



## KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd

(Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956)

Office of the Director (Distribution, IT & SCM)

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### ABSTRACT

Shifting of LT meter readings of Centralized billed Government consumers and consumers with grid connected solar connections from Sub Engineers to meter readers Sanctioned - Orders issued.

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### Corporate Office (SBU-D)

BO (FTD)No.55/2024(DIRDIT/AE5/2023/METER READING) Thiruvananthapuram,Dated: 31.01.2024

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- Read: 1. Letter No.GB/EC TVPM/198/01.23/2022-23/118 dated 11.01.2023 of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Thiruvananthapuram.
2. B.O. (FTD) No.522/2019 (D(D&IT)/D6-AE2/Proposal-1/2017-18/0001) dated 06.07.2019.
3. Minutes of the Meeting of the Director (Distribution, IT & SCM) dated 19.05.2023.
4. Note No.CEREES-AE6/2023/1107(4) Dated 09.08.2023 of Chief Engineer REES.
5. Note No.DIRDIT/AE5/2023/METER READING (10) dated 01.12.2023 of the Director (Distribution) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda No. 49-01/2024).

### ORDER

The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Thiruvananthapuram, as per letter read as 1<sup>st</sup> has reported that with the increased number of LT monthly billed readings due to the increase in solar connections and in centralised billed connections, Sub Engineers in Electrical Sections, who are entrusted with the monthly meter readings are finding it extremely difficult to carry out the meter reading works in time.

The Sub Engineers are assigned the task of taking meter readings of all monthly billed LT consumers - this previously included all industrial consumers, all domestic consumers with connected load above 20 kW and other consumers with connected load more than 10 kW and net metered consumers. (Also vide B.O. read (2), in order to reduce the work load of the Sub Engineers of the Revenue wing, the Board had decided that in sections having monthly billed consumers above 400, revenue overseers shall be entrusted the duty of taking readings of connections having connected load below 20kW).

However, further to the introduction of centralized billing, government consumers and grid connected solar consumers being included in monthly billing category has increased the total number of readings to be taken by the Sub Engineers. Moreover, a considerable increase in the number of grid connected solar consumers is expected in the coming years, which will lead to further increase in the number of monthly billed consumers.

This situation would lead to still increased work load of Sub Engineers and cause delay in recording of meter readings. Many complaints from the consumers in this regard have already been received.

Sub Engineers being highly critical resources in section offices engaged in operation and maintenance of distribution systems, planning and execution of capital works, maintaining uninterrupted power supply, resolution of consumer complaints/grievances etc., it is imperative to reduce monthly meter reading task of Sub Engineers and utilize their services in other areas requiring their skills and experience.

Exhaustive discussions on the matter was made by the Director (Distribution, IT & SCM) with Chief Engineers, Distribution. Remarks on the same was received from Chief Engineer REES.

Based on the above, suggestions for implementation were consolidated as follows:

The following LT meter readings shall also be entrusted to the meter readers :

a) Meter readings of all grid connected solar consumers coming under the following category:

- All Non ToD domestic prosumers with connected load up to 20kW
- Non Domestic Non Industrial Prosumers with connected load up to 10kW.

b) Meter readings of all centralised billed Govt consumers with less than 10 kW connected load.

The Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles can be entrusted to arrange training sessions on 'net meter reading' to meter readers, with the assistance of the concerned TMR officials.

Also, it was suggested that the Chief Engineer (REES), in consultation with TRAC, be entrusted to take up the matter of shifting of billing of grid connected solar consumers to bimonthly mode, through TRAC, with the Hon. KSERC and for amendment in the relevant regulations, if required.

The matter was placed before the full time Directors as per the note read as 5<sup>th</sup> above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors resolved that

1. The following LT meter readings also be entrusted to the meter readers:

a) Meter readings of all grid connected solar consumers coming under the following category:

- Non ToD Domestic prosumers with connected load up to 20kW.
- Non Domestic Non Industrial Prosumers with connected load up to 10kW.

b) Meter readings of all centralised billed Government consumers with less than 10 kW connected load.

2. Further resolved to entrust Deputy Chief Engineers of Electrical Circles to arrange training sessions on 'net meter reading' to meter readers, with the assistance of the concerned TMR officials.

3. Further resolved to entrust Chief Engineer (REES), in consultation with TRAC, to take up the matter of shifting of billing of grid connected solar consumers to bimonthly mode, through TRAC with the Hon. KSERC, and for amendment in the relevant regulations, if required.

Orders are issued accordingly.

**By Order of the  
Full Time Directors**



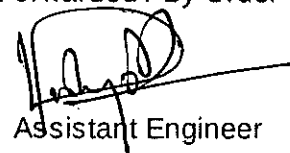
**LEKHA G  
Company Secretary**

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The Chief Engineer REES,SOURA&CSC  
The Chief Engineer ( IT, CR & CAPs)  
The Deputy Chief Engineers of all Distribution Circles.

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Planning)/ Director (Generation - Electrical, REES, SOURA, Sports & Welfare)  
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Assistant Engineer