

**KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**Present: Shri. R. Preman Dinaraj**  
**Adv. A.J. Wilson**

**OP.No. 43/2020**

In the matter of : Petition for approval of refund of excess revenue collected from consumers on account of metering errors for the period from 2007-08 to 2013-14.

Petitioners : Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority (CSEZA)

Date of Hearing: 21.12.2020 (first)

**Daily Order dated 29.12.2020.**

1. Ms. Cochin Special Economic Zone Authority (hereinafter referred to as CSEZA or the petitioner) filed the instant petition for the approval of refund of excess amount collected from the consumers due to metering errors during the period from 2007-08 to 2013-14.
2. The petition has been filed in line with the directions of the Commission to rectify the metering errors which resulted in positive losses (i.e., energy sales higher than purchase) during the period from 2007-08 to 2013-14. The Commission had also issued directions vide its Order dated 15.05.2013 and 30.04.2014 to keep the excess revenue, if any, generated through the discrepancy in metering in a separate fund and refund/adjustment if any required shall be made as per the Orders of the Commission.
3. Based on the directions of the Commission and request from CEPZ Industries Association (hereinafter referred to as CEPZIA), the petitioner had initially estimated the excess revenue collected to the tune of Rs. 307.11 lakhs and later revised to Rs. 347.00 lakhs and filed this petition for the approval of refund of excess amount collected to the consumers on pro rata basis of the energy billed during this period.
4. The Petition was heard by the Commission on 21.12.2020 in a public hearing at CSEZA. During the hearing the petitioner explained the methodology of arriving at the amount of refund to the individual consumers. The representatives of CEPZIA have agreed to the methodology proposed by the petitioner. However, they pointed out that the approved distribution loss considered during 2006-07 and 2007-08 is very low when compared to the loss of the subsequent years.

5. The Commission after hearing the parties directed the petitioner to submit immediately the copies of test reports of the Meters checked for taking an appropriate decision in the matter.
6. Hearing concluded. Reserved for Orders.

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**Adv. A. J. Wilson**  
**Member**

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**Preman Dinaraj**  
**Chairman**

Approved for issue

Secretary