



TELANGANA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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O. P. No. 12 of 2020

Dated: 11.06.2020

Present

Sri T. Sriranga Rao, Chairman
Sri M. D. Manohar Raju, Member (Technical)
Sri Bandaru Krishnaiah, Member (Finance)

In the matter of according approval for amending the distribution and retail supply licence granted earlier to Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSNPDCCL) and also to permit handing over of assets falling under the area of supply of Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL).

ORDER AMENDING THE LICENCE

Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSNPDCCL) (petitioner) has filed this petition, seeking amendment of area of supply of TSNPDCL having distribution and retail supply Licence No. 14 of 2000 in view of government order vide G. O. Ms. No. 20 dated 23.02.2019 to transfer Gundala Mandal from Janagoan District to Yadadri Bhongir District as also reorganization of certain districts by adding another district to the districts already notified.

2. The petitioner stated that the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission has granted license (License No. 14 of 2000) on 29.12.2000 under Section 15 of the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 (Andhra Pradesh Act No. 30 of 1998) to the Northern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited, (APNPDCCL), a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and having its registered office at 1-7-668, Postal Colony, Hanumakonda, Warangal – 506 001 for carrying on the business of distribution and retail supply of electricity within the area of supply of Warangal, Khammam, Karimnagar, Nizamabad and Adilabad Districts for a period of 30 years.

3. The petitioner stated that in terms section 3 to the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 (Central Act No. 6 of 2014), which came into effect on 02.06.2014, during the process of state bifurcation, 7 mandals of Khammam District, which fall within the jurisdiction of the APNPDCL have been reassigned to the Eastern Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APEPDCL). Accordingly, distribution network of 7 mandals of the licensee were demerged and assigned to APEPDCL effective on the appointed date that is 02.06.2014.

4. The petitioner stated that the APERC had issued (Reorganisation) Regulation No. 3 of 2014 dated 26.05.2014, wherein it is stated that, "the area of supply of existing distribution and retail supply licensees shall deemed to be reassigned as per the provisions of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014 until amended or separate licenses are issued by the respective State Electricity Regulatory Commissions". Consequent to the state reorganisation, the company has been issued fresh certificate of incorporation by Ministry of Corporate affairs changing the name of the company from Northern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APNPDCL) to Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSNPDCL).

5. The petitioner stated that Government of Telangana (GoTS) has formed / reorganized the districts for better administration and development of the areas comprised therein and for matters connected therewith as per the Telangana Districts Formation Act, 1974 and Telangana District Formation Rules, 2016. Pursuant to the said Acts, the GoTS has issued G. Os. with Nos. 221 to 237 dated 11.10.2016 in respect of formation / reorganization of district, revenue divisions and mandals in the Telangana state. Consequent to the district reorganization, the area of supply of TSNPDCL has amended as per the Telangana district reorganization consisting of 17 districts that is Warangal (Urban), Warangal (Rural), Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Jangoan, Mahabubabad, Karimnagar, Jagitial, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, Khammam, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Adilabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Komaram Bheem (Asifabad) Districts.

6. The petitioner stated that in the above process, the following mandals of Karimnagar and Warangal of TSNPDCL are assigned to Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL).

Mandal Name	Earlier District (DISCOM)	New District (DISCOM)
Husnabad	Karimnagar (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Akkannapet	Karimnagar (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Koheda	Karimnagar (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Bejjanki	Karimnagar (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Cherial	Warangal (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Komuravelli	Warangal (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)
Maddur	Warangal (TSNPDCL)	Siddipet (TSSPDCL)

The following mandal of Nalgonda of Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL) is assigned to Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSNPDCL).

Mandal Name	Earlier District (Discom)	New District (Discom)
Gundala	Nalgonda (TSSPDCL)	Jangoan (TSNPDCL)

7. The petitioner has stated that the Commission has issued orders in O. P. No. 4 of 2017 dated 17.03.2017 approving amendment of distribution and retail supply licence of Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSNPDCL) and also permitted taking over of assets falling under the additional area of operation from Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL). The Government of Telangana has again reorganized the districts for better administration and development of the areas comprised therein and for matters connected therewith as per the Telangana Districts Formation Act, 1974. Pursuant to the said enactment, the Government of Telangana has issued G. Os vide G. O. Ms. No. 18, Revenue (DA – CMRF) Department dated 16.02.2019 for formation of Mulugu District duly reorganizing the existing Jayashankar Bhupalpalli. Further the Government of Telangana have issued orders for transfer of Gundala Mandal from Jangaon District to Bhongir Revenue Division of Yadadri Bhongiri District in G. O. Ms. No. 20, Revenue (DA – CMRF) Department dated 23.02.2019.

