases, and maintain grid stability.
- 2.4.15. The DISCOMs provided detailed data on hourly generation and demand, indicating potential to accommodate additional load during day hours without adverse system impact. The proposed amendment, they stated, is designed to utilize this surplus effectively, reduce procurement from high-cost sources, and pass on the benefits to consumers through stable tariffs. Based on the analysis of generation availability and demand data, the Commission found that sufficient margin exists during daytime to accommodate moderate load shifts from night hours without affecting system stability. The Commission, therefore, considered the reorientation of the ToD structure as a prudent measure consistent with the objectives of DSM, renewable energy integration, and overall cost optimisation.
- 2.4.16. It is also correct that in case if mid-year ToD tariffs are going to be amended it may likely effect planning of finances of the consumers and adversely affects their interests. However, it is to be noted that the ToD tariffs designed by this Commission for FY 2024-25 as per the RST Order dated 28.10.2024 is basing on the data made available before the Commission and keeping in view of consumer's load factor, power factor, voltage, total consumption of electricity during any specified period or the time at which the supply is required or the geographical position of any area, the nature of supply and the purpose for which the supply is required.

- 2.4.17. On perusal of the data placed before the Commission by TGDISCOMs along with the petition clearly goes to show that during the day-time the availability of electricity is more than the demand, thereby there is a surplus. On the other hand, during the peak hours and also during the incentive hours, the demand is high whereas availability of power is less. Accordingly, the TGDISCOMs were constrained to purchase the electricity from power exchanges by spending huge money than the average power purchase cost.
- 2.4.18. During the tariff order for FY 2024-25, this Commission has decided to give an incentive on tariffs of the power consumed during 10pm to 6am slot as there were less demand and availability of power was more. On account of the given incentive of Rs. 1.50/unit for the power consumed during 10pm to 6am, this Commission has intended that the usage of power during peak hours will be shifted to 10pm to 6am which is non peak incentive hours. However, the load pattern and usage of power during non-peak incentive hours show that on account of huge levels of incentive of Rs. 1.50/unit for power used during 10pm to 6am TGDISCOMs have been sustaining huge losses and required to spend lot of money for power purchase.
- 2.4.19. This Commission, while considering this kind of petition is not only expected to see the financial viability of the TGDISCOMs but also see the viability of stakeholders mostly industrial consumers. But in case incentive of Rs. 1.50/unit for the power consumed during 10pm to 6am is continued till end of the financial year, TGDISCOMs will have a huge deficit of revenue which ultimately has to be passed on in the next true-up petition.
- 2.4.20. Therefore, this Commission is of the opinion that the facts placed including data of peak/off-peak and incentive hours drives this Commission to consider favourably to the TGDISCOMs.

2.5. LACK OF PROPER TECHNICAL ANALYSIS

Stakeholders' submissions

2.5.1. Stakeholders submitted that the TGDISCOMs had not furnished essential supporting data, such as block-wise demand and supply analysis segregated by long-term, mediumterm, and short-term procurement sources. They contended that such information is necessary to assess the rationale for the proposed amendment and to ensure that power procurement continues to balance grid stability and consumer affordability. Stakeholders further observed that with solar energy now available at marginal costs below Rs. 2 per unit during daytime, there exists a strong case for extending incentives during solar hours to promote renewable integration rather than withdrawing the night-time rebate.

- 2.5.2. Stakeholders also referred to the Commission's earlier directives in the FY 2025–26 tariff order, which require DISCOMs to evaluate and report on improvements in ToD tariff design based on real-time consumption data. They submitted that any change to the existing ToD framework should be supported by a comprehensive analysis of hourly demand, supply, and cost trends. Accordingly, they requested that the proposed amendment be reconsidered and that the DISCOMs file their detailed findings in the subsequent ARR filings for FY 2026–27 to ensure that the ToD structure continues to achieve its intended objective of efficient load management and grid stability.
- 2.5.3. It was stated that, as per the approved power procurement plan in the tariff order for FY 2025–26, the DISCOMs are required to tie up their full annual energy requirement through long-term, medium-term, and short-term power purchase agreements (PPAs). Therefore, open market purchases account only for marginal shortfalls and do not significantly influence the overall procurement cost or revenue position. Stakeholders submitted that fluctuations in short-term market prices, particularly during limited night hours, would not materially affect the DISCOMs' financials. Instead, they suggested revisiting the ToD schedule to align morning peak hours with actual cost trends and to consider tariff rationalisation during solar hours when cheaper power is available.

