

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present : Shri. R. Preman Dinaraj, Chairman
Adv. A J Wilson, Member

OP No.21 /2022

In the matter of : Condonation of delay in filing the petition of ARR&ERC for the Control Period from 2022-23 to 2026-27
Petitioner : M/s Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority (CSEZA)

Order dated 25-03-2022

1. Instant petition is for condoning the delay in filing the petition of ARR&ERC for the Control Period from 2022-23 to 2026-27 by M/s Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority (hereinafter referred to the licensee or the petitioner). As per Regulation 10(1)(i) of the KSERC (Terms and conditions for determination of Tariff) Regulations 2021, the petition for approval of ARR&ERC, including capital investment plan for each year of the Control Period is to be filed by the licensee on or before 31-12-2021. M/s Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority has filed petition for approval of ARR&ERC for the control period 2022-23 to 2026-27 vide letter dated 16-03-2022, which was received on 23-03-2022 in the Office of the Commission. Since there was a delay in filing the petition, Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority has filed petition for condonation of delay along with prescribed fees.
2. Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority in their petition stated that the KSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2021 has stipulated time limit up to 31st December 2021 for filing the petition for approval of ARR & ERC for the MYT Control Period 2022-23 to 2026-27.
3. Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority further stated that as the estimation and projection of various parameters like energy consumption, revenue from sale of power, purchase cost, R&M and capital expenditure, required detailed planning and study, CSEZA requested the Commission vide letter No.CSEZ-CSZAOH(12)/1/2022-SEZ Cochin/361 dated 01.2.2022 to grant time upto 28.2.2022 for filing the petition and the Commission accordingly extended time limit upto 28.2.2022 for filing the petition vide letter No. 340 /Con (F)/2022/KSERC/161 dated 10.2.2022.
4. The licensee in the petition admitted that there was some delay in preparing the petition and statements in the formats required by Commission as specified in the

Tariff Regulations 2021. The licensee also stated that as explained in CSEZA letter dated 1.2.2022 more time was required to study and plan various parameters and incorporate in the MYT petition. Further, as per the licensee, there has been some administrative delay also in finalizing the petition.

5. Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority, therefore, earnestly appealed before the Commission to condone the delay caused by the above mentioned factors in filing the petition for approval of ARR&ERC for the Control Period 2022-23 to 2026-27.
6. The Commission examined the matter and the reasons given by the licensee for condoning the delay. As per Regulation 10(1)(i) of the KSERC (Terms and conditions for determination of Tariff) Regulations 2021, the petition for approval of ARR&ERC including capital investment plan for each year of the control period is to be filed by the licensee on or before 31-12-2021. The licensee vide letter No. No.CSEZ-CSZAOH(12)/1/2022-SEZ Cochin/361 dated 01.2.2022 had sought time extension for filing ARR&ERC for the control period from 2022-23 to 2026-27 till 28.02.2022 and the Commission granted extension till 28.02.2022 vide letter dated 10.2.2022. So, for the purpose of computation of delay, the Commission has taken the period from the date till which extension was granted to the date of receipt of petition by the Commission, i.e, from 01.03.2022 to 23.03.2022. Accordingly, there is a delay of 22 days in filing the petition. The Commission after considering the matters relating to time requirement for detailed planning and study and other administrative reasons is of the view that the delay can be condoned.

Orders of the Commission

7. After considering the matter in detail, the Commission hereby condones the delay of 22 days in the filing and admits the petition on ARR&ERC for the Control Period from 2022-23 to 2026-27 of the licensee for further processing.

Sd/-

Adv. A. J. Wilson
Member (Law)

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Preman Dinaraj
Chairman

Approved for issue

Sd/-

Secretary