

**KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**Present: Shri. Preman Dinaraj, Chairman**

**Adv. A.J Wilson, Member (Law)**

**OP.No.50/2021**

In the matter of : Condonation of delay in filing of petition on 'Proposals to adjust the differential cost during the period April 2021 to June 2021 against the approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel.

Petitioner : M/s Kerala State Electricity Board Limited

**Order dated 08-10-2021**

1. KSEB Ltd, vide affidavit dated 17.09.2021 filed a petition for condoning the delay in filing of petition on 'Proposals to adjust the differential cost during the period April 2021 to June 2021 against the approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel, with prayer as follows.

“In the above circumstances, it is most respectfully prayed before the Hon'ble Commission to kindly condone the delay of 47' days from 30<sup>th</sup> July -2021, in filing the petition on 'Proposals to adjust the differential cost during the period April 2021 to June 2021 against the approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel as per Regulation 86 of KSERC Tariff Regulations 2018.”

2. Summary of the petition is given below

- (1) As per the Regulation 86(5) of the KSERC Tariff Regulations 2018, KSEB Ltd has to file the fuel surcharge petition for the period from April-2021 to June-2021 has to be filed on or before 30<sup>th</sup> of July-2021. However, KSEB Ltd is filed the petition for the first quarter of FY 2021-22 only on 17-09-2021 and hence there was delay in filing the petition by 47 days from 30<sup>th</sup> July -2021.

- (2) The petitioner has submitted that the delay in filing the petition was occurred due to the following reasons:-

- (a) The fuel surcharge petition is prepared based on the monthly invoice raised by the power suppliers including the Central Generating Stations (CGS). The power from each CGS is being allocated to different beneficiaries of the southern region including KSEB Ltd. KSEB Ltd has been making payments to the CGS for the energy scheduled at the respective generator bus. The bills are prepared based on the energy scheduled to each beneficiary from the CGS in provisional Regional Energy Accounts by Southern Regional Power Committee at Bangalore and other Regional Power Committees. Provisional REA for all stations will be available by 8<sup>th</sup> of the month only and the power suppliers raise the bill thereafter.

- (b) KSEB Ltd has been taking three to four weeks to admit the bills

and finalize the power monthly purchase statement which includes the details of the power purchase from different sources, which was also duly certified by State Load Despatch Center. The petition can be finalized thereafter only.

- (c) Also Covid-19 pandemic and related triple lock downs/ restrictions in our area affected smooth functioning of office, due to these reasons also contributed to the delay in filing the petition.
- 3 The Commission has examined the matter and the reasons given by the licensee for the delay and is of the view that, considering the matters relating to lockdown and the reasons submitted by the petitioner, the delay of 47 days in filing the of petition on 'Proposals to adjust the differential cost during the period April 2021 to June 2021 against the approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel' can be condoned.

### **Orders of the Commission**

- 4 After considering the matter in detail, the Commission hereby condones the delay of 47 days from 30th July -2021 in the filing and admit the petition on 'Proposals to adjust the differential cost during the period April 2021 to June 2021 against the approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel of the licensee for further processing.

Petition OP No. 50/2021 disposed of.

**Sd/-**

**Adv A J Wilson  
Member (Law)**

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**Preman Dinaraj  
Chairman**

Approved for issue

C R Satheeshchandran  
Secretary (i/c)