

**BEFORE THE HONB'LE KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION**

Petition No. OP 16/13

**In the Matter of: Petition for approving Estimate Rates for providing
metered supply to street light installations.**

**Petitioner : Kerala State Electricity Board,
Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom,
Thiruvananthapuram**

Respondent:

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at its office, KPFC Bhavan, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram

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THE PETITIONER SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING THAT:

1. The repair and maintenance of street lights installed on request of the Local Self Government (LSG) Institutions were carried out by KSEB as part of the composite tariff applicable to un-metered street light installations. Government, on examining various aspects involved like need for metering, timely execution of repair and maintenance etc., vide circulars No. 43742/DC3/2010/LSG dated 07-07-2010, No. 3055/DA3/2011/LSG dated 15-09-2011 and No. 67208/DA3/ 11/LSG dated 27-03-2012, had entrusted the Local Self Government Institutions for awarding the maintenance work through tendering process as per the Stores Purchase Rules. Metered supply has to be availed for such street light installations.
2. While adopting the Government circulars dated 07-07-2010 and 15-09-2011, Board vide B.O.(FM) (Gen) No. 1007/2012 (Plg.Com. 3515/98/11-12) dated 17-05-2012 of the Secretary undertook that KSEB will bear 50% of the expenses for the installation of the meter & metering equipments to those LSG Institutions which are willing to install the same within a period of 6 months from the date of B.O. to promote various LSGs to initiate the process of street light metering. The cost is proposed to be incurred by KSEB as part of DSM measures in the street lighting sector and thus automatic street light controller is also made part of the proposed metering systems. The cost of meter is not included in the estimates and it is proposed to charge meter rent from each metered connection.

3. Subsequently, vide B.O. (FM) (Gen) No. 1947/2012 (Comml.II/Streetlight/12-13) dated 19-10-2012 of the Secretary, Board had accorded sanction to extend the time for availing the benefit of 50% concession on estimate cost for availing metered supply of electricity for street lights up to 31-03-2013.
4. In the above circumstances, Board has submitted a request before the Hon. Commission for approving estimate rates for providing metered supply of street light installations vide Letter No. KSEB/TRAC/Street light/R2/2012/78 dated 30-01-2013 of the Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff).
5. Now, vide letter No. 78/C.Engg/ER/2012/KSERC/313 dated 12-03-2013 of the Secretary, KSERC has instructed to resubmit the request for approval of the estimate rates for providing metered supply of street light installations as a petition along with a filing fee of Rs. 10,000/- as per KSERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2003.
6. Recently, on 12-03-2013, vide circular No. 65529/DC3/12/LSG dated 12-03-2013, Government have directed all the LSG Institutions to install metered street lights with automatic facility by utilizing the technical support from KSEB and remitting necessary amount.
7. Accordingly, the estimates prepared for providing metered supply to street light installations is submitted for favour of approval of the Honb'le Commission.

PRAYER

Considering the facts submitted above and to be submitted at the time of hearing, it is prayed that the estimates prepared and submitted for providing metered supply to street light installations, may kindly be approved.

Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff)