

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present : Shri T K Jose, Chairman
Shri B Pradeep, Member
Adv. A.J Wilson, Member

OP No:19/2023

In the matter of : Petition seeking to purchase Green (Renewable Energy) units from KSEB Ltd.

Petitioner : M/s TATA Consultancy Services Ltd

Respondents : 1. Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd (KSEB Ltd)
2. Electronics Technology Parks- Kerala Park Centre, Technopark Campus Thiruvananthapuram
3. KINESCO Power and Utilities Pvt Ltd

Order dated 21.11.2023

1. M/s TATA Consultancy Services Ltd (hereinafter referred as petitioner), filed a petition dated 10.02.2023 before the Commission with the following prayers;
 - “1. *Purchase green energy from Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd.*
 2. *Including tariff for green power in Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission Order.*”
2. The summary of the petition filed by the petitioner is given below;
 - (1) M/s TATA Consultancy Services Ltd submitted that they had two major offices in Kerala, one in Infopark Kochi and another in Technopark, Trivandrum.
 - (2) At present, 15% of their total consumption is met from green power from their own solar plants installed at their premise. However, they target to meet their entire consumption from green power by 2025.
 - (3) M/s TATA Consultancy Services Ltd further submitted that with the objective of sustainability and environment conservation, they voluntarily expressed their interest to purchase energy from KSEBL at the ‘green tariff’ to be determined by the Commission.
3. In the meanwhile, M/s Airports Authority of India and State Bank of India also requested before the Commission to determine the Green Energy Tariff for meeting their electricity demand by purchasing RE power from the KSEB Ltd.
4. The Commission admitted the petition as OP No.19/2023. Considering the request of M/s TATA Consultancy Services Ltd, M/s Airports Authority of India

and State Bank of India, the Commission had decided to determine the Green tariff along with the petition OP No.18/2023 filed by M/s KSEB Ltd for the “Determination of Retail Supply of Electricity by KSEB Ltd with effect from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2027”. The Commission also directed M/s KSEB Ltd to submit necessary proposal for “Approval of Green Tariff along with the tariff revision process initiated by the Commission”.

5. In compliance of the direction of the Commission, KSEB Ltd vide the additional submission dated 28.04.2023 has submitted the proposal for the determination of the Green Tariff for the consumers, who are voluntarily intended to purchase green energy from KSEB Ltd for meeting their electricity requirement, full or partially from the Renewable Energy with the objective of sustainability and environmental consideration.
6. The Commission has uploaded the additional submission filed by KSEB Ltd at the website of the Commission for the information of the stakeholders and also issued notice for inviting comments of stakeholders and interested parties on the Green Tariff proposal of M/s KSEB Ltd.

Hearing on the petition

7. The Commission had conducted the public hearing on the petition along with the tariff petition filed by M/s KSEB Ltd at the following places across the State of Kerala during the month of May, 2023;

SL No:	Date and Time	Venue
1	08.05.2023, 11:00 AM	Nalanda Auditorium, Kozhikode
2	09.05.2023, 11:00 AM	Jilla Panchayath Hall, Palakkad
3	10.05.2023, 11:00 AM	Cochin Municipal Corporation, North Town Hall, Ernakulam
4	15.05.2023, 11:00 AM	Institution of Engineers Hall, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram

8. M/s TATA Consultancy Services Ltd has presented their detailed comments on the public hearing held at Thiruvananthapuram on 15.05.2023.

Analysis and Decision of the Commission

9. The Commission had duly examined the petition filed by the petitioner, the proposal of M/s KSEB Ltd, comments of many stakeholders including M/s Carborundum Universal Limited, Shri Sivaramakrishnan, President, Kerala Renewable Energy Entrepreneurs and Promoters Association (KREEPA), Shri Nair Nandakumar.P, Carborundum Universal Limited, M/s KINESCO Power and Utilities Private Limited (KPUPL), KSEB Officers Association and KSEBEA, on the proposal of KSEB Ltd for the determination of Green Tariff.
10. The Commission after examining the petition filed M/s TATA Consultancy Services Ltd, the proposal of KSEB Ltd for the approval of Green Tariff before the Commission and suggestions of various stakeholders, the Commission had determined the Green Tariff @ ₹0.77/unit over and above the normal tariff,

which is applicable to the consumers who intend to purchase Green power from distribution licensees in the State for meeting fully/partially the electricity demand from Green Energy sources.

The Commission also clarified in the said Order that the Green Tariff approved as above is applicable to all consumers who intended to avail green power from KSEB Ltd and other licensees in the State.

Further the Commission also clarified that other licensees, who purchase power from KSEBL at the Bulk Supply Tariff approved by the Commission shall collect the green tariff from the consumers and remit the same promptly along with the BST to KSEBL on monthly basis.

The details of the determination of the Green Tariff is discussed in detail under paragraphs 3.160 to 3.181 of the Order dated 31.10.2023 in petition OP No. 18/2023.

11. The Commission had determined the retail tariff of electricity consumers in the State including the Green Tariff vide the Tariff Order dated 31.10.2023 in petition OP No. 18/2023 and also published the same in the official gazette on 02.11.2023.

Since Commission has already addressed the prayers of the petitioner in the instant petition in OP No. 19/2023 for determination of Green Tariff in the Tariff Order dated 31.10.2023 in petition OP No. 18/2023, there is no need to further determine the Green tariff in the instant petition OP No.19/2023. Hence, the Commission has decided to close the instant petition OP No. 19/2023 as decided in the Tariff Order dated 31.10.2023 in petition OP No.18/2023.

The petition OP No.19/2023 disposed of. Ordered accordingly.

**Sd/-
T K Jose
Chairman**

**Sd/-
Adv. A J Wilson
Member**

**Sd/-
B Pradeep
Member**

Approved for issue

**Sd/-
C R Satheesh Chandran
Secretary**