

## KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956)

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## ABSTRACT

Annual Maintenance Contract for SDH and PDH equipments installed under Microwave replacement project-Payment of AMC bills- Sanctioned - Orders issued.

## Corporate Office(SBU-T)

B.O.(FTD)No. 423 /2021/D(T&SO)/T4/SO/PGCIL-AMC/2020-21) dated Tvpm 04.06.2021

- Read :1. BO (FM) No. 2896/2011 (TPC3/communication/2008) dated 15.12.2011.
  - Letter No. CESO/Tech/TNMS/TNMS-1/PGCIL Project/2020-21/911 dated 16.11.2020 of the Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation).
  - Letter No. CESO/Tech/TNMS/TNMS-1/Tejas AMC/2020-21/2292 dated 28.12.2020 of the Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation).
  - 4. Note No. RCA/GL/2020-21/233 dated 16.01.2021 of the Chief Internal Auditor.
  - 5. Note No. D(T&SO)/T4/SO/PGCIL-AMC/2020-21/244 dated 19.01.2021 of the Director (Transmission & System Operation)
  - 6. Letter No. CESO/tech/TNMS/TNMS-1/PGCIL Project/2020-21/2611 dated 27.01.2021 of the Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation).
  - 7. Note No. D(T&SO)/T4/SO/PGCIL-AMC/2020-21/246 dated 27.01.2021 of the Director (Transmission & System Operation).
  - 8. Letter No. D(T&SO)/T4/SO/PGCIL-AMC/2020-21 dated 08.02.2021 of the Director (T&SO) to the Chief Engineer (Transmission System Operation).
  - 9. Note No. RCA/PCU-TRSR/2021-22 dated 24.04.2021 of the RCA Pre Check Unit, Thrissur to the Chairman & Managing Director through CIA.
  - 10. Supplementary Note No. D(T&SO)/T4/SO/PGCIL-AMC/ 2020-21/15 dated 29.05.2021 of the Director (T&SO) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda 86/5/21)

## ORDER

The Microwave communication system was replaced with Optical fibre link through OPGW from Kalamassery to Thiruvananthapuram and M/s POWERGRID was the Consultant for the work. The necessary AMC was to be arranged by M/s PGCIL upon expiry of the guarantee/warranty period. Even though AMC period started on 01.06.2015, the AMC bills for the maintenance of Optic fiber and related communication equipments such as SDH, PDH etc., were raised by M/s PGCIL only on 14-02-2019; AMC agreement was executed only on 22.05.2020. The Contractor skipped some of the preventive maintenance activities but agreed to supply 3 nos of spare SDH cards in lieu of penalty for the non performance of some of the preventive maintenance activities. The AMC bills for 4

years were presented to the System operation Circle, Kalamassery for payment. The Chief Engineer (TSO) as per letters read as 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> above reported that the Pre-check unit, Thrissur audited the bills and raised objections regarding the execution of agreement with back date, non furnishing of reports of monthly maintenance done by the Contractor, mandatory spares not being supplied by the Contractor & GST related issues.

The Chief Engineer (TSO) requested sanction to release the payment of AMC charges for the four bills (from 01.06.2015 to 31.05.2019 for an amount of Rs. 8,38,254/ year) totaling to Rs. 33,53,016/-,to M/s PGCIL.

Remarks were sought from the Chief Internal Auditor (CIA) and the CIA as per note read as 4<sup>th</sup> above suggested to obtain approval from the Full Time Directors for condoning the delay in execution of agreement and obtaining 3 Data cards in lieu of penalty for the delay in rectification of faults.

The matter was placed as per note read as 5<sup>th</sup> above and the Chairman and Managing Director sought further clarifications. The Chief Engineer (TSO), as per letter read as 6<sup>th</sup> above clarified that agreement with PGCIL was only a formal one and also provided the details of the AMC charges payable by KSEBL and other utilities.

The Chairman and Managing Director, on the note read as 7<sup>th</sup> above observed that KSEBL cannot execute an AMC with back date extending to 5 years and further directed that if PGCIL had undertaken any specific work/services, they shall narrate it with details for each year as if there was an oral AMC and raise the bills accordingly and that the bills raised shall be examined by the audit wing and can be passed for payment. The CMD also stated that the claim shall not exceed similar claims from other utilities.

Based on the report of the Deputy Chief Engineer, SOC, Kalamassery regarding the compliance of directions of the Chairman and Managing Director, the RCA Pre check unit, Thrissur submitted the review note on the above items for approval as per note read as 9<sup>th</sup> above.

The CIA submitted the review note to the Chairman and Managing Director and sought orders on whether the direction of the Chairman and Managing Director may be treated as complied with, based on the clarification furnished by the Deputy Chief Engineer, SOC, Kalamassery. The Chairman and Managing Director directed to put up note to the Full Time Directors for approval.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 10<sup>th</sup> above.

Having considered the above, the Full Time Directors, in the meeting held on 31.05.2021 resolved to accord sanction to release the AMC charges for the maintenance of SDH and PDH equipments installed under Microwave replacement, raised by M/s PGCIL for the four bills (from 01.06.2015 to 31.05.2019 for an amount of Rs. 8,38,254/year) totaling to Rs. 33,53,016/- (Rupees Thirty three lakh fifty three thousand and sixteen only) after deducting the cost of the 3 SDH cards that

have not been supplied by the Contractor, on the basis of the clarification provided by the Deputy Chief Engineer, SOC, Kalamassery.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors Sd/-Lekha G. Company Secretary (In- Charge)

To :

The Chief Engineer (TSO) The Deputy Chief Engineer, SOC, Kalamassery

Copy to:

The Deputy Chief Engineer(IT) The Financial Adviser/ The Chief Internal Auditor. The RCAO/ RAO. The TA to Chairman & MD/ D(T&SO)/ D(D, IT&HRM)/ D(G-C)/ D(G-E& SCM)/ D(P&S) The PA to Director (Finance)/CA to Company Secretary Fair Copy Superintendent/Library/Stock File.

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Assistant Executive Engineer