

BEFORE THE VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN

:: Present ::

C. Ramakrishna

Date: 24-06-2014

Appeal No. 60 of 2013

Between

Smt. S. Anitha, w/o Ramachandra Rao, Sri Ram Colony, Alabana Veedhi,
Nellimarla, Vizianagaram Dt.

... Appellant

And

1. The Asst. Engineer, Operation, APEPDCL, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram Dt.
2. The Asst. Divisional Engineer, Operation, APEPDCL, Lines, Vizianagaram.
3. The Divisional Engineer, Operation, APEPDCL, Vizianagaram.

... Respondents

The above appeal filed on 04-05-2013 has come up for final hearing before the Vidyut Ombudsman on 03-06-2014 at Vizianagaram. The appellant, as well as respondents 1 to 2 above were present. Having considered the appeal, the written and oral submissions made by the appellant and the respondents, the Vidyut Ombudsman passed the following:

AWARD

2. The appeal arose out of the grievance of the appellant that the respondent officers are proposing to erect a distribution transformer ('DTr' for short henceforth) in front of her house in spite her opposing the same.

3. The appellant stated in her appeal that the proposed erection of DTr at the place decided by the respondent officers would endanger the lives of appellant's family and tenants of the building; that the building currently houses Andhra Bank in the first floor and three other residential portions in the ground floor; and that the CGRF failed to notice the fervent plea for erection of the DTr at an alternate location. During the course of the hearings also she pleaded that the DTr be erected at an alternate location for which there is plenty of space available on the road margins.

4. The respondents were issued a notice for hearing the appeal. During the course of the hearing on 24-03-2014, the appellant reiterated her plea that the DTr be erected elsewhere as there is plenty of road margin available for erecting the same and that there is no reason to erect it at the same place as is proposed by the respondent officers. She further contended that the erection of the DTr at the proposed place would hinder the free movement of the people to and from the building and that it would also unnecessarily pose some danger to the lives of the people moving thereabout. Thereupon, this authority impressed on the respondent officers to scout for another location, if available as stated by the appellant herein.

5. On 03-06-2014, the respondent AE informed this authority that another site was identified for the erection of the DTr. He produced a copy of the letter addressed by him to the appellant dated: 02-06-2014, wherein it was

informed to the appellant that the erection of the DTr would not be done at the location objected to by the appellant herein.

6. In view of the written communique from the respondent AE, the appeal stands disposed of as settled.

7. This order is corrected and signed on this 24th day of June, 2014.

VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN

To

1. Smt. S. Anitha, w/o Ramachandra rao, Sri Ram Colony, Alabana Veedhi, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram Dt.
2. The Asst. Engineer, Operation, APEPDCL, Nellimarla, Vizianagaram Dt.
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5. The Chairperson, CGRF, APEPDCL, P & T Colony, Seethammadhara, Near Gurudwara Junction, Visakhapatnam - 530 013.
6. The Secretary, APERC, 11-4-660, 5th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad - 500 004.