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DisCom Revenue Gaps Must Close in Four Years

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In a ruling that jolts the country's power regulators out of their comfort zone, the Supreme Court has ordered Electricity Regulatory Commissions (ERCs) to stop letting revenue shortfalls fester for decades under the guise of "regulatory assets." Starting April 1, 2024, these deferred costs must be cleared within four years—no more endless postponements. The bench, led by Justices P.S. Narasimha and Sandeep Mehta, drew a hard line: future regulatory assets...

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