



**TELANGANA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Singareni Bhavan, Red Hills, Lakdi-ka-pul, Hyderabad 500 004

I. A. No. 3 of 2024  
in  
O. P. No. 79 of 2022

Dated: 15.03.2024

**Present**

Sri. T. Sriranga Rao, Chairman  
Sri. M. D. Manohar Raju, Member Technical  
Sri. Bandaru Krishnaiah, Member Finance

Between:

Cooperative Electricity Supply Society Limited,  
Sircilla, Rajanna Sircilla District – 505 301.

.... Applicant.

AND

-Nil-

.... Respondent.

The application having stood over for consideration to this day, the Commission passed the following:

**ORDER**

The Cooperative Electricity Supply Society Limited (CESS) (applicant) has filed an application under section 94 (2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act, 2003) for continuation of bulk purchase costs and retail tariff for the year 2024-25 upon expiry of the subsisting order on 31.03.2024.

2. The applicant has stated in the application as below:

- a. The applicant stated that Retail Supply Tariff (RST) order dated 24.03.2023 passed on RST and Cross Subsidy Surcharge (CSS) for FY 2023-24 in O. P. No. 79 of 2022 is being implemented in the supply areas of applicant and it is applicable with effect from 01.04.2023 to 31.03.2024.

- b) As per notified MYT Regulation, 2023 being Regulation No. 2 of 2023 notified on 30.12.2023, which is effective from 01.04.2024, the applicant is required to file aggregate revenue requirement (ARR), CSS and tariff proposals for retail supply business (RSB) for 5<sup>th</sup> control period from FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 by 31.01.2024.
- c. The applicant has begun the process of collection of additional information required for preparation of ARR and tariff proposals for RSB for FY 2024-25 and ARR for the 5<sup>th</sup> control period as per Regulation No. 2 of 2023.
- d. A letter was addressed to the Commission on 30.01.2024 for grant additional 3 months' time for filing of ARR and tariff proposals for RSB for FY 2024-25 and ARR for the 5<sup>th</sup> control period.
- e. Further, the state government has also implemented 'Gruha Jyothi Scheme' in the state of Telangana to provide free electricity to eligible domestic consumers and accordingly issued a government order vide G. O. Ms. No. 7 Energy (Power) Department dated 26.02.2024. Each household covered under this scheme will be eligible for free electricity of up to 200 units of domestic consumption per month for one service connection. All the eligible consumers are receiving zero bills from the month of March 2024.
- f. The applicant being exempted licensee stated that it is in the process of finalizing the ARR, tariff proposals, CSS proposals for RSB as per new Regulation No. 2 of 2023 and would require additional time to file the same before the Commission.
- g. It is stated that the RST order dated 24.03.2023 for RSB, CSS determined by the Commission in O. P. No. 79 of 2022 is applicable up to 31.03.2024. Hence, the applicant would pray that the Commission may be pleased to pass orders that:
- (i) The existing RST, CSS of FY 2023-24 in O. P. No. 79 of 2022 shall continue from 01.04.2024 and
  - (b) The applicant shall issue zero bills for all the eligible consumers of Gruha Jyothi Scheme.

3. The Commission has notified the Multi Year Tariff Regulation in Regulation No 2 of 2023 providing for determination of tariff in respect of generation, transmission, SLDC activity, wheeling and retail supply. In accordance with the aforementioned Regulation No. 2 of 2023, the applicant is required to file MYT petition for ARR and filing for proposed tariff (FPT) for FY 2024-25 for RSB and bulk purchase tariff for 5<sup>th</sup> control period being FY 2024-25 to FY 2028-29 by 31.01.2024.

4. The applicant has requested for further time of 3 months for submission of ARR and tariff proposals for FY 2024-25 and the bulk purchase MYT proposals for 5<sup>th</sup> control period. The Commission has not agreed to the request of the applicant for additional time and directed it to comply with the provisions of Regulation No. 2 of 2023.

5. In view of non-filing of petition for determination of ARR and tariff for FY 2024-25 by applicant, the Commission has sought the views of the applicant in its letter dated 12.03.2024 on the course of action that is being considered by the applicant when the tariffs / charges would cease to be applicable after 31.03.2024.

6. The applicant has filed interlocutory application seeking orders that the existing RST and bulk purchase tariff of FY 2023-24 as determined in O. P. No. 79 of 2022 shall continue from 01.04.2024 and it shall issue zero bills for all the eligible consumers of Gruha Jyothi Scheme.

7. The Commission has examined and considered the application of applicant in respect of continuation of the existing bulk purchase tariff of FY 2023-24 in O. P. No. 79 of 2022 from 01.04.2024. The Commission is of the view that the bulk purchase tariff has to be made applicable until the applicant files a regular petition. Therefore, the present interlocutory application to the extent of continuation of the existing bulk purchase tariff for FY 2023-24 as determined in O. P. No. 79 of 2022 from 01.04.2024 is being considered for passing appropriate orders.

8. It may be appropriate at this stage to state that an order is passed on ad-interim measure subject to the final disposal of the application along with the regular petition. The same can be passed to meet the ends of justice for the present.

9. It is relevant to state here that this Commission is empowered to pass necessary interim orders in appropriate cases under section 94 (2) of the Act, 2003. In this regard the relevant provision is extracted below:

“94. Powers of Appropriate Commission:

(1) .....

(2) The Appropriate Commission shall have the powers to pass such interim order in any proceeding, hearing or matter before the Appropriate Commission, as that Commission may consider appropriate.

(3) .....

10. In the present circumstances, this Commission deems it appropriate to pass an interim order in this application on an ad-interim measure that the existing bulk purchase tariff of FY 2023-24 is applicable from 01.04.2024 till an order is passed by the Commission.

11. Accordingly, the existing bulk purchase tariff of FY 2023-24 as decided in O. P. No. 79 of 2022 by order dated 24.03.2023 is made applicable from 01.04.2024 pending disposal of this application finally. The applicant is directed to file the regular petition for determination of tariffs for FY 2024-25 immediately.

***This order is corrected and signed on this the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.***

<b>Sd/-</b> (BANDARU KRISHNAIAH) MEMBER	<b>Sd/-</b> (M.D.MANO HAR RAJU) MEMBER	<b>Sd/-</b> (T. SRIRANAGA RAO) CHAIRMAN
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