KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

No. 1234/Con.Engg/ 2023/ KSERC Dated 20th November, 2024

NOTIFICATION

Kerala Electricity Supply Code (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2024

Whereas, the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the Code) came in to force on the 1st April, 2014;

And whereas, the Commission has amended the Code to incorporate the provisions of Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 notified by Ministry of Power and as part of ease of doing business policy of the State Government, and notified the Kerala Electricity Supply (Fifth Amendment) Code, 2024 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No. 2479 dated 31st July, 2024;

And whereas, by the aforesaid (Fifth Amendment) Code, 2024, amendment has been made to sub regulation (2) of Regulation 32 of the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014, by which the Commission has specified the implementation of per kVA/ kW rates applicable for consumers/ applicants availing supply at LT and 11 kV, excluding those consumers under Regulation 36 of the Code;

And whereas, in clause (i) to Regulation 32(2), it is specified that for consumers/ applicants availing supply at LT and 11 kV, excluding those consumers under Regulation 36 of the Code and consumers/ applicants whose premises are at a distance of over 200 m from the existing distributing main at the applicable voltage level, the licensee shall recover the expenditure based on the per kVA/ kW rate approved by the Commission;

And whereas, KSEB Ltd vide letter No. TRAC/CT/Discom Reforms/24-25/794 dated 17.10.2024 has brought to the notice of the Commission that the Ministry of Power, Government of India has sought clarity with respect to the limit of 200 metres specified in clause (i) to Regulation 32 (2);

And whereas, by the aforesaid (Fifth Amendment) Code, 2024, amendment has been made to clause (iii) to sub regulation (1) of Regulation 85 of the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014, and by which the Commission has specified the timeline for providing connection, where extension or augmentation of distribution system is not required;

And whereas, KSEB Ltd vide letter dated 17.10.2024 cited above has brought to the notice of the Commission that the Ministry of Power, Government of India has directed the DISCOMS to specify the timeline for providing service connections in metro cities in line with the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2024;

And whereas, the Commission is satisfied that difficulties has arisen on account of perceived difference in the provisions in the Central Rules and the Code, with regard to the per kVA rates and the timeline for providing service connection to metro cities;

Now, therefore, the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of its powers conferred by Regulation 179 of the Code, hereby makes the following order in public interest and to remove the difficulties related to sub regulation (2) to Regulation 32 and clause (iii) to Regulation 85(1), namely:-

1. **Short title and commencement. –** (1) These Regulations shall be called the “Kerala Electricity Supply Code (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2024".

   (2) It shall come into force on the date of this order.

2. **Definition of Electrified areas. —** For the purpose of implementing the provisions of the Code “Electrified areas” shall be defined as an area having the distribution mains at respective voltage level within 200 metres from the proposed connection”.

3. **Relaxation of Regulation 85.—** Notwithstanding anything contained in clause (iii) to sub regulation (1) of Regulation 85 of the Code**,** for releasing new electricity connection in metropolitan areas, the licensee shall provide service connection within a period not exceeding 3 days, after the submission of application complete in all respects, where extension or augmentation of distribution system is not required.

By Order of the Commission

Sd/-

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Secretary

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