KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.

Abstract

Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014 – implementation – providing clarifications – orders issued

Corporate Office (Tariff and Regulatory Affairs Cell)

B.O.(FTD) No. **1819 /2014** (KSEB/TRAC/SupplyCode2014/R2/2014) Thiruvananthapuram dated **02-07-2014**

- Read :1.B.O. (FTD) No. 1065/2014 (KSEB/TRAC/SCode-New/R2/2014) dated 28-03-2014 2.B.O.(FM) (Genl) No. 2444/2012 (DPC II/AE/T& C of Supply.02/2008/2011) dated 18-08-2011
 - 3.B.O.(FM) (Genl) No. 2444/2012 (DPC II/AE/T&C of Supply.02/2008(2)) dated 18-12-2012
 - 4.Note No. KSEB/TRAC/Supply Code 2014/R2/2014/1238 dated 09-06-2014 of Chief Engineer (C&T) submitted to FTD

ORDER

Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission notified the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014 after due process vide notification dated 13-02-2014. The new Code came into force with effect from the first day of April, 2014 as per regulation 1(3) of the Code.

In view of systemic changes introduced through the Supply Code 2014 and subsequent difficulties reported from the field on the implementation of the same, Board feels that necessary clarity on various matters needs to be provided to field officers. Also, necessary monitoring and control measures need to be put in place during the initial phase of the changeover.

Having considered the note of the Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) read as 4th paper above, Board hereby issues the following directions to provide clarity and uniformity of approach while implementing the Kerala Electricity Supply Code 2014 on various issues brought to the notice of the Board.

1. Certificates to be produced for availing New Connection to Buildings:

Filed officers are directed to continue accepting any of the following documents in addition to those specified in the Regulation 45 of Supply Code 2014, subject to the conditions specified in the B.O.s dated 18-08-2011 and 18-12-2012 read as (2) & (3) above.

- (i) Residential Certificate issued by local body
- (ii) Voters ID card
- (iii) Ration card
- (iv) NREGP card and
- (v) Temporary Residential Certificate issued by local body (for residential building with less than 100 square meter area)

2. Electric connection for construction of new buildings:

In cases where demolition of building is not involved, a permanent connection may be allowed at the option of the applicant, for construction purpose in LT VII (A) tariff by following due procedure, as per the present practice.

3. Methodology for calculation of Security Deposit:

While assessing the security deposit in respect of new applicants, the existing practice may be followed limiting the upper ceiling of security deposit to a value arrived as per the methodology prescribed in Annexure -3 to the Supply Code, 2014.

4. Shifting and alteration of electric lines and plants:

- a. In case of shifting of any line, if the work involved is shifting of existing lines alone (i.e., no additional construction of lines using additional material is required), the same may be carried out by recovering the labour charges for such works as per regulation 95 of the Code.
- b. When the work involved is alteration of overhead lines, necessitating additional construction of line using additional material, the applicant shall remit the charges including cost of materials as per the methodology specified under Regulation 63 of the Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010.

5. Processing applications for consumers requiring supply at EHT voltage:

At present applications from consumers requiring supply at EHT voltage are received and processed in transmission offices. Based on provisions on Supply Code, the applications for supply at EHT level are also to be processed in the distribution wing and the estimate of works required in the transmission side is to be obtained by the distribution wing for collection from the applicants. Further, a connectivity agreement is to be executed between the transmission wing and the applicant, which shall include the site responsibility schedule as envisaged in the Grid Code and connectivity regulations.

6. Publishing details such as waiting list of applicants, list of authorised and inspecting officers etc in section offices:

Field Officers are directed to ensure that all the above required details are published and updated regularly in the notice boards of Section offices.

7. Applying change in due date in respect of spot billed consumers:

In respect of spot billed consumers 10 days need to be provided from the bill date, since meter reading date and bill date are same for such consumers. Chief Engineer (IT) shall ensure necessary changes are incorporated in the Billing software application (ORUMA) on account of this.

8. Recovering fixed charges for a limited period from applicants not availing supply:

The Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) is authorized to submit a proposal before the Hon'ble Commission under regulation 179 of the Code for amendment in Regulation 58 and 59, for recovering fixed charges for a period of six / twelve months from applicants who fail to avail supply for whom distribution system is extended or upgraded using funds of KSEB.

9. Approval of new formats and procedure to be followed until new formats are made available:

The Distribution Advisory Committee, based on directions of the Board has submitted various formats based on model formats provided in the Supply Code. The

approval of KSERC is being sought for the same. Until the new formats are got approved from the Commission, the field officers are directed to use the existing formats to avoid undue hardships to the consumers.

By order of the FTD Sd/M. Shahul Hameed
Secretary (Administration)

To : The Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff)

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