

To,
The Secretary,
TG ERC (Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission)
Subject: Objections regarding the notification received via email for the reduction of Tariff under PM-KUSUM Component-A.
Sir/Madam,

I am a farmer under the PM-KUSUM Component-A scheme. I have received a notification via email regarding a proposal to reduce the tariff. In response to that notice, I am registering my objections as follows:

1. Assurance of Fixed Tariff: Prior to signing the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), during the farmer awareness meetings, officials from TG REDCO and the DISCOMs collectively assured all farmers that the tariff rate would remain fixed at ₹3.13 per unit for a period of 25 years. The officials also distributed pamphlets to the farmers confirming the same.
2. No Change in GST Rate: The GST rate on the day the tariff was finalized was 5%, and even today, the GST rate remains at 5%. Since there is no change in the GST rate, it has no bearing on our tariff, and therefore, the tariff should not be altered.
3. Increase in Overall Project Costs: GST is only a minor component of the total project expenditure. Meanwhile, all other construction and development costs have significantly increased. Based on these escalated costs, we have secured bank loans by estimating the project cost for a 2 MW plant at ₹7.7 crores to ₹7.9 crores. We humbly request the Honorable Members of the Commission to take this actual expenditure into consideration.
4. Exclusion of Land Value: The value of our own land was not factored into the project cost while determining the tariff. We request the benevolent Commission to consider the land value and direct the DISCOMs to increase our tariff rate accordingly.
5. Legal Precedents Against Tariff Reduction: The Supreme Court, various High Courts, and other State ERCs have previously rejected proposals for retrospective tariff reductions. Therefore, on behalf of all the participating farmers, we pray that instead of reducing the tariff, the rate should be increased to support and protect us.

Sir, we, the PM-KUSUM farmers, are proud partners in our Honorable Prime Minister’s vision for India's Green Energy Development, as well as active contributors to our Honorable Chief Minister’s Net-Zero emission development goals for our state. Therefore, we earnestly request you to protect our interests by not reducing the tariff.

Yours faithfully,
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