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Abstract

M/s. Cannanore Spinning & Weaving Mills (LCN 18/1032) – Request of the consumer – Revision of the current charge bills for the period 03/2020 to 05/2020 – Sanctioned – Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (SPECIAL OFFICER (REVENUE))

B.O (FTD) No.447/2021 (SOR/HTB 18/1032/2020-21)

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 16.06.2021.

- Read:- (1) Letter No.DB 41/TMR Division KNR/2019/247 dated 03.07.2020 of the Executive Engineer, TMR Division, Kannur.
 - (2) Demand notice HT Billing/18-1032/2020-21 dated 17.09.2020 of the Special Officer (Revenue).
 - (3) No.CAN/ENGG/2007/20-21 dated 21.09.2020 of the General Manager, M/s. Cannanore Spinning & Weaving Mills, Kannur.
 - (4) No.SOR/HTB 18/1032/2020-21/24 dated 04.11.2020.
 - (5) Remarks of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur (No.DCE/Dist/KNR/TS 3/2020-21/498 dated 11.11.2020).
 - (6) Letter No.SOR/HTB 18/1032/2020-21 dated 31.12.2020 sent through Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur.
 - (7) Letter No.DCE/Dist/KNR/TS 3/Cannannore S & W/20-21/676 dated 12.01.2021 of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur.
 - (8) Letter No.DCE/Dist/KNR/T53/2021-22/47 dated 21.04.2021 of the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur.
 - (9) Note No. SOR/HTB 18/1032/2020-21 dated 31.05.2021 of the Special Officer (Revenue) submitted to the Full Time Directors (Agenda 91/5/21)

ORDER

M/s. Cannanore Spinning and Weaving Mills (LCN 18/1032) is an HT consumer of Electrical Section, Kannur under Electrical Circle, Kannur and comes under National Textile Corporation, Government of India.

As per letter read as 1st above, it is reported that, as a part of Multiplication Factor verification, it was found that one number of existing PT in 'B' Phase was under faulty condition. Due to the insulation resistance values of the same PT was unsatisfactory and declared the PT as faulty. The consumer had purchased 1 No. new PT with same specification in stock and it was tested from TMR lab, Kannur on 30.05.2020 and hence the same was replaced and recommissioned on the same day.

On analysis of the data downloaded and load survey, it was found that the PT Voltage in 'B' Phase was reduced and low voltage problem started from 27.03.2020, in 'Y' Phase. Hence, TMR Division, Kannur recommended average billing from 27.03.2020 upto 30.05.2020 and also reported that while reinstalling the secure meter software for upgradation the meter data was irretrievably lost and not available. The invoices from the above period are revised as per Regulation 125(1) of Kerala Electricity Supply Code 2014, "on the basis of average consumption of the past three billing cycles immediately preceding the date of the meter being found or reported defective". An amount of ₹ 2,49,84,703/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Nine Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Three only) was issued as short assessment bill with one month due date upto 22.10.2020 as per the demand notice read as 2nd above.

As per letter read as 3rd above, M/s. Cannanore Spinning and Weaving Mills submitted a request to review the matter on the basis of the following argument.

- (a) The faulty CT-PT Unit was replaced on the same day itself, when it found as faulty i.e., on 30.05.2020.
- (b) They have suspended all operations since 23.03.2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic and the same was intimated to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur as per letter No.CAN/GM/2899/2019-20 dated 23.03.2020.
- (c) And they were consuming KSEBL Power for lighting load only.
- (d) They have requested to reduce the contract demand from 4600 KvA to 200 KvA due to non-functioning of Mills and also stopped purchasing of IEX ** 11 Power from 23.03.2020.
 - (e) Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, their market condition was very much affected and not in a position to pay even salaries and wages. Even during such a critical situation, they are giving first priority to pay HT bills.

As per letter read as 4th above, specific remarks was called for from the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur. The Deputy Chief Engineer as per letter read as 5th above reported to consider the request of the consumer on the basis of the following argument.

