



## KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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### ABSTRACT

Providing new connections to Outdoor Small Cells (ODSC) installed on the rooftop of buildings- request from M/s Reliance Jio-Sanction Ratified- Orders issued.

### CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-D)

B.O(FTD) No.284(D (D&IT)/D6-AE1/Reliance Jio /2020-21)dated 22.04.2020 Thiruvananthapuram

Read: 1.B.O. (FM)(Genl.)No.2678/2010 ( Plg.Com 4439/02/10-11) dated 14.10.2010.

2.B.O. (FTD) No.1965/2018(D(D&IT)/D6-AE1/RelianceJio/2018-19dated 01.12.18.

3.Letter No. RJIL/KL/2020/KSEB/Pole/05 dated 05.02.2020 of M/s Reliance Jio.

4. Note No.D(D&IT)/D6-AE1/Reliance Jio/2019-20 dated 20.02.2020 addressed to the Legal Adviser & Disciplinary Enquiry Officer and the Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning).

5. Note No. LDV/ODSC/ dated 06.03.2020 of the Legal Adviser & Disciplinary Enquiry Officer.

6. Letter No. RJIL/KL/2020/KSEB/Pole/07 dated 31.03.2020 of M/s Reliance Jio.

7. Note no. D (D&IT)/D6-AE1/Reliance Jio/19-20 dated 07.04.2020 submitted to Chairman & Managing Director.

8. Office Order (CMD) No.637/2020(D (D&IT)/D6-AE1/Reliance Jio /2020-21) dated, Tvpm 15.04.2020.

9. Note No. D(D&IT)/D6-AE1/Reliance Jio/2019-20 dtd.16.04.2020 of Director (D, IT&HRM) to the Full Time Directors(Agenda 34/4/20)

### ORDER

M/s. Reliance Jio as per letter read as 3<sup>rd</sup> above, has informed that they are planning to put up Outdoor Small Cells (ODSC) on 6-meter height poles on rooftops of building to provide internet/telecommunication services, and had requested to amend the Board order read 2<sup>nd</sup> above (issued for giving electric connection to the ODSC of telecom operators installed in fiber poles along the roadside) by including electric connections to the poles erected on building rooftops. They have requested to consider the provisions in Regulation 45(1) and 45(2) of Supply Code 2014, wherein only owner NCC and property documents are required for the electricity connection of ODSC at the rooftop of buildings, as the connection is an additional electricity connection for the same building rooftop and no structural change to the building has been made.

Based on the request from Reliance Jio, remarks of the Legal Adviser & Disciplinary Enquiry Officer and the Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning), were sought for The Legal Adviser & Disciplinary

Enquiry Officer as per letter read as 5 above, has informed that regulation 75(5)(iv) specifically deals with the provisions for providing electric connections to non-domestic kiosks, telecom tower, and temporary structures, whereas regulation 45 is a general provision dealing with the list of documents to prove occupancy or ownership. Also, Regulation 83 of Kerala Municipal Building Rules, 2019 makes it amply clear that the permit from the Secretary of the Local Self Government is a condition precedent to erect or re-erect any non-governmental telecommunication tower or telecommunication pole structure.

M/s Reliance Jio, as per letter read as 6<sup>th</sup> above has again requested to release electric connections to the ODSC that have already been installed on the rooftop of buildings that require a maximum of 2kW load based on owner NOC and available documents, to help them mitigate the connectivity issues during the lockdown period, for which they are willing to bear the expenses. It was further informed that this was necessary to meet critical connectivity requirements, where mobile communication is an essential service and critical need during the lockdown period when the State is going through difficult times fighting the pandemic COVID-19. The requirement of coverage and capacity has increased from homes and residential pockets with most of them working from home resulting in network congestion in certain areas, which is being monitored by the State Government.

The Director (D, IT & HRM) in the note read as 7<sup>th</sup> paper above pointed out that insisting Reliance Jio to furnish the clearance from the Local body during the lockdown period in wake of the pandemic is not justifiable. It is also remarked that during the hard times being faced by the public and the State at large, KSEBL is also committed to take proactive steps to ease the network congestion by releasing new connections to the ODSC installed by Reliance Jio. After examining the suggestions, the Chairman & Managing Director accorded sanction for the following and directed to obtain the ratification of the Full Time Directors as per Office Order cited as 8<sup>th</sup> paper above.

1. The request of M/s Reliance Jio for release of new service connections to ODSC installed on rooftops of the building shall be considered as a special case for meeting the challenges of network congestion during the Lockdown imposed to avert the pandemic COVID -19.
2. New connection to the Outdoor Small Cells (ODSC) using 3m/6m poles on rooftop of buildings shall be released at the existing tariff for mobile towers of LT-VI F without insisting NOC from Local Body, subject to the condition that the NOC from Local body shall be furnished by M/s Reliance Jio at the earliest and not later than three months, failing which the service connection is liable to be disconnected.

3. The field officers shall collect the following additional documents for effecting the service connection.

- a) Consent Letter from the owner of the building, where the installation is intended to be provided.
- b) Undertaking to the effect that the service connection will be disconnected if the NOC from the Local body is not furnished within three months.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per note read as 9<sup>th</sup> above.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors of the Board in its meeting held on 16.04.2020 resolved to ratify the issuance of Office Order (CMD) No. 637/2020(D (D&IT)/D6-AE1/Reliance Jio/2020-21) dated 15.04.2020 in the subject matter.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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


To

The Director (D, IT &HRM)

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Assistant Engineer