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ABSTRACT

Leasing of OPGW dark fibres of KSEBL to various agencies - Extension of lease agreement - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

Corporate Office (SBU-T)

B.O. (FTD) No. 212 /2024 [D(T&SO)/T4/SO/OpticFibreLeasing/2024-25] Thiruvananthapuram

Dated:07-05-2024

- Read :
1. B.O. (FTD) No. 145/2022 [D(T&SO)/T4/SO/Optic Fibre Leasing/2019-20] dated 23.02.2022.
 2. B.O. (FTD) No. 382/2022 [D(T&SO)/T4/SO/Optic Fibre Leasing/2019-20] dated 06.05.2022.
 3. B.O. (FTD) No. 335/2023 [D(T&SO)/T4/SO/Optic Fibre Leasing/2019-20] dated 03.07.2023.
 4. Letter No. CESO/Tech/TNMS/FO PGCIL/2023-24/2723 dated 27.03.2024 of the Chief Engineer (TSO).
 5. Letter No. CESO/Tech/TNMS/Bhoomika/2024-25/42 dated 04.04.2024 of the Chief Engineer (TSO).
 6. Note No. D(T&SO)/T4/SO/Optic Fibre Leasing/2024-24/I/36498/2024 dated 23.04.2024 of the Director (T,SO & Planning) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda No.18-05/2024).

ORDER

KSEBL as per B.O read as 1st above, accorded sanction to extend the existing lease agreement with M/s PGCIL for the leasing of dark fibres of the following fibre optic links viz. Kalamassery-Thiruvananthapuram (1pair), Thrissur-Kozhikode (1pair), Palakkad-Kanjikode (1pair) and Kannur-Kozhikode (2pairs) from 09.02.2022 till 31.03.2024 or until M/s PGCIL avail the services through KFON, once KFON starts its commercial operations, whichever comes first. KSEBL also accorded sanction to extend the existing lease agreement with M/s PGCIL in the Areakode-Nallalam optic fibre link from 01.04.2022 till 31.03.2024, or until PGCIL avail the services through KFON once it starts its commercial operation, whichever comes first, with an annual hike of 8% in the lease rate and other applicable charges from the existing rate.

Sanction was accorded as per B.O read as 2nd above, to extend the existing lease agreement with M/s Kerala Communicators Cable Ltd (KCCL), M/s Kerala Cable TV Federation (KCF), M/s DEN Networks and the period of tripartite agreement with M/s Asianet Satellite Communications Pvt Ltd and M/s Asianet Digital Network Private Limited for the use of spare dark fibres of the optic fibre network between Kalamassery-Paruthipara, Kalamassery-Kanhirode, Paruthipara-Kanhirode, Kanhirode-Mylatty, Areakode-Nallalam, Kalamassery-Areakode, as applicable, for the period from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2024 or until the lease holders avail the services through KFON once it starts its commercial operation, whichever comes first, with an annual hike of 8% in the lease rate and other applicable charges from the existing rate. KSEBL also accorded sanction to combine the different agreements executed with M/s KCCL for the optic fibre links viz. Kalamassery-Kanhirode, Kalamassery-Paruthipara, Kanhirode-Mylatty / Areakode-Nallalam and Kalamassery-Paruthipara / Kalamassery-Areakode into one single agreement.

Later, a tripartite agreement was executed among KSEBL, M/s Kerala Cable TV Federation (KCF) and M/s Bhoomika Digital Cable Services Pvt Ltd, based on the consortium formed between M/s Bhoomika Digital Cable Services Pvt Ltd and M/s Kerala Cable TV Federation (KCF), with M/s Bhoomika Digital Cable Services Pvt Ltd being the primary service provider acting as the lease holder.

Since all the above existing agreements are to expire on 31.03.2024, the Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation), as per letter read as 4th above, requested sanction to extend the lease agreements. The Chief Engineer reported that KSEBL is now leasing dark fibres to five different agencies viz. M/s Power Grid Teleservices Ltd, M/s Den Networks Ltd, M/s Asianet Satellite Communications, M/s Kerala Communicators Cable Ltd and M/s Bhoomika Digital Cable Services Pvt Ltd, by virtue of the IP1 registration issued by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

The Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation), as per letter read as 4th above, reported that the communication services of M/s PGCIL has been transferred to Powergrid Teleservices Ltd with effect from 01.10.2023.

Since M/s Powergrid Teleservices Ltd, M/s Kerala Communicators Cable Ltd (KCCL) and M/s Asianet Satellite Communications Ltd hold valid ISP licenses, the Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation) recommended to extend the existing lease agreements with them for a period of 2 years from 01.04.2024 with an annual escalation of 8% from the existing rates.

M/s Den Networks Ltd has requested to decrease the leased fibre quantity to one from the current agreement of two, from 01.04.2024. Since M/s Den Networks Ltd holds a valid ISP license, the Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation) recommended to extend the contract for leasing one dark fibre to them for a period of 2 years from 01.04.2024 with an annual escalation of 8% from the existing rates.

The Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation), as per letter read as 5th above, reported that since M/s Bhoomika Digital Cable Services Pvt Ltd, who is the existing lease holder, does not have a valid ISP license, they have formed a consortium with M/s Weone Broadband Private Ltd, who has got a valid ISP license. The Chief Engineer recommended to execute quadripartite agreement with M/s Bhoomika Digital Cable Services Pvt Ltd, M/s Weone Broadband Private Ltd and M/s Kerala Cable TV Federation for the leasing of dark fibers with M/s Weone Broadband Private Ltd as the lessee, for a period of 2 years from 01.04.2024 with an annual escalation of 8% from the existing rates.

In the meeting convened by the Director (Transmission, System Operation & Planning) with Chief Engineer (IT), Chief Engineer (TSO) and KFON officials on 05.04.2024 on the monetization of KSEBL owned dark fibres, it was mutually agreed that KSEBL may renew all the existing dark fibre lease contracts of KSEBL upto 2 years as the KFON implementation is not yet completed.

Considering the revenue generation from the leasing of spare dark fibres and in compliance with the regulations set forth by the DoT for IP-1 registration, the Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation) requested sanction for the leasing of spare dark fibres of the optic fibre network of KSEBL to the different agencies as listed above for a period of 2 years from 01.04.2024. The details of existing lease holders and the respective fibre details are attached as Annexure-1 and the existing and proposed lease rates are attached as Annexure-2.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 6th above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors accorded sanction to extend the existing lease agreements with M/s Powergrid Teleservices Ltd, M/s Kerala Communicators Cable Ltd, M/s Asianet Satellite Communications Ltd and M/s Den Networks Ltd for the leasing of spare dark fibers in the OPGW network of KSEBL as listed in Annexure-1 for a period of 2 years with effect from

01.04.2024 with the proposed lease rates as given in Annexure-2.

Further resolved to accord sanction to execute a quadripartite agreement with M/s Weone Broadband Private Ltd (as lessee), M/s Bhoomika Digital Cable Services Pvt Ltd and M/s Kerala Cable TV Federation for extending the existing lease agreement with M/s Bhoomika Digital Cable Services Pvt Ltd for the leasing of spare dark fibers in the OPGW network of KSEBL as listed in Annexure-1 for a period of 2 years with effect from 01.04.2024 with the proposed lease rates as given in Annexure-2.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

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COMPANY SECRETARY

To:

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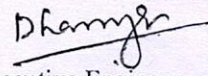
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