BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION BENGALURU

Order Dated: 02.02.2024

Present:

Sri P. Ravi Kumar - Chairman

Sri M.D. Ravi - Member

In the matter of: Collection of Supervision Charges for Self-Execution Works-reg.

Preamble:

A Technical Working Group for the revision of the prevailing Common Schedule of Rates across all Govt. Departments of Karnataka was formed vide GO No. PWD 86 RDF 2022 dated 13.02.2023. During the meeting of this group, discussions were held that the existing collection of supervision charges at 10% on the cost of the estimate for self-execution works in the jurisdiction of Distribution Licensees and KPTCL are on higher side and has recommended for collection of supervision charges at 5% on the cost of the estimate. Based on the recommendations, a Government Order has been issued publishing the Common Schedule of Rates 2023-24 applicable to all the Govt. Departments. In this regard, the Commission has received requests from the ESCOMs seeking clarification regarding collection of Supervision Charges at 5% of the cost of the estimate for self-execution works, as per the published Common Schedule of Rates 2023-24.

The Commission notes that, in the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka(CoS) and KERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity), Regulations, 2004 (RoE) and other regulations relating to supply of electricity, it is specified that for self-execution works, the consumer/applicant has to pay supervision charges at 10% of the estimated cost excluding employees cost and MSD (Meter Security Deposit) subject to a maximum of Rs.15 lakhs. In view of this, the Commission has decided to approve collection of 5% supervision charges on the cost of the estimate for self-execution works, duly invoking the provision contained under the clause 46.00 of the CoS, for removal of difficulties. Hence, the following order:

The Commission hereby orders that for self-execution works, the consumer/applicant shall pay to the Licensee, supervision charges at 5% of the estimated cost of the work subject to a maximum of Rs. 15 lakhs, instead of 10% of the estimated cost excluding employees cost and MSD (Meter Security Deposit) subject to a maximum of Rs.15 lakhs as specified in CoS, RoE and other Regulations relating to supply of electricity, with immediate effect. Accordingly, the office is directed to propose necessary amendments to relevant clauses of the Regulations, duly following the procedure.

This Order is signed and issued by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission at Bengaluru, and the order is effective from the date of this order.

> Sd/-(Sri. P. Ravi Kumar) Chairman

Sd/-(Sri. M.D. Ravi) Member