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**ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
HYDERABAD.**

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Date: 29-01-2021.

**CONSUMER GRIEVANCES REDRESSAL FORUM, VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN AND CONSUMER
ASSISTANCE FIRST AMENDMENT REGULATION**

REGULATION 1 OF 2021

INTRODUCTION:

Whereas the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as "the Commission") notified the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum, Vidyut Ombudsman and Consumer Assistance Regulation, 2016 (Regulation 3 of 2016) (hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulation) in Andhra Pradesh Extraordinary Gazette dated 16th February 2016.

Whereas the disqualifications provided for in the Regulations for the discontinuance and removal of Chairmen and Members of the Forum and the Vidyut Ombudsman (clauses 5.8, 5.9, 14.6 & 14.7) are found by the Commission to be inadequate in dealing with certain deficiencies / inadequacies in the Chairmen, Members or the Vidyut Ombudsman.

Accordingly, a draft amendment regulation was placed on the website of the Commission on 12-01-2021 inviting public comments / views / suggestions on the proposed amendments. Time was given till 27-01-2021 for giving the comments / views / suggestions. No comments were received from anyone on the proposed amendment.

Now therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on it, by clause 28 of the Principal Regulation, clauses (r) and (s) of Sub Section (2) of Section 181 read with sub sections (5) to (8) of Section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003), the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Reform Act, 1998 (State Act 30 of 1998) and Rule 7 of the Electricity Rules, 2005 and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission notifies the following Regulation amending the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum, Vidyut Ombudsman and Consumer Assistance Regulation, 2016.

PART-I

GENERAL

1. Short title and commencement:
 - (i) This Regulation may be called the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum, Vidyut Ombudsman And Consumer Assistance First Amendment Regulation, 2021.
 - (ii) This Regulation shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the official gazette.

PART-2

AMENDMENT

2. In sub-clause (8) in Clause 5 of the Principal Regulation, item (g) shall be re-numbered as item (i).
3. In sub-clause (8) in Clause 5 of the Principal Regulation, the following shall be inserted before the re-numbered item (i):
 - "g) Having been found to be incompetent in handling cases or passing orders which are ex-facie irrational or contrary to the basic principles of law.
 - h) Having been found to be indulging in dishonesty, corruption or any other misconduct."
4. In the first Proviso to sub-clause (8) of Clause 5 of the Principal Regulation, the words "(a) to (f) of 5.8 above" shall be substituted with the words "(a) to (i) of 5.8 above".
5. In sub-clause (6) in Clause 14 of the Principal Regulation, item (g) shall be re-numbered as item (i).
6. In sub-clause (6) in Clause 14 of the Principal Regulation, the following shall be inserted before the re-numbered item (i):
 - "g) Having been found to be incompetent in handling cases or passing orders which are ex-facie irrational or contrary to the basic principles of law.
 - h) Having been found to be indulging in dishonesty, corruption or any other misconduct."
7. In the first Proviso to sub-clause (7) of Clause 14 of the Principal Regulation, the words "(a) to (f) of 14.6 above" shall be substituted with the words "(a) to (h) of 14.6 above".

(BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION)

Date: 29-01-2021,
Hyderabad.

C. RAMAKRISHNA,
Commission Secretary (I/c).