

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present : **Sri. Preman Dinaraj, Chairman**
Adv. A J. Wilson, Member (Law)

In the matter of Designating the State Agency to undertake functions of accreditation and recommending the renewable energy projects for registration and to undertake functions under KSERC (Renewable Energy and Net Metering) Regulations, 2020.

ORDER

No. 1328/D(T)/2020/KSERC/

dated 05.03.2021

1. In exercise of powers conferred under Regulation 5 (1) of the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) Regulations, 2010, the Commission designated the Agency for Non conventional Energy and Rural Technology (ANERT), Thiruvananthapuram to undertake the functions as the State Agency envisaged under the regulations for the year 2010-11 vide order No 1429/CT/KSERC/State Agency/2010 dated 3.12.2010. The Commission, thereafter, extended the period of designation of ANERT as the State Agency; up to 30.9.2017 vide its different orders.
2. The Commission vide the notification 609/D(T)/2018/KSERC dated 07.02.2020 notified the comprehensive Regulation on Renewable Energy, namely KSERC (Renewable Energy and Net Metering) Regulations, 2020, which is published in the official Gazette on 5th June 2020 (herein after referred as RE Regulations, 2020. Regulation 2(1) (bp) of the RE Regulation defines the State Agency as extracted below.

“(bp) ‘State Agency’ means the agency in the State of Kerala designated by the Commission to act as the agency for accrediting and recommending the renewable energy system for registration and for undertaking the functions assigned by the Commission under these Regulations;”.

3. The Regulation 9 of the RE Regulations, 2020, specifies the functions of the State Agency, which is extracted below.

“9. State Agency and its functions. –

(1) A State Agency for accreditation and recommending the renewable energy projects for registration and for undertaking the functions under these Regulations shall be designated by the Commission.

(2) The State Agency shall function in accordance with the directions issued by the Commission and the procedures and Regulations specified by the Central Agency under the REC Regulations.

(3) The State Agency shall submit quarterly reports to the Commission in respect of compliance of renewable purchase obligation by the obligated entities in the format as approved by the Commission and may suggest to the Commission, appropriate action if any required, for the compliance of the renewable purchase obligation by the obligated entity.

(4) The Commission may from time to time fix the remuneration and charges payable to the State Agency for the discharge of its functions under these Regulations.

(5) If the Commission is satisfied that the State Agency is not able to discharge its functions efficiently, it may by order with reasons in writing, designate any other agency to function as the State Agency."

4. M/s ANERT vide the letters dated 15.07.2020 and 17.08.2020, communicated their willingness to continue to function as the State Agency as per the provisions of the RE Regulations, 2020, and requested that, considering the experience and expertise of ANERT in RPO monitoring and other matters of renewable energy, ANERT may be designated as State Agency for RPO monitoring and allot the required funds for carrying out the functions.
5. The Commission examined the provisions of the RE Regulations, 2020 regarding the designation of State Agency for carrying out the functions specified under Regulation 9 of the RE Regulations, 2020, and also the willingness of ANERT to function as State Agency as per the provisions of the RE Regulations, 2020, hereby orders the following.
- (1) In exercise of the powers conferred under Regulation 2(1)(bp) and Regulation 9 of the KSERC (Renewable Energy and Net Metering) Regulations, 2020, the Commission hereby designate the Agency for Non conventional Energy and Rural Technology (ANERT), Thiruvananthapuram to undertake the function as the State Agency as envisaged in the KSERC (Renewable Energy and Net Metering) Regulations, 2020.
- (2) The Commission may, in consultation with ANERT, separately fix the remuneration and charges payable to the State Agency for the discharge of functions under the KSERC (Renewable Energy and Net Metering) Regulations, 2020

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Adv A J Wilson
Member (Law)

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Preman Dinaraj
Chairman

Approved for issue



C R Satheeshchandran
Secretary (i/c)

