

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LIMITED

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ABSTRACT

Relief in fixed charge applicable to Industrial / Commercial consumers and Private Hospitals and allowing installment facility for domestic consumers for the month of March, April and May-2020–sanction accorded –orders issued

CORPORATE OFFICE (Planning)

B.O. (FTD) No. 363 /2020 (KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic – Tariff Concession/2020-21)

dated,Tvpm30.05.2020

- Read: 1. B.O. (FTD) No.320 /2020 (KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic –Tariff Concession / 2020-21) dated 11.05.2020.
 - 2. B.O. (FTD) No.323 /2020 (KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic –Tariff Concession / 2020-21) dated 12.05.2020.
 - 3. Note No. KSEB/TRAC-D/Covid Pandemic Tariff Concession/2020-21 dated 29.05.2020 of the Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer (Agenda item No. 92/5/20)

ORDER

KSEB Ltd, as per order read as 1st above, has accorded sanction to authorize the Chief Engineer (IT&CR) to make necessary modification in the billing software for LT consumers and for HT & EHT consumers to provide an option to the Industrial and Commercial Consumers for the deferred payment of fixed charges for the months of March, April and May - 2020 up to 15.12.2020, by levying an interest rate of 12% on deferred fixed charges till 15.12.2020.

Later, Board as per order read as (2) above has accorded sanction to extend the options already granted to Industrial and Commercial consumers in the State to Private Hospitals also, as per the directions of State Government.

The Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Kerala during the daily press conference on 22.05.2020 announced that directions were issued to KSEB Ltd. to provide relief in fixed charges for the periods of lockdown and waiver of interest for the deferred fixed charges.

The Hon'ble Minister for Electricity, Government of Kerala in the meeting held on 28.05.2020 reviewed the exemption /relief already granted to various categories of consumers to combat Covid-19 pandemic and considered further reliefs to be extended in view of the Chief Minister's directions.

Having considered directions of Hon'ble Chief Minister, it was decided in the meeting to waive 25% of the fixed charge applicable to Industrial/Commercial consumers and Private Hospitals for the months of March, April and May-2020 and to defer the payment of balance fixed charge (75%) up to December-2020, without levying interest.

The meeting also noted the hardship being faced by domestic consumers due to higher than normal bills received during the lockdown period. This is due to high consumption owing to

gathering of the family members at their home during the lockdown period. The Hon'ble Minister also instructed to examine all the complaints in detail in this regard. Having considered the difficulties in paying the amount in lump sum, the meeting decided to provide an option to remit half of the bill amount at first and to allow two installments for the balance amount. It was also decided that Govt. will instruct the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission to grant approval on the reliefs provided to Industrial/Commercial consumers and Private hospitals.

In light of the direction of the Government as above, the Deputy Chief Engineer (Commercial & Planning) with full powers of Chief Engineer as per note read as (3) above has recommended to pass on the relief to the consumer, in anticipation of a favorable order from KSERC and to make suitable modification in the LT and HT & EHT billing software.

Having considered the matter in detail, the Full Time Directors in it's meeting held on 30.05.2020, resolved to accord sanction to authorize the Chief Engineer (IT&CR)

- 1. To make necessary modification in the billing software for LT consumers and for HT &EHT consumers to allow a rebate of 25% on fixed charge applicable to Industrial/Commercial consumers and Private Hospitals for the months of March, April and May-2020 and to defer the payment of balance fixed charge (75%) of these months, up to 15.12.2020, without levying interest during the deferred period.
- 2. To make necessary modification in the billing software to provide the above rebates to monthly billed consumers in the bills to be issued in July 2020 and for bi-monthly billed consumers, in the bills to be issued in the months of July and August- 2020. Similarly, interest paid/accrued against deferred fixed charges of these months shall be waived by providing credit in subsequent bills.
- 3. To make necessary modification in the 'billing software for LT consumers,' to provide an option to domestic consumers based on their written request to remit at least half of the bill amount in the bills issued in the months of April, May and June-2020 before 15.06.2020 or due date of the bill, whichever is later, and to allow two equal installments for the balance amount in subsequent monthly/bi-monthly bills, without collecting application fees for processing the written request.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of Full Time Directors
Sd/Lekha.G
Company Secretary -in -charge

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• Sr. CA to Secretary (Admn.)/Company Secretary

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Assistant Expediive Engineer