

No. B/04/16/2640

**KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
BENGALURU-560001**

Dated : 20th February, 2017

Present:

Shri M.K. Shankaralinge Gowda	..	Chairman
Shri H.D. Arun Kumar	..	Member
Shri D.B. Manival Raju	..	Member

**Order on the application filed by the BESCO
to amend its Tariff Petition dated 30.11.2016**

- 1) The application dated 16.02.2017 for amendment of the Tariff Petition filed by the BESCO proposes amendments to the Tariff Petition in respect of the following matters :
 - (a) Creation of additional slabs in respect of LT-2a (i) and (ii) and revising the tariff suggested in the Tariff Petition;
 - (b) Concessional tariff for street lights using LED bulbs and higher tariff for street lights not using LED bulbs; and
 - (c) Increasing the demand charges and reduction in energy charges in respect of all the HT installations.
- 2) After filing the application for amendment, the BESCO had published a Notification in the 'Times of India' newspaper dated 17.02.2017, stating the gist of the proposed amendments.
- 3) The Public Hearing on the BESCO's Tariff Petition was scheduled on 20.02.2017. During the Public Hearing, some of the stakeholders opposed the application for the proposed amendments to the BESCO's Tariff Petition, mainly on the ground that, sufficient time was not available for filing detailed objections on the proposed amendments, as the same was published on 17.02.2017.

Order dated 20.02.2017 on amendments to Tariff Petition dated 30.11.2016 of BESCO.

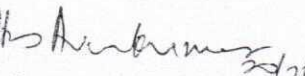
- 4) On consideration of the submissions of the stakeholders and the nature of the proposed amendments, we are inclined to allow the application for the proposed amendments to the BESCO's Tariff Petition, for the following reasons :
- (a) The merits of the proposed amendments need not be considered at this stage;
- (b) The proposed amendments cannot be said to be irrelevant. The BESCO is at liberty to propose the tariff structure as it deems necessary;
- (c) The stakeholders are entitled to file their objections on the proposed amendments.
- 5) Hence, the following :

ORDER

The BESCO shall publish the summary of the amendment application in the newspapers as required under the KERC (Tariff) Regulations, 2000, inviting the interested persons to file their objections and documents, thereon, within 30 (thirty) days from the date of publication of the amendment application.

20.2.17

 (M.K. SHANKARALINGE GOWDA)
 CHAIRMAN

20/2/17

 (H.D. ARUN KUMAR)
 MEMBER

20/02/17

 (D.B. MANIVAL RAJU)
 MEMBER