

# KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd

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## ABSTRACT

Steps to combat the pandemic, Covid-19-waiver of transaction charges for online paymentspayment of invoice raised by payment gateways - Sanctioned-Orders issued.

### CORPORATE OFFICE (IT)

### BO(FTD)No.707/2020(IT/CU/Covid-19/2020-21), Thiruvananthapuram. Dated. 24.11.2020

Read: 1.B.O (FTD) No.314/2020(IT/CU/covid-19/2020-21), dated 08.05.2020.
2.O.O(CMD)No.682/2020(IT/CU/Covid-19/2020-21, dated 27.04.2020
3.Note No.IT/CU/Covid-19/2020-21/285 dated 09.11.2020 of the Chief Engineer(IT,CR & CAPs) to the Full time Directors (Agenda 88/11/20).

#### ORDER

The Chief Engineer (IT,CR & CAPs) as per note read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above has reported that, as a precautionary measure to reduce the spreading of Covid–19 diseases and to restrict consumers visiting KSEBL section offices for payment of bills, KSEBL has decided to waive transaction charges paid by consumers from 21.04.2020 to 31.07.2020 for promoting online bill payments as per Board Order read as 1<sup>st</sup> above.

Of the various online payment facilities through KSEBL's payment portal, M/s Ingenico (TechProcess Ltd) and M/s Federal Bank are collecting transaction charges from the consumers. The payment gateways have submitted the invoice for payment of transaction charges during the period from 20.04.2020 to 31.07.2020. The total invoice amount for the above period for both the payment gateways is Rs.1,75,00,000/-(Rupees one crore seventy five Lakhs only). Since the amount involved is above Rs.10 lakhs clearance from the precheck wing is also mandatory. Since the waiver was done during April 2020 to July 2020, the service providers are now requesting for payment.

In view of the above, the Chief Engineer(IT,CR & CAPs) has recommended to release 90% transaction charges on the invoices submitted by payment gateways and to release the balance 10% after audit. It is also recommended to authorize the Chief Engineer (IT,CR& CAPs) for releasing the payments towards transaction charges during the waiver period and to allocate the budget provision for this expense of Rs.1,75,00,000/-(Rupees one crore seventy five Lakhs only) to the account head 76.183, which is the account head for the expenditure of KSEBL in connection with the efforts to defend COVID-19.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 20.11.2020 resolved to accord sanction for the following

- 1. To release 90% transaction charges to payment gateways on submitted invoice after preliminary verification and certification and to release the balance 10% transaction charges after the completion of audit.
- 2. To authorize the Chief Engineer (IT,CR&CAPs) to release the payments towards transaction charges.
- 3. To allocate the budget provision for this expense of Rs.1,75,00,000/-(Rupees one crore seventy five Lakhs only) to the account head 76.183, which is the account head for the expenditure of KSEBL in connection with the efforts to defend COVID-19.

Orders are issued accordingly.

#### By Order of the Full Time Directors

Sd/-LEKHA . G Company Secretary(i/c)

To

The Chief Engineer (IT,CR &CAPs)

Copy to:1.The Financial Adviser, KSEBL 2.The Company Secretary 3.The TA to CMD/ Director (D,IT & HRM)/(T,SO &REES)/(G(E),SCM)/(G-C)/(P&S)

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Assistant Executive Engineer