8. The petitioner stated that in view of the above, 17 districts i.e., Warangal (Urban), Warangal (Rural), Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Jangoan, Mahabubabad, Karimnagar, Jagitial, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, Khammam, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Adilabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Komaram

Bheem (Asifabad) districts, which were under jurisdiction of Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSNPDCL) have been reorganized to 18 districts as shown below:

- 1) Warangal (Urban), 2) Warangal (Rural), 3) Jayashankar (Bhupalpalli),
- 4) Mulugu, 5) Jangoan, 6) Mahabubabad, 7) Karimnagar, 8) Jagitial,
- 9) Peddapalli, 10) Rajanna Sircilla, 11) Khammam, 12) Bhadradi Kothagudem, 13) Nizamabad, 14) Kamareddy, 15) Adilabad, 16) Mancherial,
- 17) Nirmal, 18) Komaram Bheem (Asifabad) districts.

The petitioner stated that further the Government of Telangana have issued orders for transfer of Gundala Mandal from Jangoan District to Bhongir Revenue Division of Yadadri Bhongri District. In the above process, the following mandal of Jangoan of Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSNPDCL) are assigned to Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL).

Mandal Name	Earlier District (DISCOM)	New District (DiSCOM)
Gundala	Jangoan (TSNPDCL)	Yadadri Bhongiri (TSSPDCL)

Therefore, this petition is filed to amend the distribution and retail supply license of Northern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited (APNPDCL) for amending the area of supply as shown below.

“Warangal (Urban), Warangal (Rural), Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Mulugu, Jangoan, Mahabubabad, Karimnagar, Jagitial, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, Khammam, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Adilabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Komaram Bheem (Asifabad) districts.”

9. The petitioner has sought the following prayer in the petition.

“Consider and approve TSNPDCL’s request for amendment of distribution license (No. 14 of 2000), retrospectively to be effective from 16.02.2019 from the date of notification of formation and reorganization of new districts in the following manner.

Amending the area of “Warangal (Urban), Warangal Rural, Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Jangoan, Mahabubabad, Karimnagar, Jagitial, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, Khammam, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Adilabad, Mancherial, Nirmal, Komaram Bheem (Asifabad) districts including cantonment,

aerodrome, fortresses, arsenal, dockyard or camp or any building or place in occupation of Central Government for defence purposes and without however affecting the rights of any other licensee or exemption holder, as the case may be, under section 14 of Electricity Act, 2003” and by adding “Warangal (Urban), Warangal (Rural), Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Mulugu, Jangoan, Mahabubabad, Karimnagar, Jagitial, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, Khammam, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Adilabad, Mancheri, Nirmal, Komaram Bheem (Asifabad) districts including cantonment, aerodrome, fortresses, arsenal, dockyard or camp or any building or place in occupation of Central Government for defence purposes and without however affecting the rights of any other licensee or exemption holder, as the case may be, under section 14 of Electricity Act, 2003.”

10. And whereas the Commission notified the application of TSNPDCL by giving paper notification through the licensee itself and also placed the notification alongwith the application on its website inviting objections, comments and suggestions on 25.02.2020 by fixing the last date for filing the same as 19.03.2020. No comments and objections have been received by the Commission in respect of the application made by the licensee.

11. Considering the request of the licensee and noticing that there is no opposition to the amendment of the license and consequential handing over of the assets vice versa, as further informed by the licensee about not receiving any objection on the issue, the Commission allows the licensee’s application. Therefore, the Commission hereby modifies the license No. 14 of 2000 as also the order dated 17.03.2017 in O. P. No. 4 of 2017 and amends the area of supply to be the area comprising Warangal (Urban), Warangal (Rural), Jayashankar Bhupalpalli, Mulugu, Jangoan, Mahabubabad, Karimnagar, Jagitial, Peddapalli, Rajanna Sircilla, Khammam, Bhadradi Kothagudem, Nizamabad, Kamareddy, Adilabad, Mancheri, Nirmal and Komaram Bheem (Asifabad).

12. Further, the Commission also allows licensee for handing over of assets relating to distribution and supply falling under Gundala Mandal of Jangoan District to Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TSSPDCL) of the

said mandal being transferred to Yadadri Bhongiri District.

13. Subject to the above mentioned amendments, the license issued by the erstwhile Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission in license No. 14 of 2000 dated 29.12.2000 along with order dated 17.03.2017 passed in O. P. No. 4 of 2017 will continue to operate as if the said license has been issued by this Commission for the remaining period of license.

14. For the foregoing reasons and discussions, the application is allowed to the extent indicated above.

This order is corrected and signed on this the 11th day of June, 2020.

Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
(BANDARU KRISHNAIAH)	(M.D. MANOHAR RAJU)	(T. SRIRANGA RAO)
MEMBER	MEMBER	CHAIRMAN

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