

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present: **Shri. Preman Dinaraj, Chairman**
Shri. S. Venugopal, Member
Shri. K. Vikraman Nair, Member

Petition No. OA 1/2018

In the matter of : Proposal to recover the additional cost incurred during the period July 2017 to September 2017 over approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel, from all consumers including Bulk Consumers and other Licensees.

Petitioner : Kerala State Electricity Board Limited

Petition No. OA 7/2018

In the matter of : Proposal to recover the additional cost incurred during the period October 2017 to December 2017 over approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel, from all consumers including Bulk Consumers and other Licensees.

Petitioner : Kerala State Electricity Board Limited

Petition No. OA 9/2018

In the matter of : Proposal to recover the additional cost incurred during the period January 2018 to March 2018 over approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel, from all consumers including Bulk Consumers and other Licensees through fuel surcharge.

Petitioner : Kerala State Electricity Board Limited

Order dated 21.08.2018

1. The Commission vide the common order dated 13.08.2018 has approved Rs.81.65 crores as fuel surcharge and ordered to recover the same from the consumers at the rate of Rs.0.15 per unit for the consumption from 16.08.2018 to 15.11.2018 or until the approved amount of Rs.81.65 Crores is fully realized whichever is earlier. The fuel surcharge is applicable to all consumers of KSEB Ltd and other licensees except domestic consumers with connected load of and below 500 watt and monthly consumption of and below 20 units.
2. The KSEB Ltd vide the affidavit dated 17.08.2018 has submitted the following regarding implementation of the fuel surcharge, as ordered by the Commission.
 - (i) The fuel surcharge of LT consumers will be billed at pro rata basis of the consumption assessed 16.08.2018 onwards.
 - (ii) However in the case of the monthly billed HT&EHT consumers, KSEB Ltd has to take interim meter reading on 16.08.2018 so that the energy consumption during the month of August 2018 can be separately assessed from 16.08.2018 to 31.08.2018 so that fuel surcharge can be implemented for the actual energy usage from 16.08.2018.

However, it is submitted that, KSEB Ltd couldn't take the interim meter reading on 16.08.2018 due to the unprecedented flood happened in the State. There are wide spread damages to the generation, transmission and distribution system throughout the State and the staff of KSEB Ltd is currently deployed to attend the emergency need for restoring the supply in the flood affected areas. Further road access is adversely affected in many industrial areas including Aluva, Edayar and Kalamassery. Due to these reasons, KSEB Ltd couldn't take manual reading of the HT&EHT consumers (total about 5643 nos) as on 16.08.2018. Therefore KSEB Ltd has requested the approval of the Commission to recover the fuel surcharge from HT&EHT consumers through one of the following options.

- (a) Defer the implementation of the fuel surcharge from '16.08.2018' to 01.09.2018 for three months, thus by partially deferring the implementation of the order on fuel surcharge for HT&EHT consumers of KSEB Ltd by 16 days.

Or

- (b) Allow the HT&EHT consumers also to charge the fuel surcharges by assessing the consumption from 16.08.2018 on pro rata basis as in the case of LT consumers, based on monthly meter reading taken.

3. The Commission has examined the request of the KSEB Ltd in detail. During the past, when orders on tariff/ fuel surcharge are implemented for HT&EHT consumers, the actual meter reading at 00:00 hours on the date of the order is being taken by KSEB Ltd so that, the revised tariff is implemented for the actual consumption of the HT&EHT consumers from the date of implementation of the revised tariff.

However in the present case KSEB Ltd has communicated their inability to take the interim meter reading due to unprecedented rain and its consequent events. Hence KSEB Ltd has requested for defer the implementation of the fuel surcharge from 01.09.2018 to 30.11.2018 instead of 16.08.2018 to 15.11.2018 (i.e. for deferring the implementation of the order on fuel surcharge by 16 days) 'or' to allow KSEB Ltd to implement the surcharge on HT&EHT consumers on the basis of pro rata consumption from 16.08.2018 as in the case of LT consumers.

4. The actual average consumption of the HT&EHT consumers from 16.08.2018, may likely to get reduce when compared to the actual average consumption from 01.08.2018 to 15.08.2018 due to the following:
 - (i) HT&EHT consumers may reduce the consumption after the implementation of the surcharge due to higher tariff.
 - (ii) The HT&EHT consumers may opt for open access after the implementation of the surcharge.
 - (iii) Due to the unprecedented floods happened during middle of August 2018, the actual electricity consumption of the HT&EHT consumers also will be less.
5. Due to the above reasons, the Commission has decided to defer the implementation of the orders on fuel surcharge to HT&EHT consumers from 01.09.2018 to 30.11.2018 instead of 16.08.2018 to 15.11.2018.

Order of the Commission

Duly considering the facts and circumstances submitted by KSEB Ltd and other aspects on implementation of fuel surcharge as per the common order dated 13.08.2018, the Commission hereby orders to defer the implementation of the orders on fuel surcharge to HT&EHT consumers of KSEB Ltd from 01.09.2018 to 30.11.2018 instead of 16.08.2018 to 15.11.2018. The paragraph 63 of the common order of the Commission dated 13.08.2018 is modified to that extent. KSEB Ltd shall scrupulously follow all other

orders and directions given by the Commission under paragraph 63 of the common order dated 13.08.2018, while implementing the fuel surcharge.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-
K. Vikraman Nair
Member

Sd/-
S. Venugopal
Member

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Preman Dinaraj
Chairman

Approved for Issue

Sd/-
Santhosh Kumar. K.B
Secretary