

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd

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ABSTRACT

PM-KUSUM (Individual Pump Solarization) and Solar City Thiruvananthapuram (Solar Plants on Government Buildings) - Relaxation on Registration fees – Orders issued.

Corporate Office - REES

Office Order (DREES,S,S&W)No.1218/2023(CEREES- Thiruvananthapuram,Dated: 23.08.2023 AEE6/2023/1222)

Read: 1. Note No. CE (REES)/Detailed Procedure/2022-23/ 20293 dated 24.02.2023 submitted to the Full time Directors

- 2. Note on long term strategy for Solar and metering dated 15.03.2023 of the Director (Transmission, System Operation, Planning & Safety)
- 3. Note No. D (REES, S, N, S & W)/2022-23/32 dated 20.03.2023 submitted to the CMD
- 4. GO (Rt) No. 3/2023/ Power dated 05.01.2023 of Power Department
- 5. Letter No.PS2/66/2023 dtd 20.04.2023 of GoK to KSERC
- 6. Letter No. 1158/Con (T)/KSERC/2023 dated 18.05.2023 of the Secretary, KSERC to GoK
- 7. Letter No. PWR-PS2/66/2023-POWER dated 20.07.2023 of Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Power (PS) Department to CMD, KSEBL
- 8. Note No.CEREES-AEE6/2023/1222 (1) Dated: 10/08/2023 of the Chief Engineer (REES, Soura & CSC)

ORDER

As per Regulation 19 and Schedule of KSERC (Renewable Energy and Net Metering) Regulations, 2020, all grid connected Renewable Energy (RE) systems under net metering facility, shall remit Rs 1000/- per kW as registration fees to distribution licensee and the licensee shall refund 80% of the registration fees if eligible consumer has installed the RE system within the period of validity of registration.

Government of Kerala (GoK) had requested KSERC vide letter read as 5th above to waive/relax the registration fees for Solar plants installed by ANERT under PM-KUSUM scheme (Individual Pump Solarization). In response, KSERC intimated vide letter read as 6th above that - "the Commission is not in a position to waive off the fees and other charges specified in the regulation. However, the State Government if think so, may through appropriate orders, can direct KSEB Ltd to waive off the feasibility and registration fees as per the provisions of Electricity Act 2003".

Section 108 of Electricity Act 2003 states that - "(Directions by State Government): ---(1) In the discharge of its functions, the State Commission shall be guided by such directions in matters of policy involving public interest as the State Government may give

to it in writing. (2) If any question arises as to whether any such direction relates to a matter of policy involving public interest, the decision of the State Government thereon shall be final".

Earlier, GoK vide GO read as 4th above had directed KSEBL to collect only 20% registration fees for Solar plants on Government buildings under Solar City, Project.

Subsequently, GoK vide letter read as 7th above had requested to collect only the actual requirement, Rs.200/- per kW, instead of Rs 1000/- per kW towards registration fee for Solar plants installed by ANERT under (a) PM KUSUM scheme (Individual pump solarisation) as well as (b) Solar City project on Government buildings.

In view of the above, it was suggested vide note read as 8th above that registration fees of Rs 200/- per kW may be permitted for Solar plants installed by ANERT under PM KUSUM scheme (Individual Pump Solarization) and on Government buildings under Solar City Project.

Having considered the matter in detail, Director (Generation-Electrical, REES, Soura, Sports & Welfare) resolved to accord sanction to permit registration fees of Rs 200/- per kW (in place of Rs 1000/- per kW) for Solar plants installed by ANERT under PM KUSUM scheme (Individual Pump Solarization) and on Government buildings under Solar City Project.

By Order of the Director

Sd/-

SABITHA S Secretary

To:

Chief Engineer (REES) / Chief Engineer (IT, CR & CAPs) / Chief Engineers, Distribution / Deputy Chief Engineers, Electrical Circles

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