

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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CERC imposes penalty of Rs.1.22 Crore on APTRANSCO

Taking a strict view of serious grid indiscipline by the state utilities of Andhra Pradesh, CERC ordered imposition of penalty of Rs. 1.22 crore on Transmission Corporation of Andhra Pradesh Limited after finding it in violation of Grid Code on 122 occasions.

2. This penalty has been imposed for violation of the Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC) provisions which require the constituents (State Utilities) to undertake manual load shedding for curtailing the overdrawl whenever the grid frequency goes below 49 Hz. This threshold frequency has been raised to 49.2 Hz by CERC w.e.f. 01.04.2009.

3. After going through the data on the record and finding the explanation given by the utility unsatisfactory, the Commission ordered imposition of this penalty under section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 which provides for imposition of a penalty of upto Rs.1 lakh for each contravention of the provisions of the Act or the regulations made thereunder.

4. The Commission has also directed the chief of the utility to appear before the Commission, being the head of the corporate body found contravening the Grid Code regulations of the Commission.

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(Alok Kumar)
Secretary