Petitioner's Replies

- 2.5.4. The TGDISCOMs submitted that detailed supporting information, including blockwise energy dispatch data, hourly power purchase costs, and demand profiles for FY 2024–25, has been furnished to the Commission and made publicly available on their official website to ensure transparency and facilitate stakeholder engagement. They stated that the cost of power procurement remains relatively higher during night hours (22:00–06:00) owing to dependence on thermal and short-term market purchases. To address the financial impact of simultaneously procuring high-cost power and extending incentives during these hours, TGDISCOMs have proposed the present amendment to rationalize the ToD structure in the interest of both consumers and system efficiency.
- 2.5.5. It was further informed that a comprehensive reassessment of supply-demand conditions and power procurement costs was undertaken, considering seasonal variations and block-wise availability of generation from contracted and market sources. The analysis indicated that lower generation availability from thermal units in certain periods necessitated additional market purchases, increasing overall procurement cost during the incentivized night hours. The proposed ToD revision therefore seeks to align tariffs with

actual cost trends while continuing to explore options for introducing incentives during solar hours, consistent with ongoing studies on renewable integration and demand-side management.

Commission's analysis & findings

2.5.6. The Commission has examined the hourly data furnished by TGDISCOMs and is satisfied that adequate technical justification has been provided. The Commission therefore accepts that the cost per unit in these night hours remains higher than the average power purchase cost, and thereby the amendment is necessary to contain avoidable revenue outflow.

2.6. SOLAR INTEGRATION AND MARKET REALITIES

Stakeholders' submissions

- 2.6.1. Stakeholders submitted that the marginal cost of power procurement during solar hours has declined to below Rs. 2 per unit in the Day-Ahead and Green Day-Ahead Markets (DAM/GDAM). They contended that such price signals create a strong case for incentivising daytime consumption to absorb surplus renewable energy and minimise curtailment. They further stated that this approach aligns with Clause 8.4 of the National Tariff Policy (NTP) 2016, which promotes time-differentiated tariffs to support grid balancing and renewable integration.
- 2.6.2. Stakeholders also noted that the TGDISCOMs' filings lacked critical information, such as the quantum and rate of power procured from different sources, which is necessary to assess cost trends accurately. They observed that while the DISCOMs have cited higher procurement costs at night due to short-term purchases, the Commission has already permitted market procurement only on a need basis and not as a regular practice. At the same time, the TGDISCOMs' filings indicate significant projected surplus power, suggesting a need to strengthen base-load capacity planning rather than relying on short-term markets.
- 2.6.3. It was contended that delays in commissioning of the Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS) have constrained base-load availability and increased dependence on higher-cost short-term procurement. Stakeholders highlighted that this delay, though outside their control, has direct implications for the TGDISCOMs' power procurement costs and operational planning. They emphasized that YTPS, once fully operational, would provide

- reliable and cost-effective base-load capacity, reducing reliance on short-term purchases and supporting system stability.
- 2.6.4. In view of these considerations, stakeholders submitted that the proposed withdrawal of the off-peak ToD rebate does not address the underlying procurement or supply-side challenges. Instead, they suggested that improved portfolio management, timely commissioning of base-load projects, and calibrated ToD design incorporating both night-time and daytime incentives would be a more balanced and sustainable approach to achieving demand-side and cost-optimisation objectives.

Petitioner's Replies

- 2.6.5. The TGDISCOMs have submitted that they are examining the possibility of giving incentive during solar hours and this would be reflected in the next ARR filings for FY 2026-27. Since PPAs are entered with thermal plants, licensees are obliged to give schedule for 55% of availability to these plants. Hence the cost/unit for the licensees would not go to the level of Rs.2-3/unit.
- 2.6.6. The TGDISCOMs have submitted that, they plan the long term PPAs based on the load requirement and market purchases are done to cater the shortfall energy. But due to the seasonality of the demand, the PPAs are not made for the peak power requirement since this would under-utilize the contracted PPAs. Also, as per the RST tariff order FY2025-26, 2 no's 800MW units of YTPS are expected to be commissioned by August 2025, 3rd 800MW unit is expected to be commissioned by October 2025, 4th 800MW unit by February 2026 and 5th 800MW unit by March 2026. But due to unforeseen circumstances, only one 800MW YTPS unit is commissioned as on 08.09.2025. Due to the delay in the commissioning of units, the energy availability from YTPS station has come down. During the time slots in which ToD revision is proposed i.e., 22:00hrs to 06:00hrs, much of the power requirement is catered by the thermal plants like YTPS. The TGDISCOMs have submitted that they have planned to procure power RTC based on the energy requirement. Delay in the commissioning of YTPS units has resulted in lower overall energy availability due to which more power needs to be procured from market purchases.

