

BEFORE THE VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN

Present

**K.Sanjeeva Rao Naidu,
Vidyut Ombudsman**

Dated: 20-10-2010

**I.A No. 1 of 2010
in
Appeal No. 45 of 2010**

Between

M/s. Andhra Ferro Alloys Ltd
Flat No. 501, Swagruha Coral
Visakhapatnam - 3

... Appellant

And

1. A.P.Eastern Power Distribution Company Ltd
2. SE(O) / Operation / Vizianagaram
3. SAO/Vizianagaram

... Respondents

The appeal / representation dated 20.10.2010 filed by the appellant has come for consideration for taking it upon file of this Authority 20.10.2010 and upon receipt of a letter dated 20.10.2010 of the appellant, the Vidyut Ombudsman passed the following interim order:

Interim Order

Whereas, the above named appellant has filed an appeal before this Authority against orders of the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum of APEPDCL in C.G.No.124/2010-11 dated 14.09.2010.

2. The appellant filed this petition to grant interim orders not to disconnect their service connection to the plant pending disposal of the main Appeal No. 45/2010.
3. The contention of the appellant is that they had applied for deration of load from

3.4MVA to 300 kVA for lighting load only as they are demolishing the plant for reconstructing the same. But the Discoms raised a demand under 85% demand consumption charges. As they have demolished and not used for production purposes and used for lighting purposes only, the APEPDCL authorities are threatening to disconnect the service connection and apprehended the disconnection filed this petition for interim relief pending disposal this appeal before this authority.

4. The Manager, Sri S.Rama Rao, who is the authorized signatory of the petitioner represented that the officials are threatening to disconnect the same on the ground that they have not paid the amounts demanded by them and they have not considered his representation about filing of the appeal before this authority and at any moment they may disconnect the same and requested this authority to grant interim relief directing the respondents not to disconnect pending disposal of the appeal.

5. Perused the record and the grounds of the appeal and representation made by the petitioner's authorized signatory and it is very clear that there is a threat of disconnection and at any moment they may disconnect the same. If disconnection is made, it is the petitioner who is going to suffer great and irreparable loss. Hence, I am of the opinion that the petitioner is entitled for an interim relief by issuing suitable directions to the respondents in the interest of justice. The respondents are directed not to disconnect the same pending disposal of the appeal as well this interlocutory application.

6. Issue notice to respondents by 15.10.2010 at CGRF, Visakhapatnam meanwhile counter in this petition.

This order is corrected and signed on this 20th day of October, 2010.

VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN