BEFORE THE KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BENGALURU

Order Dated: 20.10.2022

Present:

Sri P. Ravi Kumar - Chairman
Sri H.M. Manjunatha - Member
Sri M.D. Ravi - Member

In the matter of: Arranging temporary power supply for construction purpose.

Preamble:

The Commission has been receiving complaints from the consumers that the ESCOMs are not extending temporary power supply for construction purpose beyond two years and are insisting on availing fresh temporary connection for the period beyond two years, along with payment of fresh Advance Power Consumption Charges (ACC). Though the ACC paid by them in the beginning for availing temporary connection is adequate, the ESCOMs are demanding payment of fresh ACC again. This has caused lot of inconvenience to the consumers, as they have to approach the ESCOM offices frequently, in order to obtain fresh sanction for the temporary power supply, besides payment of ACC once again, which is avoidable.

The Commission notes that the temporary power supply is arranged as per the procedure in clause 12.00 of Conditions of Supply (CoS). Clause 12.04 Note (a) of CoS provides that if the temporary power supply is required for more than two years, the Consumer has to take fresh sanction. The Commission is of the view that the two years time limit for temporary power connection may not be necessary and the consumer could be permitted to avail the same without restricting the sanction to a specific period. In view of this, the Commission has decided to do away with restriction of two years period for temporary power supply duly invoking the provision contained under the clause 46.00 of the CoS, for removal of difficulties. Hence, the following order:
ORDER

The Commission hereby orders that the tenure of two years’ period specified in Clause 12.04 Note (a) of Condition of Supply (CoS) for temporary power supply is deleted with immediate effect and the consumers are hereby permitted to avail temporary power supply as per their requirement. The office is directed to propose necessary amendments to CoS accordingly duly following the procedure.

This Order is signed and issued by the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission at Bengaluru, this day, the 20th day of October, 2022.

Sri. P. Ravi Kumar
Chairman

Sri. H.M. Manjunatha
Member

Sri. M.D. Ravl
Member