

**THE KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

Present 1.Shri. C.Balakrishnan - Chairman
 2.Shri. M.P.Aiyappan - Member

24th July, 2008

Petition No OP 3/2008 dated 17-7-2008	Kerala State Electricity Board, Vydhyuthi Bhavanam, Thiruvananthapuram 695004	Petitioner
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INTERIM ORDER

1. Kerala State Electricity Board has filed the said petition on 17-7-2008 for restricting supply of power to 75% on all HT and EHT Consumers and licensees. The Commission accepted the petition as OP No. 3/2008 on 18-7-2008. Since the matter was urgent, the Commission fixed a public hearing on 23-7-2008 at the Commission's Office at Thiruvananthapuram and issued notices to KSEB, licensees and the Government of Kerala. The Commission also issued a press release on the public hearing. In the meantime, KSEB published a summary of the Petition as provided in the KSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations 2003.
2. In the public hearing held on 23-7-2008, Member (Finance) of KSEB pointed out that the power situation in the State has become very critical due to the combined impact of the following causes.
 - a. Unprecedented shortage in South-West monsoon and consequent reduction in inflow and hydel generation.
 - b. Reduced availability of power from Central Generating Stations (CGS)
 - c. Steep rise in prices of petroleum products
 - d. Shutdown of Sabarigiri (Moozhiyar) and downstream projects as a result of the major accident at Sabarigiri HEP on 16-5-2008.
3. Accordingly, KSEB estimated the hydel generation for 2008-09 as 5082.73 MU based on the storage available and expected inflow at a level achieved during 2002-03, which was the worst hydro year. Thus KSEB expects a reduction in hydro availability to the tune of 2332.80 MU

compared to the approved Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for 2008-09. Similarly, import from CGS is expected to be about 7000MU during 2008-09, instead of the estimate of 7817.72 MU approved by the Commission for 2008-09. The total reduction in energy availability for the year 2008-09 due to shortfall in hydel generation and reduction in allocation from CGS is 3150.52 MU. KSEB proposed that the shortage may be met through imposing restriction on consumption of HT & EHT consumers and licensee to the tune of 25% calculated based on the previous 12 months consumption. Consumers who avail energy over and above this quota shall be charged at the marginal rates of power purchase.

4. Many consumers including HT & EHT consumers and representatives of licensees attended the public hearing on 23-7-2008. The list of persons attended the public hearing is attached as annexure to this Order. Some consumers argued that power cut shall not be imposed considering the industrial situation existing at present. Majority of the consumers pointed out that power cut should not be limited to HT & EHT consumers alone and the burden should be shared by all the consumers including the domestic category. They also pointed out that luxurious consumption and illumination shall be totally restricted during this period. Some consumers expressed that load shedding should be extended during day time also to reduce the impact. Representatives of licensees pointed out that the proposal to impose restriction to the tune of 25% on licensee's drawl would lead to uniformly limiting the consumption of all their consumers, which would lead to discrimination among the consumers in the State. They expressed that if at all power restrictions are imposed, it should be limited to the consumption their HT & EHT consumers only.
5. The Commission has considered the arguments of KSEB and views expressed by the stakeholders during the public hearing. Considering the precarious power situation and possible system failure, the Commission is convinced of the essentiality of restricting power consumption of all consumers in Kerala. As an interim measure, all HT & EHT consumers

- shall restrict the power consumption to 75% on a monthly basis, calculated based on the average monthly consumption from 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2008. Any consumption over and above the quota fixed shall be charged at the actual cost of additional purchase required calculated on a monthly basis. The rates for additional usage shall be got approved by the Commission before the 5th of each month.
- 6. For consumers who do not have adequate consumption during the period mentioned above, the modality for fixing the quota shall be furnished immediately by the Board for approval.**
7. All licensees who avail power from KSEB shall restrict the consumption of their HT & deemed HT consumers to 75% as mentioned above. The drawl from KSEB will be reduced by such quantity and the overdrawl will be charged at rates as mentioned above.
8. The Board and other licensees shall take all necessary steps to restrict all kinds of luxury and non-essential consumption including illumination by all consumers. Adequate publicity shall be given through media for such measures.
9. The Commission shall review the power position on 1st of September 2008 or before if needed, to decide extension or relaxation of power restrictions. KSEB shall furnish all necessary data for the review. After the review, if the situation so demands, the Commission may extend the restrictions to all categories of consumers.
10. This Order shall be effective from 25-07-2008