Commission's analysis & findings

2.6.7. The Commission concurs that effective integration of solar energy remains a key system priority. It has observed that daytime power availability is presently abundant, with marginal procurement costs during solar hours being comparatively lower than those prevailing

- during the night. The Commission also takes note of the TGDISCOMs' assurance to examine and propose suitable incentive structures for promoting solar-hour consumption in their forthcoming filings.
- 2.6.8. The Commission has carefully reviewed the submissions concerning resource adequacy and notes that the delay in commissioning of the Yadadri Thermal Power Station (YTPS) has materially impacted the availability of base-load capacity. Owing to this delay, the DISCOMs were compelled to rely on costlier short-term and market-based purchases to meet night-time demand. Accordingly, the Commission considers the withdrawal of the night rebate as a transitional measure and directs the TGDISCOMs to evaluate and submit a detailed framework for incentivising daytime consumption in their next ARR filings, consistent with Clause 8.4 of the National Tariff Policy, 2016.

2.7. OTHER ISSUES

Stakeholders' submissions

- 2.7.1. Few stockholders have touched on some issues like:
 - a. non-payment for deemed banking units from date of synchronisation
 - b. petitions regarding applicability of wheeling charges towards payments made for such banked units.

Petitioner's Replies

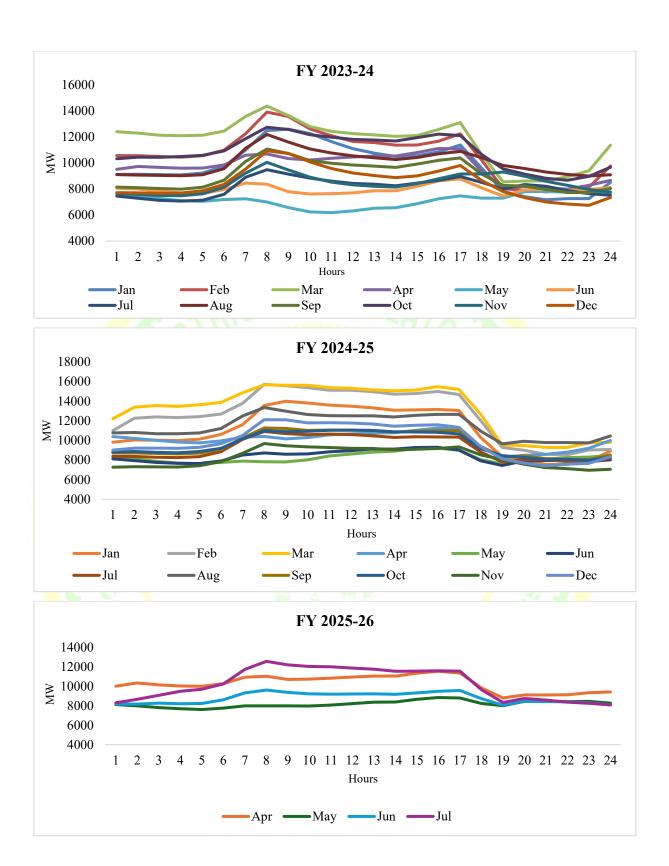
2.7.2. The TGDISCOMs have submitted that the banking and payments related to it are as per the policy and has no relation to the current amendment in ToD tariffs.

