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**ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
KURNOOL**

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**Fifth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission
(Licensees' duty for supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for
Providing Electric Line or Electrical Plant) Regulation, 2013 (Regulation No. 4 of
2013)**

[Regulation No. 05 of 2026]

Background:

The Commission notified the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees' Duty for Supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric Line or Electrical Plant) Regulation, 2013 (Regulation No.4 of 2013) (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulation"), prescribing the duties of Distribution Licensees for providing electricity supply upon request and the principles governing recovery of expenses incurred towards providing electric line or electrical plant.

Subsequently, the Commission notified four amendments to the Principal Regulation from time to time with a view to simplifying the procedure for release of supply, rationalising the recovery of development charges and balancing the interests of consumers and Distribution Licensees while ensuring adherence to the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the applicable technical standards.

During implementation of the Fourth Amendment, the Distribution Licensees represented that certain provisions relating to predetermined development charges, interpretation of the expression "existing electrified network", applicability of the one kilometre criterion, release of supply to group applications, apartments, commercial complexes, provision of Distribution Transformers, additional loads and execution of infrastructure works required further clarification for ensuring uniform implementation across the State. The Commission also examined the operational difficulties during implementation and found that certain provisions required amendments to remove ambiguity and facilitate smooth implementation of the regulation.

Accordingly, the Commission issued the Draft Fifth Amendment to the Principal Regulation along with a Public Notice on 06.05.2026 inviting comments, suggestions and objections from all stakeholders in accordance with Section 181(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with the Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publication) Rules, 2005.

In response, comments and suggestions were received from APEPDCL, APCPDCL, APSPDCL and other stakeholders. After carefully considering the objections, comments and suggestions in the Statement of Reasons Order dated 30-07-2026, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 181 read with Section 46 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Commission hereby makes the fifth amendment to the Principal Regulation, as below.

1. Short title, Extent and Commencement:

- (i) This Regulation shall be called the Fifth Amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensees' Duty for Supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric Line or Electrical Plant) Regulation, 2013 (Regulation No. 4 of 2013)
- (ii) This Regulation extends to the whole of the State of Andhra Pradesh.
- (iii) This Regulation shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the official Gazette of Andhra Pradesh.

2. The following are inserted at the end of Clause 7(1) of the Principal Regulation.

Explanations:

A. **“Electrified network regarding extension of supply up to 150kw load** shall mean an existing, energised, and serviceable distribution network system at the appropriate voltage level from which supply to a consumer can be feasibly extended as explained below:

(i) For LT service connections (individual/group) up to 20 KW: An existing electrified network shall be an LT distribution line within a radial distance of 1 km. However, the extension of the line is subject to voltage regulation. If the voltage regulation is not within permissible limits, the supply shall be extended after collecting the charges as per the estimate.

(ii) For LT service connections (individual/group) with capacity more than 20 kw: An existing electrified network shall be an 11 kV line within a radial distance of 1 km (Maximum length of the service line shall not exceed 1 km), as DTR is mandatory.

(iii) For HT service connections (11 kV): An existing electrified network shall be an 11 kV line within a radial distance of 1 km (maximum length of the service line shall not exceed 1 km).

The houses constructed on agricultural land situated far from habitations shall be treated as farmhouses when applying the provisions of this regulation.

B. **Group Applications/Multi-storied Buildings/Apartments:** Where a group of applicants seek service connections within the same premises, the load of each individual service shall be aggregated to determine the total connected load, and the provisions of this Regulation shall be applied based on such cumulative load. In respect of multi storied/Apartments (other than commercial complexes), consumers may opt for service connection either by paying charges as per the provisions of this Regulation or on the basis of an estimated cost. However, where the cumulative load of the building/apartment exceeds 150 kW, the service connection shall be released only on the basis of an estimated cost. Also, in the estimated cost mechanism, wherever the consumer opts for execution of works on a turnkey basis, the same shall be allowed as per the procedures in vogue. Consumers paying the predetermined charges are not entitled to turnkey. The aggregation of load applies to all categories of consumers, but the option of estimated costs is applicable to only other than commercial buildings.

C. **DTR for loads below 20KW:** *In cases where a consumer with a connected load below 20 kW but not less than 10 kW opts for installation of a dedicated Transformer, the Distribution Licensee shall permit such installation. In such cases, the Transformer cost, including necessary lines, shall be borne by the consumer based on the estimated cost. The dedicated Transformer shall be installed in the consumer premises, and the Distribution Licensee shall not extend power supply from the dedicated Transformer to any other consumer. Wherever the consumer opts for execution of works on a turnkey basis, the same shall be allowed as per the procedures in vogue.”*

3. The following explanations are to be added at the end of clause 8.2 of the Principal Regulation.

Explanations:

- a. *“Where a consumer already has a dedicated Distribution Transformer (DTR) and seeks additional load/new connection within the available DTR capacity, charges for the additional/new load shall be collected at Rs. 2,000/- per kW or part thereof.*
- b. *Where a consumer does not have a dedicated Distribution Transformer (DTR) and seeks additional load/new connection such that the total connected load exceeds 20 kW, thereby necessitating the provision of a dedicated DTR, development charges shall be collected at the rate of Rs.12,600/- per kW or part thereof for only the additional/new load. However, if such an application is made within the one-year agreement period prescribed under Clause 5.9.3 of the GTCS, the charges at the rate of Rs.12,600/- per kW or part thereof shall be levied on the total connected load, after adjusting for the charges already paid by the consumer. If the application is made after expiry of the said agreement period, the charges shall be collected only for the additional/new load.*
- c. *Where a consumer already has a dedicated transformer, but the requested additional load/new connection necessitates augmentation of the existing transformer, charges shall be collected at Rs. 12,600/- per kW or part thereof, applicable only to the additional/new load requested.*
- d. *Where a consumer is availing supply through an HT connection below 200 HP/150 kW and opts for billing under LT supply, if such consumers seek additional load, charges shall be collected at Rs.4400/- per kW and part thereof, and the DTR enhancement is within the consumer's scope. If the*

DISCOM provides the DTR as the case may be, the charges shall be collected at the rate of Rs.12600/- per kW and part thereof.”

(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)

Place: Kurnool
Date : 30.07.2026

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Commission Secretary _{i/c}

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