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The Chief Secretary to Government,  
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**Letter No.A.P.S.P.E.JAC/H.Q-VJA/D.No. 30 /2026, Dated: 08-10-2026.**

Respected Sir,

Sub: A.P.S.P.E.JAC – APCRDA EOI for establishment and operation of Electricity Distribution Network and Distribution/Retail Supply in Amaravati Capital City – Proposed alternative/private distribution arrangement – Request for immediate intervention, comprehensive examination and continuation of electricity distribution under Government-owned Power Utilities – Reg.

- Ref: 1) Electricity Act 2003 & applicable statutory/regulatory framework  
2) A.P.C.R.D.A Expression of Interest (EOI), September 2026, for establishment and operation of Electricity Distribution Network and Distribution/Retail Supply in Amaravati Capital City.  
3) Letter No.A.P.S.P.E.JAC/H.Q-VJA/D.No.26/2026,Dt:21-09-2026

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The A.P. State Power Employees Joint Action Committee, representing the collective interests of the employees, engineers, pensioners and outsourcing personnel of the Andhra Pradesh Power Utilities, respectfully seeks your kind personal and immediate intervention regarding A.P.C.R.D.A EOI proposing an alternative arrangement for electricity distribution and retail supply in Amaravathi Capital City. The A.P.S.P.E.JAC had already submitted a detailed representation vide reference 3rd cited, highlighting the serious statutory, regulatory, technical, financial, consumer, public-asset and employee-related implications involved. As the matter has far-reaching consequences for the State Power Sector and the public, the JAC once again request that no irreversible action be taken without a comprehensive examination.

## **1. Electricity Distribution – Statutory and Regulated Public Service.**

Electricity distribution and retail supply constitute an essential public service governed by the Electricity Act, 2003, APERC regulatory framework and other applicable statutory provisions. Any proposal for a new or alternative distribution arrangement in an area already covered by an established Govt-owned DISCOM requires careful examination of licensing requirements, area of supply, consumer obligations and long-term public interest. An EOI or administrative arrangement, by itself, cannot substitute the statutory and regulatory requirements governing electricity distribution.

## **2. Protection of Existing Public Assets and Investment**

The Amaravati region is presently covered under the established distribution framework of APCPDCL, a Government-owned DISCOM. Considerable public investment has already been made in substations, distribution transformers, 33 kV/11 kV/LT networks, feeders, metering and billing systems, IT and communication infrastructure, buildings, equipment and trained manpower. Therefore, before creating any separate or parallel arrangement, the utilization, valuation, ownership, financial implications and future responsibility of the existing public assets require transparent and comprehensive assessment.

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### **3. Avoidance of Duplication and Financial Implications**

Creation of another distribution arrangement in the same geographical area may lead to duplication of networks, substations, feeders, transformers, metering, billing, IT systems, O&M arrangements and capital expenditure. Such duplication may adversely affect operational efficiency and the financial sustainability of the existing Government-owned Power Utilities.

Further, Amaravati is envisaged as a major administrative, commercial and economic centre with substantial future electricity demand and revenue potential. Any separation of such an important consumer base from the existing DISCOM therefore warrants an objective assessment of its impact on the financial viability of the DISCOM and State Power Sector; cross-subsidy and universal service obligations, rural and socially important distribution responsibilities, future network strengthening expenditure and long-term institutional sustainability.

### **4. Modernisation Need Not Mean Privatisation**

The A.P.S.P.E.JAC wholeheartedly supports the Government's vision of developing Amaravati as a modern, smart, sustainable and world-class Capital City. We welcome smart grids, smart metering, SCADA/DMS, GIS, automation, renewable-energy integration, EV charging infrastructure, energy storage, underground cabling and improved consumer services.

However, modernisation and technological advancement need not necessarily require a separate private distribution system. The existing State Power Utilities possess the institutional framework, infrastructure, technical expertise and experienced workforce required to develop Amaravati into a technologically advanced and reliable distribution area, provided adequate investment, technology upgradation and policy support are extended.

