

**BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,
No. 16 C-1, Miller Tank Bed Area, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru- 560 052.**

Dated: 31.07.2023

Present

Shri P. Ravi Kumar .. **Chairman**
Shri H.M. Manjunatha .. **Member (Legal)**
Shri M.D. Ravi .. **Member**

In the matter of implementation of Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) facilities - Reg.

Preamble:

The Commission in para no. 7(d) of its Order dated 01.02.2023 in OP No.11/2021 in Perla Hydro Power Private Limited and others versus KPTCL and another had decided the following:

"Further, the accounting and billing shall be done based on AMR data with effect from 01.04.2023, failing which the Commission would be constrained to initiate action under law."

The Commission has conducted meetings on 08.03.2023 and 20.03.2023 with KPTCL/SLDC, ESCOMs and generators in the State to discuss the issues and to review the status of implementation of AMR metering facilities in the State.

Accordingly, the Commission in its Order dated 28.03.2023 had held as under:

"The AMR compatible meters need to be installed and all the generators and consumers should have AMR facility for data communication. However, considering the submission and request made by the stakeholders, the Commission hereby decides to extend the time for installation of AMR meters to all the HT/EHT consumers and generators upto 1st of August, 2023 as against 1st April, 2023 as held in Order dated 01.02.2023 in OP No.11/2021. Non-compliance of this direction of the Commission by 01.08.2023 would be penalized. Wherever AMR compatible meters are installed, the bills for such transactions should be automated from 1st April, 2023, without waiting for extended date and manual intervention for reading the data shall be avoided in such cases."


The Commission, in order to monitor the status of implementation of Automatic meter reading facilities, has conducted a meeting with KPTCL, SLDC and ESCOMs on 27.07.2023. During the meeting, the SLDC submitted that out of the 575 Bulk meters, 418 bulk meters have been integrated with AMR facilities and balance 157 meters are yet to be integrated as on date. SLDC also submitted that out of 986 generators only 167 generators have installed AMR meters. In the meeting, all the ESCOMs informed the Commission regarding number of total HT consumers and out of that the number of HT consumers provided with AMR meters with communication facilities. Accordingly, all the ESCOMs requested the Commission to extend the time for implementation of Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) facilities by two to three months. The Commission showed displeasure with regards to poor progress in implementation of the AMR facilities by the ESCOMs in their area of supply. However, keeping in view the status of implementation of AMR facilities and the request made by the ESCOMs, the Commission decided to extend the time upto 30.09.2023. Hence, the following order:

ORDER

The Commission hereby decides to further extend the time for installation of AMR meters including communication facilities to all the OA/HT/EHT consumers, generator-transmission interface points (Bulk meters) and generators upto 30th of September, 2023. The Commission further directs that wherever AMR compatible meters are already installed, the bills for such transactions should be automated without waiting for extended date and manual intervention for reading the data shall be completely stopped in such cases. In case of non-compliance of the Order, the Commission would initiate action under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

**This Order is signed and issued by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission
on this 31st day of July, 2023.**


(P. RAVI KUMAR)
Chairman


(H.M. MANJUNATHA)
Member (Legal)


(M.D. RAVI)
Member