

TELANAGANA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION 5th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad-500 004

O. P. No. 22 of 2016 & O. P. No. 23 of 2016 & O. P. No. 25 of 2016

Dated: 23.03.2017

Present

Sri. Ismail Ali Khan, Chairman Sri. H. Srinivasulu, Member

In the matter of determination of Retail Supply Tariff as well as Cross Subsidy Surcharge for the year 2017-18 and in the matter of SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED (O. P. No. 22 of 2016), NORTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED (O. P. No. 23 of 2016) and CO-OPERATIVE ELECTRIC SUPPLY SOCIETY LTD., SIRCILLA (O. P. No. 25 of 2016).

ORDER UNDER SECTION 62 READWITH 86 (1) (a) OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

Section 62 read with Section 86 (1) (a) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act, 2003) enables the Commission to determine the various tariffs including the Retail Supply Tariff (RST).

2. The RST and Cross Subsidy Surcharge had been determined by the Commission for FY 2016-17 by order dated 23.06.2016 in O. P. No. 6 and 7 of 2016, which is valid up to 31.03.2017. The Commission is yet to determine the RST for FY 2017-18. Whereas, the TSDISCOMs, viz., Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana State Limited (TSSPDCL) and Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana State Limited (TSNPDCL) have filed petitions under section 64 of the Act,

2003 read with Regulation 4 of 2005 before this Commission for determination of Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) for the FY 2017-18 on 30.11.2016.

- 3. The TSDISCOMs while filing ARR have sought time for filing RST and CSS initially upto 31.12.2016 and further sought extension upto 31.01.2017, later to 06.02.2017, 15.02.2017, 28.02.2017 and lastly upto 15.04.2017. The reasons attributed by the TSDISCOMs are that they are likely to join the Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme as announced by Government of India and also specific mandate of the Ministry of Power, Government of India on tariff rationalization. The Commission accorded extension upto 23.01.2017 and did not communicate any further extensions to the licensees.
- 4. The Commission has admitted the ARR filings of TSDISCOMs for FY 2017-18 and assigned O. P. Numbers as noted above without the tariff schedules. Even till date no filing has been made by the licensees, however, they have sent a letter dated 17.03.2017 requesting the continuation of the existing tariffs and cross subsidy surcharge.
- 5. Whereas the Co-Operative Electric Supply Ltd. (CESS), Sircilla also filed its ARR on 30.11.2016 and numbered as mentioned above.
- 6. The Commission has carefully considered the plea of the TSDISCOMs on the issue of continuation of the existing Tariff for the ensuing period from 01.04.2017 onwards till the Commission issues RST and CSS order for FY 2017-18, for the reasons stated by the licensees in the letter dated 17.03.2017.
- 7. It is hereby ordered that the RST and CSS as determined by the Commission by its order dated 23.06.2016 for the year 2016-17 in O. P. Nos. 6 and 7 of 2016 shall

continue to be applicable from 01.04.2017 onwards and the TSDISCOMs are entitled to levy the same till such time the Commission determines the RST and CSS for FY 2017-18 and new RST and CSS come into existence with the passing of the order FY 2017-18.

8. The above direction to TSDISCOMs is also applicable to CESS, Sircilla.

This order is corrected and signed on this the 23rd day of March, 2017.

Sd/-(H. SRINIVASULU) MEMBER Sd/-(ISMAIL ALI KHAN) CHAIRMAN

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