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To

**The Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh.**

Subject: Expression of Interest (EOI) issued by APCRDA for Establishment & Operation of Electrical Distribution Network along with Distribution of Retail Supply of Electricity in Amaravati Capital City – Strong Objection by Power Engineers – Request to withdraw/keep in abeyance the EOI and entrust the work to the existing Government-owned Power Utility (APCPDCL) – Reg.

Ref: 1. APCRDA Expression of Interest (EOI), September 2026, for Establishment and Operation of Electrical Distribution Network and Distribution/Retail Supply of Electricity in Amaravati Capital City.

2. Representation dated 21-09-2026 of the APSEB Engineers Association, Vijayawada, to the Hon'ble Chief Minister on the subject.

Respected Sir,

The All India Power Engineers Federation (AIPEF), the apex national body representing power engineers and employees of State and Central Power Utilities across the country, including its Andhra Pradesh constituent body APSEB Engineers Association, respectfully submits this representation seeking your Excellency's personal and immediate intervention in the above matter.

At the very outset, AIPEF places on record its full support for the development of Amaravati as a world- class Capital City and welcomes modernisation, smart-grid technology and reliable 24x7 power supply for its residents. Our objection is specifically and solely to the proposal to entrust distribution and retail supply of electricity in the Capital City to a private entity through the APCRDA tender/EOI, in place of the existing Government-owned Power Utilities.

AIPEF wishes to bring the following points to your Excellency's kind attention:

1. The power sector is the prime mover of the State's and the Nation's economic and industrial development. The efficiency, reliability and operational standards of Andhra Pradesh Power Utilities have consistently been comparable with premier public sector organisations such as Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. (PGCIL) and NTPC, a reflection of the State's strong technical and institutional capability.
2. Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri N. Chandrababu Naidu, Andhra Pradesh has emerged as one of the best-performing power sectors in the country. This has been made possible by the decades of dedicated service, technical expertise and unwavering commitment of the Engineers, Workers and employees of AP Power Utilities.

3. During the devastation caused by Cyclone Hudhud in Visakhapatnam, engineers, O&M staff and employees of the power utilities worked round the clock on a war-footing basis to restore supply despite extensive damage to transmission and distribution infrastructure. This is a demonstration that Government power utilities stand with the people in every crisis, irrespective of working hours or personal hardship — a commitment that a private, profit-driven distribution licensee cannot be expected to replicate in equal measure.
4. Amaravati, the Capital City of Andhra Pradesh, is the dream city of the people of the State and a symbol of its pride and aspirations. As the seat of governance, its essential public infrastructure — including electricity distribution — should remain under the stewardship of the Andhra Pradesh Government. Distribution and retail supply of electricity are not merely commercial activities but vital public services concerning reliability, security, accountability and long-term public interest, and should continue to be undertaken by Government-owned Power Utilities in accordance with the statutory framework of the Electricity Act, 2003.
5. APCRDA cannot directly grant distribution and retail supply rights without the concerned entity first obtaining a Distribution Licence from APERC, as mandated under the Electricity Act, 2003. The business of distribution and retail supply of electricity can be undertaken only by a Distribution Licensee duly approved by APERC under Sections 14, 15 and 16 of the Act. APCRDA cannot, by itself, confer such statutory rights through a tender or concession agreement, and the EOI is, at best, an exploratory exercise that cannot by itself create any right or entitlement to establish or operate a distribution system.
6. The APERC has already granted Distribution & Retail Supply Licences to the State DISCOMs for their respective licensed areas. APCPDCL is the distribution licensee for NTR, Krishna, Guntur, Palnadu, Bapatla, Markapuram and Prakasam districts, which includes the Amaravati region, and has consistently demonstrated outstanding performance in distribution efficiency, network development and consumer service — including a significantly reduced distribution transformer (DTR) failure rate through systematic maintenance, and continuous expansion of 33/11 kV substations and the 33kV, 11kV and LT network. In view of this proven technical capability and operational efficiency, the distribution and retail supply of electricity in Amaravati Capital City should be entrusted to APCPDCL, thereby preserving public ownership, ensuring accountability and safeguarding the long- term interests of the people of Andhra Pradesh.
7. Creation of a separate/parallel distribution arrangement in Amaravati would also require prior examination of the existing licensed area of supply, infrastructure, consumer base, public investment already made, power procurement, the transmission-distribution interface, tariff and cross-subsidy implications, consumer rights, and the treatment of existing assets and employees. It could further result in avoidable duplication of substations, feeders, metering, billing, O&M and customer-service infrastructure, and consequent wasteful capital expenditure.
8. The State Power Utilities have invested substantial public resources in networks, substations, transformers, feeders, meters, buildings, vehicles, equipment, IT systems and human resources built up over decades. No public asset should be transferred, leased, licensed, concessioned or otherwise placed at the disposal of a private entity without transparent valuation, statutory approval, regulatory scrutiny and demonstrable protection of public interest. Since Amaravati is envisaged as a major administrative, commercial and economic centre, separating this potentially high-value consumer Base from the existing DISCOM could seriously affect its financial sustainability, including its cross- subsidy

obligations and rural distribution costs — an independent financial impact assessment is therefore essential before any further step is taken.