- 1) The Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Kannur has taken the HT reading on 01.05.2020, and no faulty condition in CT-PT unit was found.
- 2) The said faulty CT-PT Unit was changed on the same day of declaring faulty i.e., on 30.05.2020.
- 3) The General Manager, Cannonore Spinning & Weaving Mills intimated that the firm is suspended operations from 23.03.2020 due to Covid-19 Pandemic and consuming KSEBL Power for lighting load only upto 03.05.2020.
- And as per letter No.CAN/ENGG/200/20-21 dated 30.09.2020, consumer informed that they have suspended operations for 24.03.2020 to 03.09.2020.
- 5) As per letter dated 11.11.2020, the General Manager, Cannanore Spinning and Weaving Mills informed that they have not resumed their operation and will intimate when they resume their operation.
- 6) The consumer pointed out that the monthly energy consumption from April 2020 to August 2020 are almost same and no hike in consumption after changing PT.
- The request of consumer to revise the bill may be considered based on above.

In the light of the above, the consumer was requested to submit the documentary evidence to substantiate the argument of non-functioning during the lockdown period from 23.03.2020 upto 03.09.2020.

As per letter read as 6th above, the General Manager, M/s. Cannanore Spinning & Weaving Mills has submitted the documentary evidences through the Agreement Authority. On verification of the documentary evidence produced by the consumer, it was observed that the mill was temporarily suspended with effect from 23.03.2020 due to the spread of Covid-19 virus and hence essential staff such as Security, Electricals only worked in that time. On 11.08.2020, consumer again informed to the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur that the unit has not restarted and no sales has taken place since the acute shortage of funds. Monthly productions data as 5th cited above was produced for evidence. Also consumer stated that vide letter dated 03.09.2020, they consumed KSEB Power only and there is no use of open access power. Also permission was sought to use the ABT meter with 30 minutes block-wise data, till the operations restarted. On 28.12.2020, consumer informed that they are restarting their operations from 28.12.2020 onwards.

As per letter read as 8th above, the Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur has forward the actual consumption and remarked that the drop in consumption from the period April 2020 to October 2020 is due to suspended operations in connection with Covid Pandemic and not due to meter faulty and the recorded consumption is exclusively for light load. If the current charge bills with effect from 27.03.2020 to 31.05.2020 was revised with the actual consumption, the financial implication is detailed as below:-

Short assessment bill (with effect from 27.03.2020 to 31.05.2020)								2,49,84,703	
Total	of	current	charge	bills	already	issued	with	actual	84,07,769
consumption (with effect from 01.03.2020 to 31.05.2020)								04,07,709	

The consumer has remitted the current charge bills in time with effect from 01.03.2020 to 31.05.2020 already issued with actual consumption amounting to ₹84,07,769/-.

As per the direction of the Director (Finance) in the note No.SOR/HTB 18/1032/2020-21 dated 20.05.2021, the matter was submitted before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 9th above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in the meeting held on 31.05.2021, resolved to accord sanction to waive off the average short assessment bill amounting to ₹2,49,84,703/- (Rupees Two Crore Forty Nine Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Three only) of M/s. Cannanore

Spinning and Weaving Mills (LCN 18/1032) and to withdraw the same from the System "ENRGISE". Considering the report of the Agreement Authority that the recorded consumption is exclusively for light load and also since it is a spinning and weavings mill under NTC, Government of India.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors,

Sd/-LEKHA .G, COMPANY SECRETARY (IN-CHARGE).

То

M/s. Cannanore Spinning and Weaving Mills (LCN 18/1032).

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- 1. The Financial Adviser/The Chief Internal Auditor.
- 2. The PA to the Director (Finance).
- 3. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kannur.
- The TA to Chairman & Managing Director/ Director (Distn., IT & HRM/ Director (Transmission & System Operation)/ Director (Generation (Ele.) & SCM) / Director (Generation-Civil)/ Director (Planning & Safety).
- 5. The PA to Director (Finance)/Senior CA to Secretary (Administration).
- 6. The Special Officer (Revenue).
- 7. The Company Secretary-in charge.
- 8. Library/Stock file.

Forwarded / By Order

Senior Superintendent