Commission's analysis & findings

2.7.3. The Commission has not considered these issues as they are not relevant to the present petition.

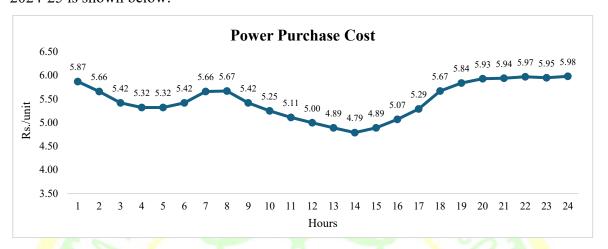
2.8. COMMISSION'S ORDERS

2.8.1. The Commission has analysed the following load curves submitted by TGDISCOMs as part of additional information.



2.8.2. From the load curves it is observed that morning peak is occurring at 8 AM and evening peak is occurring at 5 PM. Since solar generation is available between 8 AM to 5 PM, the peak demand is mostly met from the solar generation.

2.8.3. Further Month-wise, block-wise power purchase cost data for FY 2023-24, FY 2024-25 & FY 2025-26 is analysed for cost comparison across the four time periods during the day i.e., from 6 AM to 10 AM, 10 AM to 6 PM, 6 PM to 10 PM and 10 PM to 6AM for FY 2024-25 is shown below:



- 2.8.4. On analysis it is evident that the per unit cost incurred by the licensee during the time slot 10 PM to 6 AM is on higher side when compared to 6 AM to 10 AM and 10 AM to 6 PM slots. Market purchase prices during the period of 10:00 pm to 06:00 am are on the higher side.
- 2.8.5. Further, Yadadri power plant has not come up as scheduled, leading to shortage during night hours. The TGDISCOMs have submitted in their ARR filings for FY 2025-26 that Availability of Units-1,2&3 of Yadadri TPS is considered for entire FY 2025-26 and date of commissioning for Unit-4 and Unit-5 is expected to be from 01.05.2025 and 01.06.2025 respectively.
- 2.8.6. Based on the expected dates of commissioning of YTPS submitted by the TGDISCOMs, the Commission has considered realistic expected dates of commissioning and has considered the availability of Unit-I from August 2025, Unit II from April 2025, Unit III from November 2025, Unit IV from October 2025 and Unit V from January 2026 in Retail Supply Tariff Order for FY 2025-26.
- 2.8.7. Even then there is a delay in the commissioning of the YTPS units which resulted in shortage during night hours and procurement of power from market during night time. Hence, it is very much essential to shift the demand to day time to maintain the grid and for optimization of power purchase costs. The proposed ToD tariff enables the shifting of demand from night time to day time which optimizes the use of Thermal power during day time.

- 2.8.8. In view of the above considering the higher night-time power purchase cost, the delay in YTPS commissioning, and the abundant availability of lower-cost solar power during the day, the proposed ToD tariff structure is justified. It will optimize power procurement costs, improve grid stability, enhance renewable energy utilization, and lead to economic efficiency.
- 2.8.9. Accordingly, the Commission approves the amendments to the Time of Day (ToD) Tariffs for the time slot 10 pm to 6 am as Rs.0/unit for the period from 01.12.2025 to 31.03.2026 and the rest of the order dated 29.04.2025 remains unaltered.

2.8.10. TIME OF DAY (TOD) TARIFFS:

Applicability:

The following Time of Day (TOD) Tariffs are applicable for categories viz.,

i) HT-I(A): Industry General ii) HT-I(A): Poultry Farms

iii) HT-II(A): Others

iv) HT- II(B): Wholly Religious Places

v) HT- III: Airports, Railway stations and Bus stations

vi) HT- IX: Electric Vehicle Charing stations

Table: Approved applicable Time of Day (TOD) Tariffs

Description	During the period	ToD Tariff over Retail Supply Energy Charges for FY 2025-26 from 01.04.2025 to 30.11.2025	ToD Tariff over Retail Supply Energy Charges for FY 2025-26 from 01.12.2025 to 31.03.2026
Time of Day (ToD) Tariff	6 am to 10 am and 6 pm to 10 pm	Plus Re. 1/unit	Plus Re. 1/unit
Time of Day (ToD) Tariff	10 pm to 6 am	Less Rs. 1.50/unit	Less Rs. 0.00/unit

Note: The Time of Day (TOD)Tariff for the time slot 10 pm to 6 am shall be Rs.0.00/unit in Terms and

Conditions of respective categories for which ToD tariff is applicable.

