

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present: Shri. Preman Dinaraj

IA.No.07/2020

In the matter of : Condonation of delay in filing Truing up petition for the financial year 2018-19

Petitioner : M/s Infoparks Kerala

Order dated 02-11-2020

1. Instant petition is for condoning the delay in filing the Truing up petition for the year 2018-19 by M/s Infoparks Kerala. As per Regulation 10(2) of the KSERC (Terms and conditions for determination of Tariff) Regulations 2018, the petition for Truing Up for 2018-19 was to be filed by the licensee on or before 30-11-2019. The petitioner submits that the delay was occurred on account of the following reasons:
 - a. The licensee was working with minimum staff and in the year 2018 one manager resigned and 4 of the staff got transferred to KSITIL and there is no replacement for these 5 technical staffs.
 - b. In addition to the above, in June 2019 five more staff including the resident engineer was transferred to KSITIL without replacement, which affected the submission of Truing Up petitions.
 - c. The Covid pandemic related lock down and other restrictions also caused delay in submission.
2. The Commission examined the matter and the reasons given by the licensee for condoning the delay. As per the provisions of the Regulation, the petition for Truing Up for 2018-19 is to be filed by 30-11-2019. The Commission vide letter dated 09-09-2020 directed all licensees to file pending Truing Up petition by 15-10-2020. Based on the same the licensee filed the petition on 07-10-2020. Since the petition was defective on account of delay in filing the petition, the Commission notified the licensee of the fact vide letter dated 14-10-2020. The licensee filed the petition for Condonation of delay vide letter dated 20-10-2020.
3. The Commission observes that, there is a delay of 10 months in filing the petition. It is noted that, the licensee is working with limited staff and these staff are also handling the other operations of the park. The Commission after considering the matters relating to lock down is of the view that the delay can be condoned.

Orders of the Commission

4. After considering the matter in detail, the Commission hereby condones the delay in the filing and admits the petition on Truing up of Accounts for the financial year 2018-19 of the licensee for further processing. Notice to be issued to the petitioner accordingly.

Sd/-
Preman Dinaraj

Chairman

Approved for Issue

Sd/-
Secretary (i/c)