VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN
O/o: ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
4th Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Hyderabad – 500 004

Present

K.Sanjeeva Rao Naidu
Vidyut Ombudsman

Dated: 06-12-2012

Appeal No. 67 of 2012

Between

Sri. K. Subba Rao Chowdary,
C/o. Musalaiah Naidu,
K..Kandulavaripalli Village & Post,
Chitvel Mandal, Kadapa Dist - 516104 ***… Appellant***

And

1. Asst. Engineer / Operation / APSPDCL / Chitvel / Kadapa Dist
2. Asst. Divisional Engineer / Operation / APSPDCL / Kodur / Kadapa Dist
3. Divisional Engineer / Operation / APSPDCL / Rajampeta / Kadapa Dist

…..Respondents

The appeal / representation dt. 10.10.2012 received by this authority on 16.10.2012 against the CGRF order of APSPDCL C.G. No. 34 / 2012-13 Kadapa Circle dated 10.09.2012. The same has come up for final hearing before the Vidyut Ombudsman on 05.12.2012 at Hyderabad. Sri. K. Subba Rao Chowdary and Sri. T. Lakshmi Narayana for the appellant present. Sri. V. Vijayan, DE / O / Rajampeta, Sri. V. Krishna Murthy, AE / O / Chitvel and Sri. M. Bhaskar Rao, AE / O / Kodur on behalf of the respondents present. Heard the arguments of the parties and having stood over for consideration till this day, the Vidyut Ombudsman passed / issued the following :

AWARD

The petitioner filed a complaint before the CGRF against the Respondents for redressal of his Grievances. In the complaint, the appellant has mentioned about the grievances as hereunder:

i. *Their village is situated in between Chitvel substation and Venkatrajupalli substations.*

ii. They are suffering with frequent line break downs and also low voltage to their services.

iii. Requested for a separate substation at K.Kandulavaripalli which was already proposed during the year 2005.

2. The 1st respondent has filed his written submissions as follows :

i. *There is no voltage problem in K.Kandulavaripalli village due to execution of HVDS works in the 11KV K.Kandulavaripalli feeder and the break downs are also very rare in that feeder.*

ii. *There is no necessity of erection of one number new 33/11KV SS at K.Kandulavaripalli village.*

3. After careful consideration, the Forum passed the following order :

The complainants are advised to report the Forum if any problem with low voltage they still observe in future.

Accordingly the case is allowed and disposed off

4. Aggrieved by the said order the appellant filed the above said appeal questioning the impugned order by projecting the following grounds:

i) The present substation situated at Chitvel is creating problems with in the villages of K.Kanduravaripalli, Lakshmipuram, Gandhinagar similarly the substation at Venkatarajupalli is also creating problems in the villages of Jattivaripalli, Mallem palli dalithavada, Eguvapalli dalitha vada.

ii) The establishment of substation at K.Kandulavari palli with 33/ 11 KV the problems in Chitvel and Venkataraju palli substations would be solved and the pressure would also be reduced.

iii) Inspite of request made by the several people to establish the substation at K.Kanduravaripalli, they did not consider but creating substation at Chitvel within a distance of 2 to 3 kms is unjust.

iv) A survey may be conducted on ground and justice may be rendered to the appellant.

5. Now the points for consideration are:

i) Whether the impugned order is liable be to set aside? If so, on what grounds?

ii) Whether this authority is competent or resolve the dispute ?

6. The appellant along with one Sri. T.Lakshminarayana, CPI state leader appeared and they have stated the same grounds. Sri.V.Vijayan, DE/ O / Rajam Peta, V.Krishna Murthy, AE/ O / Chitvel and ADE/ O / Podur present and stated that the establishment of substation is not within their limits and it is only with the higher authorities.

Points: 1 and 2

7. The contention of the appellant is that they are in immanent need of substation at K.Kandukuru, but the department is not looking into the issue and they are establishing the same at Chitvel creating troubles to others and requested this authority to consider the same and to pass an order of establishing the substation at K.Kandukuru.

8. The establishment of substation is not a consumer dispute. It is only the administrative action to be entertained by the department i.e. at the stage of respective CMDs by sending the proposals to the Commission and the Commission will accord permission to the respective places to establish the sub-stations. When it is not a consumer dispute, this authority as well as the Forum are not competent to entertain the same. The appellant ought to have approached the CMD and later the Commission for establishing the same at the place which they have proposed. If proposal is sent by the CMD the same can be looked into the Commission at relevant and at an appropriate time. The application submitted by the appellant to this authority is herewith forwarded to CMD, SPDCL by marking a copy to the Commission. The registry is directed to attend the same. Hence these points are answered accordingly.

9. In the result, the appeal is disposed with the above said directions. No order as to costs.

This order is corrected and signed on this 6th day of December, 2012.

Sd/-

VIDYUT OMBUDSMAN