Sd/-
M.P.Aiyappan
Member

Sd/-
C.Balakrishnan
Chairman

Approved for issue

Secretary in Charge

LIST OF PERSONS ATTENDED THE PUBLIC HEARING ON 23-7-2008

1. Shri.Venugopalan.P, Manager SERP India, Palakkad
2. Shri.E.G.Jayaprakash, GTN Textiles, Aluva
3. Shri.P.M.Sunil, GTN Textiles, Aluva
4. Shri.Ashtamoorthi, AGM (Engg Services), GTN Textiles, Aluve
5. Shri.M.M.Saju, GTN Textiles, Aluve
6. Shri.S.Stephen, GTN Textiles, Aluve
7. Shri.K.T.Antony, GTN Textiles, Aluve
8. Shri.K.J.Dominic, GTN Textiles, AITUC
9. Shri.S.Jayan, Titanium General Labour
10. Shri.Y.Pradeep, Titanium Union CITU
11. Shri.A.R.Satheesh, Vice President, HT/EHT Assn.
12. Shri.Paul Manjooram, CSEZ, Kakkanad
13. Shri.Rajan, INDSIL, Palakkad
14. Shri.Alupuram Shakkur, Joint Trade Union Action Council, Ernakulam
15. Shri.K.J.Joseph, Joint Trade Union Action Council, Ernakulam
16. Shri.Rajan.V.M, CSEZ Employees Union
17. Shri.Joy.P.P, CSEZ Employees Organisation
18. Shri.Arul Chandra, CSEZ Employees Organisation
19. Shri.Rajesh Kumar, Binani Zinc, Cochin
20. Shri.Shaji.M.A, Binani Zinc, Cochin
21. Shi.Alexander, CE, Titanium, TVM
22. Shri.G.Hari, HT&EHT Assn
23. Shri.Sajith.M.S, EE, Titanium, TVM
24. Shri.George Thomas, President, HT & EHY Assn
25. Shri.K.K.George, Secretary, HT & EHT Assn
26. Shri.A.A.Mohammed Nawaz, Binani Zinc, Binanipuram
27. Shri.Zakir Hussain .L.H, SFO Technologies, CSEZ, Kochi
28. Shri.Prof.A.M.Krishnan, PWSC Bhavan, Thrissur Corporation
29. Shri.K.M.Michael, EE, Thrissur Corporation
30. Shri.Girish Kumar, Sree Sakthi Paper Mills, Edayar
31. Shri.Saji P. Varghese, Dy,CE, FACT Ltd, Udyogamandal
32. Shri.M.S.Rawther, General Secretary, INTUC
33. Shri.P.M.Srikrishnan, Ex, Dic, KDHP, Munnar
34. Shri.M.Najeeb.M, Dy Administrator, MES, Medical College
35. Shri.K.P.Lenin, S.S.P.M, Edayar
36. Shri.K.P.Gopalakrishnan, S.S.P.M, Edayar
37. Shri.Dileesh.A.S, S.S.P.M, Edayar
38. Shri.K.S.Ajith, S.S.P.M, Edayar
39. Shri.K.S.Rajan, S.S.P.M, Edayar
40. Shri.P.K.Mukesh, S.S.P.M, Edayar
41. Shri.A.S.Suresh Kumar, S.S.P.M, Edayar
42. Shri.P.K.Dinakaran, General Secretary, Cons. Assn.

43. Shri.Anji N.Kollemparamp, Engineer, CSEZ
44. Shri.T.V.Chandran, Asst. ACV.
45. Shri.C.K.Ashokan, SSPM
46. Shri.P.Rajasekharan Nair, T.C.15/103, AltharaNagar, Sasthamangalam, TVM
47. Shri.M.Ravindran Nair, Exe. Director, CONTIPS, TVM
48. Shri. M.G.Rajan, Sr. Manager, Ele. MRF Ltd, KTM
49. Shri.K.V.Rajendran, GM (Tech), Technopark
50. Shri.J.Sudhakaran Nair, Sr.Tech Administrator, KINFRA
51. Shri.V.Chacko, GM(P&BP), KINFRA
52. Shri.Suji Paul, Dy. Manager (E&C), BPCL
53. Shri.V.Ramesh Babu, Dy, CE,TRAC, KSEB
54. Shri.B.Reghu, CE(C&T), KSEB
55. Shri.P.V.Sivaprasad, EE, TRAC, KSEB
56. Shri.Radhakrishnakumar, EE, KSEB, TRAC
57. Smt.Hema.K., AEE, TRAC, KSEB
58. Smt.P.V.Manjula, AEE, O/o CE (C&T), KSEB
59. Shri. Prince.T.G, Secretary, APK
60. Shri.R.Muraleedharan, CUMI Koratty
61. Shri.Peter.I.A, President, KSSIA
62. Shri.C.Mohanana Nair, Malayala Manorama
63. Shri. P.Asokan, Group Mgr, Apollo Tyres, Perambra
64. Shri.V.K.Unnikrishnan, Group Mgr, Apollo Tyres, Kalamassery
65. Smt.Jayalakshmy.S, Cochin Port Trust
66. Shri.S.R.K.Rasalam, Chairman, Institute of Engineers(India)
67. Shri.V.J.Sebastian, Binani Zinc Employees Organisation
68. Shri.V.K.Ramesan, T.C.C. Ltd, Udyogamandal
69. Shri.G.M.Mohanana, T.C.C.Ltd, Udyogamandal
70. Shri.T.C.Kuriakose, Manager, TCC Ltd
71. Shri.Jayakumar, Reporter, Deepika
72. Shri.M.C.Vijayakumar, Excel Glasses Ltd, Alleppey.
