

## दक्षिण मध्य रेलवे **SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY**

प्रधान कार्यालय /Headquarter विदयत शाखा/ Electrical Branch

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The Secretary,

Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission, D.No.11-4-660, 5th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Lakdi-ka-pool,

**HYDERABAD-500 004.** 

Sub: Request for fixation of HT-V (A) category Railway Traction tariff for 2017-18.

South Central Railway avails power supply at 220/ 132 KV for 16 Traction substations in Telangana state. The total consumption of Railway traction will be 555 million units approx. per annum and paying a substantial amount of Rs. 390 Crores approx. to DISCOMs in Telangana. The Railways are a bulk consumer and prompt in payment.

Railways are endeavoring to minimize the cost of electricity. A policy decision has been taken by Ministry of Railways as deemed licensee to avail power through open access for the purpose of Railway traction. Accordingly, Ministry of power has allotted 50 MW power to Telangana state for the purpose of Railway traction from RGPPL. At present, Railway traction tariff is Rs. 7.10 /KVAh in Telangana state which is very high. In present scenario, the railway traction tariff in various states is being fixed on par with the open access price.

Recently, Hon'ble APERC has fixed traction tariff for 2017-18 reasonably, at Rs. 300/KVA Demand charges, and Rs. 3.55/KVAh Energy charges which at the current load factor works to Rs. 4.74/KVAh. If tariff on same lines is fixed for Telangana also, by hon'ble Commissioner of Telangana State, Railways will be happy to continue drawing power from the state network without trying to draw electric power for traction through open access. Railways are also trying to complete electrification projects in the state on priority at an early date which will further be beneficial for the development of infrastructure in newly formed Telangana State.

It is requested that Hon, ble commission may consider the Railways plea and fix a reasonable tariff on similar lines as Andhra Pradesh state.

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