

**KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

**Present: Shri. Preman Dinaraj, Chairman
Adv. A.J Wilson, Member (Law)**

OP.No.02/2022

In the matter of : Condonation of delay in filing of petition on 'Proposals to recover the additional liability incurred during the period July 2021 to September 2021 over the 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 : M/s Kerala State Electricity Board Limited

Order dated 28-01-2022

1. KSEB Ltd, on 17.01.2022, filed a petition for condoning the delay in filing of petition on 'Proposals to recover the additional liability incurred during the period July 2021 to September 2021' over the approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel, with prayer as follows.

“In the above circumstances, it is most respectfully prayed before the Hon'ble Commission to kindly condone the delay of 77 days from 30th October -2021, in filing the petition on 'Proposals to adjust the differential cost during the period July 2021 to September 2021 against the approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel as per Regulation 86 of KSERC Tariff Regulations 2018.’”

2. Summary of the petition is given below

- (1) As per the Regulation 86(5) of the KSERC Tariff Regulations 2018, KSEB Ltd has to file the fuel surcharge petition for the period from July 2021 to September 2021 on or before 30th of October-2021. However, KSEB Ltd has filed the petition for the second quarter of FY 2021- 22 only on 17.01.2022 and hence there was delay in filing the petition by 77 days from 30th October -2021.
- (2) The petitioner has submitted that the delay in filing the petition was occurred due to the following reasons:-
 - (a) The fuel surcharge petition is prepared based on the monthly invoice raised by the power suppliers including the Central Generating Stations (CGS). The power from each CGS is being allocated to different beneficiaries of the southern region including KSEB Ltd. KSEB Ltd has been making payments to the CGS

for the energy scheduled at the respective generator bus. The bills are prepared based on the energy scheduled to each beneficiary from the CGS in provisional Regional Energy Accounts by Southern Regional Power Committee at Bangalore and other Regional Power Committees. Provisional REA for all stations will be available by 8th of the month only and the power suppliers raise the bill thereafter.

- (b) KSEB Ltd has been taking three to four weeks to admit the bills and finalize the monthly power purchase statement which includes the details of the power purchase from different sources, which was also duly certified by State Load Despatch Center. The petition can be finalized thereafter only.
- (c) Also, Covid-19 pandemic affected the timely collection and compilation of data from various offices.

- 3 The Commission has examined the reasons submitted by KSEB Ltd for the delay in filing the fuel surcharge petition of the second quarter of the financial FY 2021-22, and decided to condone the delay of 77 days in filing the petition on 'Proposals to recover the additional liability incurred during the period July 2021 to September 2021 against the approved level on Generation and Power Purchase due to variation in cost of fuel'.

Orders of the Commission

- 4 The Commission, after examining the petition on 'Condonation of delay in filing of petition on 'Proposals to recover the additional liability incurred during the period July 2021 to September 2021 over the 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', orders the following.
- (1) Condone the delay of 77 days from 30th October -2021 in filing the petition.
 - (2) Admit the petition for further processing.

Petition OP No. 02/2022 disposed of.

Sd/-
Adv. A J Wilson
Member (Law)

Sd/-
Preman Dinaraj
Chairman

Approved for issue

Sd/-
C R Satheeshchandran
Secretary