2.8.11. The TGDISCOMs are directed to file the consequent impact on revenue due to amendment of ToD Tariff for the time slot 10pm to 6am as Rs. 0.00/unit for the period from 01.12.2025 to 31.03.2026 in the True-up petitions for FY 2025-26.

This Order is corrected and signed on this 15th day of November 2025.

Sd/- Sd/- Sd/-

CHERUKURI SRINIVASA RAO RAGHU KANCHARLA
MEMBER (FINANCE) MEMBER (TECHNICAL)

DR. JUSTICE DEVARAJU NAGARJUN CHAIRMAN

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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Sd/-Chairman & Managing Director TGSPDCL

> Place: Hyderabad Date: 05.09.2025

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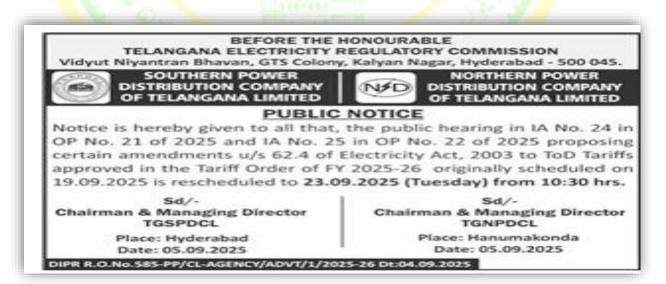
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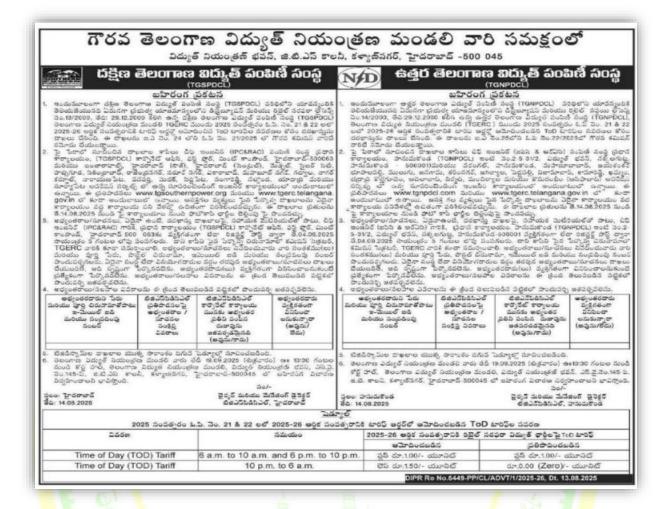
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List of Stakeholders Annexure II

Sl. No	Name and Address of Stakeholder	Date of Receiving objection	Attended public hearing dated 23.09.2025
1	M. Venugopala Rao Senior Journalist & Convener, Centre for Power Studies H.No.1-100/MP/101, Monarch Prestige, Journalists Colony, Serilingampally	28.08.2025	Yes
	Mandal, Hyderabad - 500 032.		
2	MRF Limited, PB. No 2, Sadasivapet, Sangareddy Dist, Telangana- 502 291.	03.09.2025	
3	South Indian Cement Manufacturers' Association Administrative Office: 3 rd Floor, 36 th Square, Plot no. 481, Road no. 36, Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad – 500 034, Telangana.	03.09.2025	COMMITTER
4	The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry, 11-6-841, Federation House, Federation Marg, Red Hills, Hyderabad- 500 004.	10.09.2025 & 24.09.2025	Yes
5	Telangana Spinning & Textile Mills Association Surya Towers, 1st Floor, Sardar Patel Road, Secunderabad- 500 003.	10.09.2025	NO
6	Venkat N.K.K, B.E (Anna University), M.B.A (SPJAIN), L.L.B (Osmania University))	10.09.2025	Yes
7	Telangana Iron & Steel Manufacturers Association Flat No.101, 1st Floor, Satya Sarovar Apt, Ghansi Bazar, Near High Court, Hyderabad-500 002 Telangana.	10.09.2025	Yes
8	ITC Limited Paperboards & Specialty Papers Division 6" Floor, Sattva Signature Tower, #8-2-472/1/A/B/6F, Road No. 1, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad 500 034, Telangana, India	10.09.2025	Yes
9	Ramagundam Fertilizers And Chemicals Limited Site Office: Fertilizers City, Ramagundam - 505 210, Dist. Peddapalli, Telangana.	04.09.2025	Yes
