

# Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission

## NOTIFICATION

No.215/DD/T&D/14/KSERC

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2015.

### Kerala Electricity Supply Code (Removal of Difficulties) Fifth Order, 2015

Whereas, the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as the Code) came in to force on the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014;

And whereas, sub-regulation (1) of the regulation 100 of the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014, provides that any application for reduction of connected load or contract demand shall be accepted only after six months from the date of original energization for LT connections and only after one year from the date of original energization for HT or EHT connections;

And whereas, sub-regulation (2) of regulation 100 of the Code provides that request for reduction of connected load or contract demand shall be entertained only once in six months thereafter;

And whereas, several HT consumers have informed the Commission their difficulty in respect of the initial period of one year fixed for the first reduction of contract demand;

And whereas, several HT consumers have requested to reduce the period of one year stipulated for the first reduction of contract demand to six months as in the case of LT consumers;

And whereas, it has been brought to the notice of the Commission that several HT consumers, who are mostly industrial or commercial units, are constrained to pay prohibitively huge amounts as demand charges in the initial months of the operation of such units, in spite of the fact that their consumption in the initial months are lower compared to their contract demand, due to the teething troubles relating to production and marketing;

And whereas, the Commission is satisfied that difficulties have arisen to such HT consumers who are mostly commercial or industrial units in the initial stages of their operation due to the implementation of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 100 of the Code;

Now, therefore, the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of its powers conferred by regulation 179 of the Code, hereby makes the following order in public interest and in relaxation of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 100 of the Code, to remove the difficulties, in respect of the period for the first reduction of contract demand of HT consumers, namely:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This order may be called the Kerala Electricity Supply Code (Removal of Difficulties) Fifth Order, 2015.

(2) It shall come into force on the date of this order.

2. First reduction of contract demand of HT consumers.- In the case of HT consumers application for the first reduction of contract demand shall be accepted after six months from the date of original energization of their HT connections.

By order of the Commission,

SECRETARY