9. The modernisation objectives underlying the EOI — smart-grid systems, smart metering, SCADA/DMS, GIS and automation — can equally, and more securely, be achieved through the existing State Power Utilities, which already possess the necessary institutional framework, technical expertise, infrastructure and experienced workforce. AIPEF submits that Amaravati may instead be developed as a Model Smart Electricity Distribution City through the existing Power Utilities, with appropriate investment and technology upgradation, including smart metering, underground cabling wherever feasible, GIS, SCADA/DMS, renewable-energy integration, EV charging infrastructure, energy storage and advanced consumer services. Modernisation need not, and should not, mean privatisation.
10. The EOI sets out detailed eligibility criteria for prospective private applicants but is silent on a corresponding framework to safeguard the legitimate interests of the existing power-sector Engineers, Workers, pensioners and outsourcing personnel. Any restructuring arising from the proposal may adversely affect jurisdiction, manpower requirements, promotional avenues, transfers, recruitment, posts and pensionary benefits of employees who possess specialised experience in system operation, maintenance, emergency restoration, electrical safety, disaster management and consumer service — experience that cannot be treated as a mere variable in a commercial restructuring exercise. No restructuring should be undertaken without a formal employee-impact assessment and legally enforceable protection of service conditions, seniority, promotions and pensionary benefits.
11. The proposed privatisation of electricity distribution and retail supply in the APCRDA area has caused widespread and genuine concern among the Engineers, Workers and Employees of AP Power Utilities, whose contribution has been acknowledged by the Hon'ble Chief Minister himself on several occasions. AIPEF respectfully submits that any move towards privatisation in the Capital City is likely to lead to strong opposition and industrial unrest among employees across the country, as it directly affects the interests of the public power sector and its workforce. In view of the above, the All India Power Engineers Federation respectfully requests the Government of Andhra Pradesh to:
12. Immediately keep the APCRDA EOI in abeyance and instruct the concerned authority to cancel the tender in the larger public interest;
13. Continue the distribution and retail supply of electricity in Amaravati Capital City through the Government-owned distribution utility, APCPDCL, in accordance with the Electricity Act, 2003;
14. Direct APCRDA not to proceed with selection, concession, PPP, joint venture, franchise or any other arrangement for electricity distribution in Amaravati until a final Government policy decision is taken after due examination;
15. Obtain a comprehensive legal opinion on the compatibility of the proposal with the Electricity Act, 2003, the existing distribution licences and the APERC regulatory framework;
16. Commission an independent legal, regulatory, financial, technical and public-asset impact assessment covering the existing DISCOM and the State power sector before any further action is taken;
17. Give the existing State Power Utilities the first opportunity to develop Amaravati as a modern, smart and world-class electricity distribution area;

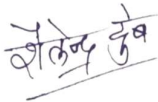
18. Constitute a High-Level Committee under the Energy Department, with representation from the concerned statutory authorities/utilities and recognised employee organisations including AIPEF, to comprehensively examine the proposal;
19. Ensure meaningful and prior consultation with recognised trade unions and employee federations, including AIPEF and its Andhra Pradesh constituent APSEB Engineers Association, before any policy decision affecting the existing power utilities and their employees;
20. Ensure that no engineer, employee, pensioner or outsourcing employee is adversely affected, directly or indirectly, by any restructuring arising from the proposal;
21. Accord an opportunity for a detailed discussion with AIPEF and its Andhra Pradesh constituent APSEB Engineers Association before any further action is taken on the EOI.

AIPEF reiterates that it fully supports the development and modernisation of Amaravati as a world-class Capital City; however, modernisation need not, and should not, necessarily mean privatisation of an essential public service such as electricity distribution. The existing State Power Utilities possess the institutional framework, infrastructure and technically experienced workforce necessary to energise the Capital Amaravati with State-of-the-Art technology, while preserving public ownership and protecting the long-term interests of consumers and employees alike.

We earnestly request your Excellency's personal and immediate intervention in the larger public interest, so that the APCRDA EOI is kept in abeyance/withdrawn and the distribution and retail supply of electricity in Amaravati Capital City continues to be undertaken by the Government-owned Power Utilities.

Thanking you and assuring you of our best cooperation at all times.

Yours faithfully,



Shailendra Dubey
Chairman

Copy submitted to:

1. The Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati — for kind intervention.
2. The Hon'ble Minister for Energy, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati — for kind intervention.
3. The Chief Secretary, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
4. The Special Chief Secretary, Energy Department, Government of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati.
5. The Chairman & Managing Director, APCPDCL, Vijayawada — for information and necessary action.
6. The Commissioner, APCRDA, Tulluru Mandal, Amaravati