

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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ABSTRACT

Relief in fixed charge/Demand charge applicable to Industrial / Commercial consumers and Cinema theatres for the month of May-2021 to alleviate the difficulties faced by them due to restriction imposed due to Covid Pandemic and relief packages to domestic consumers under NPG & BPL category – adoption of G.O. (RT) No.84 /2021/P.D. dated 28.06.2021 and petition to be filed before KSERC for approval of relief packages– sanction accorded –orders issued

CORPORATE OFFICE (Planning)

B.O. (FTD) No . 511 /2021 (KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic – Tariff Concession/2021-22) dated, Tvpm 02.07.2021

Read: 1. G.O. (RT) No.84 /2021/P.D. dated 28.06.2021.
2. Note No. KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic – Tariff Concession/2020-21 dated 01.07.2021 of Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) (Agenda item No. 11/7/21)

<u>ORDER</u>

Government, as per order read as 1st above, in order to redress the hardship faced by general public in the State during the second wave of covid-19 pandemic, has accorded sanction to KSEB Ltd. to allow following reliefs to Industrial / Commercial consumers and Cinema theatres in the State:

- a) to provide relief to the tune of 25% on fixed charge/demand charge applicable to Industrial/Commercial consumers for the month of May-2021.
- b) to provide relief to tune of 50% on fixed charge/demand charge applicable to cinema theatres for the month of May- 2021.
- c) to allow three equal installments without interst to remit the balance dues after allowing reliefs as above, up to 30.09.2021.
- d) In cases, where the bill amounts are already paid in full or part, the eligible relief in demand charge /fixed charge may be adjusted in subsequent bills.

The Chief Engineer (Commercial& Tariff) as per note read as 2nd above has pointed out that as Government has issued the directions, in view of public interest to KSEB Ltd to pass on the above relief smoothly, as per Article 55 of Article of Association of the Company, KSEB Ltd. will have to adopt the Government order for allowing the relief mentioned above. In light of the direction of the Government as above, the Chief Engineer (Commercial& Tariff) also recommended to make suitable modification in the LT and HT billing software to enable the passing on of the above relief to the eligible consumers, in anticipation of a favorable order from KSERC. It is thus recommended to authorize Chief Engineer (IT&CR) to make necessary modification in the billing software for LT consumers and for HT &EHT consumers to provide the following reliefs to Industrial / Commercial consumers and Cinema theatres in the State:

- a) to provide relief to the tune of 25% on fixed charge/demand charge applicable to Industrial/Commercial consumers for the month of May-2021.
- b) to provide relief to tune of 50% on fixed charge/demand charge applicable to cinema theatres for the month of May- 2021.
- c) to allow three equal installments without interest to remit the balance dues after allowing reliefs as above, up to 30.09.2021.
- d) to adjust the eligible relief in demand charge /fixed charge, in cases, where the bill amounts are already paid in full or part, shall be adjusted in balance outstanding, if any, or be allowed in subsequent bills.

KSEB Ltd. will have to approach Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (KSERC) to ratify the action of allowing relief to the eligible consumers as per the direction of the State Government and to allow the short fall in revenue on account of such reliefs as pass through during Truing up process.

Government, as per order read as 1st above, also directed KSEB Ltd. to implement the following relief packages with prior approval of Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission.

- i) free electricity now being given to domestic consumers w.e.f. 29.09.1997, having their average monthly consumption up to 20 units with connected load upto 500 watts, with subsidy provided by the State Govt., shall be extended to 30 units without any change in connected load.'
- ii) Electricity now being given to domestic consumers under BPL category with connected load 1000 Watts at the rate of Rs.1.50 /kWh fixed by Regulatory Commission for monthly consumption up to 40 units shall be extended to 50 units without any change in connected load.

As Government has instructed to implement the relief packages mentioned above with prior approval of KSERC, a petition has to be filed before KSERC seeking approval for the relief packages.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in it's meeting held on 02.07.2021, resolved to accord sanction for the following:

- 1. to adopt Government order No. G.O. (RT) No.84 /2021/P.D. dated 28.06.2021 for allowing relief in fixed/demand charge to Industrial/Commercial consumers & Cinema theaters and relief package to eligible consumers in the State.
- to pass on the reliefs ordered as per Government order dated 28.06.2021 to Industrial/Commercial and Cinema theaters, in anticipation of a favorable approval of KSERC.
- to authorize Chief Engineer (IT&CR) to make necessary modification in the billing software for LT consumers and for HT & EHT consumers to allow prescribed relief on fixed charges /demand charges applicable to Industrial/Commercial consumers and Cinema theatres as detailed above.
- 4. to implement the relief packages to domestic consumers under NPG & BPL category ordered as per Government order dated 28.06.2021 shall be implemented after obtaining approval of KSERC.
- 5. to entrust Chief Engineer (Commercial& Tariff) to file petition before KSERC to ratify the action of allowing relief to the eligible consumers as per the direction of the State Government and to allow the short fall in revenue on account of such reliefs as pass through during Truing up process.
- 6. to entrust Chief Engineer (Commercial& Tariff) to file petition before KSERC seeking approval for relief packages, ordered as per Government order dated 29.06.2021, to domestic consumers under NPG & BPL category.
- 7. to approve the petition to be filed before KSERC for seeking approval for the reliefs ordered as per Government order dated 28.06.2021.

Further resolved to accord sanction to authorize Director (Distribution, IT&HRM) to decide the date of effect of implementation of the relief packages as per the Government order dated 28.06.2021.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of Full Time Directors Sd/-Lekha.G Company Secretary -in -charge

То

Chief Engineer (IT & CR), Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) Special Officer (Revenue) TA to Director (Distribution, IT&HRM)

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All Chief Engineers (Electrical) & (Civil)

Legal Advisor & Disciplinary Enquiry Officer

The Financial Advisor

Chief Internal Auditor

Deputy Chief Engineer (TRAC)

All Deputy Chief Engineers (Ele) Circles

TA to (Chairman & Managing Director), TA to Director (Trans., System

Operation& Safety)/ Director {Generation (Electrical) & SCM}/

Director (Gen- Civil), PA to Director (Finance),

All Executive Engineers (Ele.) Divisions.

Sr. CA to Secretary (Admn.)/Company Secretary

Sr.CA to CVO, KSEB), Chief Public Relations Officer, All RAO's *

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Assistant Executive Engineer