

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present: Shri. T.M.Manoharan, Chairman
Shri. P. Parameswaran, Member
Shri. Mathew George, Member

O.P. No.25/13

Dated: 23rd July 2013

In the matter of : Approval of PPA between KSEB and M/s. CESC, Mysore for Electrification of Makkoottam Village of Virajpet Taluk in Karnataka State.

Kerala State Electricity Board, Pattom, TVM

:Petitioner

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:Respondent

ORDER

1. Background:

a) Makkoottam Village is in Karnataka State, about 4 km away from the Kerala State Border. This area is adjacent to Peravoor constituency in Kannur District. The nearest electrified area is Koottupuzha under Electrical Section, Iritty of KSEB. Most of the residents of the village are tribal and poor estate workers. For electrifying this area from CESC lines, about 25 km line is to be drawn from Virajpet in Kodagu Dist. of Karnataka. The General Manager, M/s. Chamundeswary Electric Supply Corporation, Mysore (CESC) has requested KSEB to provide 50 kVA power for the electrifications of the Makkoottam Village. The area is reportedly inaccessible from the distribution network of CESC.

b) For extending supply from the distribution network of KSEB, only about 0.135 km 11 kV line is to be drawn. Karnataka Electricity Board, the predecessor of CESC had previously availed 2 HT connections from KSEB at Madikeri, which is presently being maintained by CESC. The KSEB has expressed its willingness to supply power to the extent of 50 KVA to the domestic and agricultural consumers of Makkoottam Village to CESC, through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to be entered into with the respondent. It shall be on the condition that the cost of drawing the line and installing the border meter etc. would be borne by the CESC, after obtaining the approval of the Commission.

- c) KSEB has forwarded a proposal to this effect and the Commission vide order dt. 29.9.2011 has conveyed approval for the proposal. As per the Regulation 64(1) of KSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2003 and its amendment regulations, the petition for the approval of PPA shall be accompanied with the fees as," *Petition for Approval of PPA for capacity below 5 MW ... Rs. 2,00,000/-*" . KSEB, vide letter on 30.11.12, has requested the Commission to waive the fee for the approval of the PPA stating social obligations. The Commission has observed that the application fee is not a pass-through item to be realised from the people of the settlement colony and hence directed the seller KSEB to pay the fee for processing further.
- d) KSEB has filed the petition for approval of PPA Vide Regulations 24,25 & 26 of the KSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2003 along with draft PPA and the prescribed fee of Rs. 2,00,000/- The Petition was admitted as OP 25 /2013.

2. ANALYSIS AND DECISION OF THE COMMISSION.

The prayer of the petitioner KSEB is to issue approval for the draft PPA to be entered into with the General Manager (Tech), Chamundeswary Electric Supply Corporation, Mysore, Karnataka. The petition by KSEB is within the ambit of the Commission and hence maintainable.

The Commission has observed that the Power Purchase Agreement to be entered into is only to the extent of 50 kVA and for the benefit of tribal people. The draft PPA was scrutinised and found to be acceptable with minor corrections. Accordingly, the Commission has decided to approve the PPA and direct the Petitioner, Kerala State Electricity Board to take appropriate action for executing the PPA without further delay.

3 ORDERS OF THE COMMISSION.

Petition is disposed of and ordered accordingly.

Sd/-

**P.Parameswaran
Member**

Sd/-

**Mathew George
Member**

Sd/-

**T.M.Manoharan
Chairman**

Approved for issue

**Sd/-
Secretary**