



## **ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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### **Draft Regulation**

#### **Draft 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. \_\_ of 2026]**

#### **Background:**

The Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (APERC) had earlier notified the Fourth Amendment to Regulation No. 4 of 2013 (Licensees' Duty for Supply of Electricity on Request and Recovery of Expenses for Providing Electric Line or Electrical Plant) vide Regulation No. 4 of 2025, with the objective of simplifying service release charges for new and additional consumer connections up to 150 kW, located within a radial distance of 1 km from the electrified network. The amendment was intended to promote ease of living and ease of doing business, ensure transparency in the recovery of expenses, and provide uniformity in implementation across the Distribution Licensees.

Subsequent to the notification of the Fourth Amendment, APSPDCL, APCPDCL and APEPDCL, by their letters dated 27.11.2025, 03.12.2025 and 25.02.2026, respectively, sought clarifications on certain provisions of the Regulation, particularly with respect to the applicability of the 1 km limit, treatment of group applications, and charges for additional loads in cases involving dedicated Distribution Transformers (DTRs).

Further, CREDAI Andhra Pradesh represented before the Commission that apartment consumers, especially in multi-storied residential complexes, were facing a heavy financial burden in respect of service release charges, and requested that suitable clarifications be issued to remove ambiguity and ensure equitable treatment.

After careful examination of the representations received from the Distribution Licensees and CREDAI Andhra Pradesh, the Commission is of the view that it is necessary to remove practical difficulties and ambiguities encountered during the implementation of Regulation No. 4 of 2013 by way of amendment to the Principal Regulation. Accordingly, 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 following draft amendment to the Principal Regulation.

**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:** An existing electrified network shall be an LT distribution line within a radial distance of 1 km (Maximum length of service line shall not exceed 1 km).
  - (ii) **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 service line shall not exceed 1 km).
- 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.

C. **Applicability of 1 km Limit:** The Regulation applies to new or additional load consumer connections with a connected load of up to 150 kW, located within a radial distance of 1 km from the nearest existing electrified network (the Maximum length of the service line shall not exceed 1 km). The total service line length shall be reckoned as 1 km, including both HT and LT portions.

D. **DTR for loads below 20KW:** In cases where a consumer with a connected load below 20KW and **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.

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

**Explanations:**

- Where a consumer already has a dedicated Distribution Transformer (DTR) and seeks additional load within the available DTR capacity, charges for the additional load shall be collected at Rs. 2,000/- per kW or part thereof.
- Where a consumer does not have a dedicated DTR, requires additional load, and the total connected load after addition exceeds 20 kW, thereby necessitating the provision of a new DTR, charges shall be collected at Rs. 12,600/- per kW or part thereof for the additional load requested only.
- Where a consumer already has a dedicated transformer, but the requested additional load necessitates augmentation of the existing transformer, charges shall be collected at Rs. 12,600/- per kW or part thereof for the additional load requested only. However, the charges so

collected shall be compared with the differential cost between the existing and augmented transformers. If the charges collected exceed the differential cost, the excess shall be adjusted in the consumer's subsequent electricity bills.

**(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)**

**Place: Kurnool**  
**Date : 06.05.2026**

**Sd/- 05/05/2026**  
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