



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED
(Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956)

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ABSTRACT

KSERC order dated 23-2-2023 on APPC of KSEBL - Implementing KSERC Order - Sanction accorded - Orders issued.

Corporate Office (Commercial & Tariff)

B.O. (FTD)No . 144 /2023(KSEB/TRAC-AEE2/2023/68

dtd. 23 -3-2023

Read: 1. Petition OP No.64/2022 filed by KSEBL before the Hon'ble KSERC.

2. Note No. TRAC-AEE2/2023/68 dated 10-3-2023 of the Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) to the Full Time Directors (Agenda 55/3/23) .

ORDER

Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEBL), had filed a petition before the Hon'ble Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission(KSERC) with the following prayers;

- (1) Approval may kindly be granted for APPC for the year 2019-20
- (2) Approval may kindly be granted for APPC for the year 2022-23
- (3) Clarifications may kindly be issued on the settlement period for Solar prosumers.
- (4) The discrepancies on excess energy to be settled as mentioned in the True up orders 2019-20 and 2020-21 may kindly be corrected.
- (5) RPO targets may kindly be revised in line with MoP notification dated 22-7-2022."

KSEB Ltd, had estimated the APPC for the year 2019-20 @Rs 2.85/unit and settled the surplus energy banked by the prosumers at the end of the settlement period (30.09.2019) at this rate. Accordingly, while Truing up the accounts for the year 2019-20, KSEB Ltd has claimed Rs 1.47 crore for the purchase of 8.74 MU at the APPC rate for the year 2019-20. The Commission vide the Order dated 21.06.2022 in petition OP 22/2022 in the matter of Truing up of Accounts for the year 2019-20, **directed KSEB Ltd to file a proper petition before Commission for determination of the APPC for this period within 3 months of the date of issue of the TU Order.**

As per the RE Regulations, 2020, the energy banked by the Solar Prosumers/ captive consumers as on 30.09.2022, and other captive consumers as on 31.03.2023 has to be settled at the APPC approved for the year 2022-23. Further as per the Regulations in force and earlier Orders issued by the Commission, the APPC for the year 2022-23 is the 'average cost of power purchase including self generation based on the cost of power purchase for the previous year 2021-22. KSEB Ltd based on its audited account for the year 2021-22 had estimated the APPC for the year 2022-23 @ 2.69/unit. KSERC issued the following orders on the petition:

Orders of the Commission

28. The Commission, after examining the petitions filed by M/s KSEB Ltd, the comments and objections raised by the Stakeholders in the public hearing held on 04.01.2023, the provisions

of the Electricity Act, 2003, KSERC (Renewable Energy & Net Metering) Regulations, 2020, and its amendments dated 15.07.2022, and other facts and circumstances discussed in the preceding paragraphs, here by Orders the following;

- (1) Approve the APPC @ Rs 2.97/unit for settling the surplus banked energy as on settlement date for the year 2019-20. The amount, if any, settled by KSEB Ltd at provisional rates for the year 2019-20 shall be revised and the excess amount shall be credited to the account of the prosumers within one month from the date of this Order.**
- (2) Approve the APPC @Rs 2.69/unit for the year 2022-23 for settling the surplus banked energy as on 30.09.2022 and 31.03.2023.**
- (3) The settlement period of all the prosumers and captive consumers in the State, irrespective of their date of installation, shall be from 1st day of April in a Gregorian Calendar year to the thirty first day of March in the next calendar year.**
- (4) The actual amount paid to the prosumers as part of settlement of the banked energy for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21 shall be allowed. The excess/short fall in settlement amount as per this Order, over and above the amount already settled shall be allowed along with the Orders on Truing up of accounts for the year 2021-22. KSEB Ltd shall submit the necessary details with supporting documents for admitting such claims during the deliberations of the Truing up petition for the year 2021-22.**
- (5) KSEB Ltd shall, submit the details of the RPO compliance for the year 2022-23 as per the prevailing Regulations and also the action plan for meeting the RPO targets up to the year 2029-30 as specified in the Order dated 22.07.2022 of the Ministry of Power.*
- (6) The Commission may take appropriate steps for amending the Regulation-3 of the KSERC (Renewable Energy & Net Metering) Regulations, 2020 and its amendment dated 15.07.2022 after completing due procedures as per the EA-2003, including previous publications, stakeholder consultation and public hearings. "*

The Commission also clarified that, the actual amount paid to the prosumers as part of settlement of the banked energy for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21 shall be allowed. Further KSEB Ltd has to pay the balance amount to prosumers @Rs 3.22/unit as ordered by the Commission for the year 2020-21 even though the rate of Rs 3.22 is applicable for 2021-22. The Commission further clarified that, excess/short fall in settlement amount as per this Order over and above the amount already settled shall be allowed along with the Orders on Truing up of accounts for the year 2021-22, KSEB Ltd shall submit the necessary details with supporting documents for admitting such claims during the deliberations of the Truing up petition for the year 2021-22.

The matter was placed before the Full Time Directors as per the note read 2nd above. Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in its meeting held on 18-03-2023,

1. Resolved to implement the order of KSERC dated 23.02.2023 in OP 64/2022.
2. Further resolved to authorize the Chief Engineer(IT & CR) to process as follows:

- a) For 2019-20: Settle @Rs 2.97/unit for settling the surplus banked energy as on settlement date for the year 2019-20. The amount, if any, settled by KSEB Ltd at provisional rates for the year 2019-20 shall be revised and the excess amount shall be credited to the account of the prosumers within one month from the date of this Order.
- b) For 2020-21: Pay the balance amount to prosumers @Rs 3.22/unit as ordered by the Commission for the year 2020-21 for the energy settled as on 30.09.2020.
- c) For 2022-23: Settle @Rs 2.69/unit for the year 2022-23 for settling the surplus banked energy as on 30.09.2022 and 31.03.2023.


Orders are issued accordingly.

By order of the Full Time Directors,
Sd/
Lekha G.
Company Secretary

To

1. The Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPS)
2. The Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff)
3. The Deputy Secretary (Administration)

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Asst: Exe.Engineer