

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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**CERC imposes penalties on 3 State Utilities for grid indiscipline**

Taking a strict view of the continued grid indiscipline by various state utilities, CERC ordered imposition of penalties on three state utilities after going through the due legal process. Tamil Nadu Electricity Board (TNEB) has been ordered to pay Rs.1.5 crore while the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited (KPTCL) and Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited (RRVPL) have been ordered to pay penalties of Rs.17 lakhs and Rs.5 lakhs respectively.

These penalties have 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.

It came to the notice of the Commission that certain state utilities were indulging in repeated and persistent overdrawl from the grid in violation of the IEGC and thus endangering the grid security.

After going through the data on the record and finding the explanations given by the utilities unsatisfactory, the Commission ordered imposition of these penalties 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. TNEB was found to be in contravention of the IEGC on 150 occasions whereas KPTCL and RRVPL were found to be in contravention of grid code provisions on 17 and 5 occasions respectively.

The Commission has also directed the chiefs of the utilities to appear personally before the Commission, being the head of the corporate bodies found contravening the grid code regulations of the Commission.

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