

**KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM 695 003**

PRESENT: Shri M.K.G. Pillai, Chairman  
Shri C. Balakrishnan, Member

July 23, 2003

<b>Petition No. DP3</b>	Dy.No. 00108 dt.19-6- 2003	The Secretary/President Chekkidikkadu-Pacha Co-operative Bank Chekkidikkadu, Edathua	Petitioner
		Kerala State Electricity Board Thiruvananthapuram	Respondent

Read: (i) Petition of Chekkidikkadu-Pacha Co-operative Bank Chekkidikkadu, Edathua regarding modification of electricity tariff, which was received in the Commission on 19.6.2003.

(ii) Reply of KSEB to the petition, received vide Lr. No. KSEB/  
TRAC/SERC/Chek/288 dated 22.7.2003

**ORDER**

**1. Background:**

1.1 The petitioner has stated that the Chekkidikkadu-Pacha Co-operative Bank is solely a service oriented organization and is fully devoted to the service of the poor and weaker sections of the society. The banking business conducted by it is not profit oriented and aimed only to help the poor, and due to this, the society is suffering financial loss every year. The petitioner has contented that the change of classification of its tariff category from LT-VI(A) to LT-VI(C), effected by the KSEB, unilaterally, is illegal and therefore it should be restored back to category LT-VI(A).

1.2 The KSEB has contented that the petitioner is a banking institution. As all banks and similar financial institutions are billed under Tariff category LT-VI(C), the petitioner is also billed under this category. Although the petitioner was earlier billed erroneously under category LT-VI(A), it is not eligible to be classified under this category. The Board therefore pleaded for rejection of the petition.

## **2. Commission's finding:**

2.1 The Commission feels that it is not necessary to hold hearing of the parties on the subject, as the matter could be decided on the basis of the facts available on record.

2.2 The Commission is of the view that the most important aspect to be considered in the matter is the connected load of the petitioner. The petitioner has stated that its connected load is only 600 Watts. A connected load of 600 Watts in respect of the petitioner indicates that the petitioner is engaged in a small business, although, by nomenclature it is called a Bank. It is felt that the consumer with a connected load of 600 Watts is not justified to be classified under category LT-VI(C) which is meant for large institutional consumers. The Board has classified small commercial consumers like shops, bunks, hotels, restaurants, etc., whose connected load does not exceed 1,000 Watts under a separate category, namely, LT-VII(B). As the connected load of the petitioner is stated to be 600 Watts, it should not be charged at a tariff higher than that of category LT-VII(B). As presently there is no separate tariff category for small institutional consumers like the petitioner, the only alternative, under the circumstances, is to classify the petitioner under category LT-VII(B).

## **3. Commission's decision:**

In view of the above, the Commission holds that the electricity bill for the petitioner may be raised, by the KSEB under category LT-VII(B) applicable to commercial consumers with connected load not exceeding 1000 Watts, after verifying that the connected load of the petitioner does not exceed 1,000 Watts. The petition is disposed off accordingly.

C. BALAKRISHNAN  
Member

M.K.G. PILLAI  
Chairman