

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present : **Shri T.M.Manoharan, Chairman**
Shri K.Vikraman Nair, Member
Shri S.Venugopal, Member

1007/F&T/2016/KSERC/Suo-motu Tariff Determination

In the matter of: Determination of Tariff for electricity applicable to the Strategic Business Unit (generation), the Strategic Business Unit (transmission), the Strategic Business Unit (distribution) and the State Load Despatch Centre under KSEB Ltd for the financial year 2016-17 and 2017-18 in suo-motu proceedings

Order dated 31.03.2017

1. The Commission had, vide the interim order dated 11-08-2016 ordered that, *'the tariff approved by the Commission vide the orders dated 14-08-2014, 25-09-2014 and 30-09-2014 in OP 9/2014 shall continue to be applicable on an interim basis from 01-04-2016 till the date of issuance of the final tariff order under these proceedings for the year 2016-17 or till 30-09-2016 whichever is earlier'*.
2. The Commission had, vide the order dated 29-9-2016 again ordered that, *'the tariff approved by the Commission vide the orders dated 14-08-2014, 25-09-2014 and 30-09-2014 in OP 9/2014 shall continue to be applicable on an interim basis till the date of issuance of the final tariff order in the suo-motu proceedings for the year 2016-17 or till 14-11-2016 whichever is earlier.*
3. Further, the Commission had, vide the order dated 14-11-2016 ordered that, *the tariff approved by the Commission vide the orders dated 14-08-2014, 25-09-2014 and 30-09-2014 in OP 9/2014 shall continue to be applicable on an interim basis till the date of issuance of the final tariff order under the suo-motu proceedings for the year 2016-17 or till 31-01-2017, whichever is earlier'*
4. In the mean while, the Commission had, vide the public notice dated 01-12-2016 published the draft tariff proposal at the website of the Commission for inviting comments of the stakeholders and also published the abstract of the tariff proposal in the dailies, for the information of the stake holders. The Commission conducted public hearings on the tariff proposals contained in the notice dated 01-12-2016, at Kannur, Kozhikode, Ernakulam, Thrissur, Pathanamthitta, Idukki and Thiruvanthapuram during the period from 27-12-2016 to 17-01-2017.

5. The Commission has also placed the tariff proposal in the meeting of the State Advisory Committee on 18-01-2017. In the meantime, one Shri. DejoKappen, Kappil House, Meenachil P.O, has filed Writ Petition No. 2534/2017 before the Hon'ble High Court, challenging the tariff increase proposed by the Commission in the suomotu proceedings. Duly considering these facts and the further time required to determine the tariff as per the suo-motu proceedings, the Commission vide the order dated 31-01-2017, further ordered that, the tariffs approved by the Commission vide the orders dated 14-08-2014, 25-09-2014 and 30-09-2014 in OP 9/2014 shall continue to be applicable on an interim basis till the date of issuance of the final tariff order in the suo-motu proceedings for the years 2016-17& 2017-18 or till 28-2-2017, whichever is earlier. Since the tariff determination under suo-motu process initiated by the Commission could not be completed, the Commission has, vide the order dated 01-03-2017 further ordered to continue the tariff approved vide the orders dated 14-08-2014, 25-09-2014 and 30-09-2014 in OP 9/2014, till the date of issuance of the final tariff order in the suo-motu proceedings for the years 2016-17& 2017-18 or till 31-03-2017, whichever is earlier.
6. The tariff determination under suo-motu proceedings initiated by the Commission for the year 2017-18 is under process and it would require some more time for completing all the procedural formalities for issuing final tariff order for the financial year 2017-18.
7. Duly considering the facts and circumstances as stated in the interim orders dated 11-8-2016, 29-9-2016, 14-11-2016, 31-01-2017 and 01-03-2017, and the further time required to determine the tariff as per the suo-motu proceedings, the Commission hereby orders that, the tariff approved by the Commission vide the orders dated 14-08-2014, 25-09-2014 and 30-09-2014 in OP 9/2014 shall continue to be applicable on an interim basis till the date of issuance of the final tariff order in the suo-motu proceedings for the year 2017-18 or till 30-04-2017, whichever is earlier.

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K.Vikraman Nair
Member

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S.Venugopal
Member

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T.M.Manoharan
Chairman

Approved for issue,

Santhosh Kumar.K.B
Secretary