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Supreme Court Greenlights Separate Cross-Subsidy Surcharge Fixation

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In a ruling that rewires the way electricity surcharges are handled, the Supreme Court has declared that Cross-Subsidy Surcharge (CSS) — a charge levied on consumers opting for open access electricity — need not be determined at the same moment as tariff rates, so long as it's based on the prevailing tariff for the relevant financial year. The apex court's bench, featuring Justices Abhay S. Oka and A.G. Masih, overturned...

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