### **5. Existing Government Utilities May Be Given the First Opportunity**

In view of the existing statutory framework, infrastructure, technical capability and institutional experience, we respectfully submit that APCPDCL may be given the first and natural opportunity and responsibility to continue and further develop electricity distribution and retail supply in Amaravati, within the existing statutory and regulatory framework. Where additional 33KV or specialised transmission/sub-transmission infrastructure is required, the role of A.P.Transco may appropriately be examined within its statutory mandate. Such an approach would preserve Government ownership, public accountability, consumer protection, regulatory oversight and the valuable institutional expertise already developed within the State Power Sector. The experienced workforce of the Power Utilities is also a valuable institutional asset, possessing extensive expertise in system operation and maintenance, practical and institutional experience in system operation and maintenance, emergency restoration, electrical safety, disaster management, protection systems, consumer services, network development and statutory/regulatory compliance.

### **6. Comprehensive Examination and Stakeholder Consultation**

In view of the above, the A.P.S.P.E.JAC respectfully request that no further action towards selection of a private entity, concession, PPP, JV or separate/parallel distribution arrangement be taken until a comprehensive examination is undertaken covering Legal and Regulatory Feasibility, technical integration. Considering the wide-ranging implications, appropriate consultation may also kindly be held with the Energy Department, A.P.Trnsco, A.P.Genco, A.P.C.P.D.C.L, A.P.E.R.C, A.P.CRDA, recognised Trade Unions and other concerned stakeholders, wherever applicable.

In the above circumstances, the A.P.S.P.E.JAC earnestly requests your goodself to kindly intervene personally and issue appropriate directions to withdraw the A.P.C.R.D.A EOI relating to electricity distribution and retail supply in Amaravati pending comprehensive examination and No further action towards selection of any private entity, concession, PPP, JV or separate/parallel distribution arrangement is proceeded with until such examination is completed. Existing Government-owned A.P.C.P.D.C.L is given the first opportunity and responsibility to continue and develop electricity distribution and retail supply in Amaravati. The role of APTRANSCO is appropriately examined wherever additional transmission/sub-transmission infrastructure is required. Ensure a transparent and meaningful stakeholder consultation process is undertaken before arriving at any final policy decision.

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The A.P.S.P.E.JAC respectfully reiterate that this representation is not intended to oppose the development or modernisation of Amaravati. On the contrary, A.P.S.P.E.JAC wholeheartedly supports the Government's vision of developing Amaravati as a modern, smart, sustainable and world-class Capital City. Our earnest submission is only that such development should be undertaken in a manner that protects public assets, safeguards consumer interests, preserves the financial and institutional strength of the State Power Utilities and effectively utilises the technical expertise and experience already available within the Government-owned Power Sector.

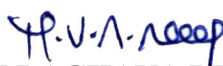
Therefore, the A.P.S.P.E.JAC humbly request your goodself to accord urgent and personal attention to the matter and issue suitable directions to keep the proposed A.P.C.R.D.A electricity distribution arrangement in abeyance until all statutory, regulatory, technical, financial, consumer, public-asset and employee-related aspects are comprehensively examined.

The A.P.S.P.E.JAC remain confident that, under your able leadership, the Government will take an objective, transparent, legally sustainable and balanced decision in the larger public interest and in the long-term interests of the State Power Sector and the people of Andhra Pradesh.

With profound respect and regards,

Yours faithfully,

  
(GANAPATHI.V.S.R.K)  
CHAIRMAN

  
(M.V.RAGHAVA REDDY)  
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Copy submitted to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of A.P with a request to kindly intervene and issue appropriate directions in the matter please.

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# with a request to kindly intervene in the matter and arrange to issue favourable orders please.

Copy submitted to the Special Chief Secretary to Government, Energy Department, Government of A.P for information and necessary action please

Copy submitted to the Commissioner, CRDA, for information and necessary action

Copy submitted to the Chairman & Managing Director, APCPDCL, for information and necessary action.

Copy submitted to the Joint Managing Director (HRD), A.P.Trnsco, for information and necessary action.