KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

Present : Shri T K Jose, Chairman
Shri B Pradeep, Member

OP No: 29/2026

In the matter of	:	Petition under Regulation 78 of the KSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2021, for Short term power purchase arrangements through DEEP portal as per MoP guidelines, for meeting the power deficit during peak hours of 15th June 2026 to 31st December 2026, excluding for the month of September2026
Petitioner	:	Kerala State Electricity Board Ltd
KSEBL represented by	:	Adv. Ajit Joy, Shri. Shaju M A, CE (Commercial and tariff) Smt. Latha. S.V Executive Engineer, TRAC
Respondents	:	1) M/s Manikaran Power Limited 2) Jindal Power Limited 3) Shree Cement Limited 4) PTC India Limited
Date of hearing	:	24.06.2026
Venue	:	Court Hall of the Commission

Order dated 29.06.2026

1. Kerala State Electricity Board Limited (KSEBL) filed a petition on 16.06.2026 before the Commission with the prayer to;

   "Grant approval for Short term power Procurement arrangement with various generators (M/s Manikaran Power Limited, Jindal Power Limited, Shree cement Limited and PTC India Limited) through DEEP portal as per MoP guidelines, for meeting the power deficit during peak hours of 15thJune 2026 to 31st December 2026 ,excluding for the month of September2026

2. The summary of the petition filed by KSEBL is given below.

   (1) The 'Core Committee' meeting of KSEBL held on 27.04.2026 assessed the anticipated power deficit during the water year 2026-27. Considering

the expected peak-hour deficit from 15.06.2026 onwards, the Committee has decided to initiate the short term power procurement through DEEP portal for the period from 15.06.2026 to 31.12.2026.

KSEBL also submitted that, medium term tender for the procurement of 300MW power during peak hours (18:00 hrs to 24:00 hrs) for a period of five years with commencement of supply from January 2027 was already floated.

(2) Accordingly, to manage the power deficit from 15th June 2026 to 31st December 2026, KSEBL has floated tender on 07.05.2026 for power procurement on short term basis for meeting the power shortage during peak hours '18:30 hrs to 24:00 hrs' during 15th June 2026 to 30th September 2026 and '17:00 hrs to 22:00 hrs' during 1st October 2026 to 31st December 2026, as per MoP guidelines in the DEEP Portal. The requisition details are given below;

Table – 1
Requirements assessed and approved by the Core committee

Requisition No	Period		Required quantity (MW)	Duration (hrs)	Minimum Bid quantity MW
	From	To			
1	15.06.2026	30.06.2026	400	18.30 Hrs to 24.00Hrs	25
2	01.07.2026	31.07.2026	300	18.30 Hrs to 24.00Hrs	25
3	01.08.2026	31.08.2026	400	18.30 Hrs to 24.00Hrs	25
4	01.09.2026	30.09.2026	400	18.30 Hrs to 24.00Hrs	25
5	01.10.2026	31.10.2026	500	17.00 Hrs to 22.00Hrs	25
6	01.11.2026	30.11.2026	500	17.00 Hrs to 22.00Hrs	25
7	01.12.2026	31.12.2026	500	17.00 Hrs to 22.00Hrs	25

(3) Time lines specified for processing the tender was as follows;

Table-2
Time lines specified for the bid

Sl No	Event	Date
1	Publication of RfP/Activation of Event	07.05.2026
2	Last date for submission of queries if any	12.05.2026
3	Reply of queries	13.05.2026
4	Submission of RfP (on line digitally signed non financial Technical Bid and IPOs)	19.05.2026 02.00 pm
5	Opening of non financial technical Bids	19.05.2026 03.00 pm
6	Clarification, if any, sought from Bidder(s)	20.05.2026
7	Evaluation of nonfinancial technical Bids	21.05.2026
8	Opening of IPOs (upto 13.00 hrs)	22.05.2026:11.00am to 01.00 pm
9	S tart of e-RA	22.05.2026:01.00 pm to 03.00 pm

(4) Technical bids were opened on 19.05.2026 at 03:00 pm. Twelve (12) bidders submitted the bids. All the bidders have accepted the terms and conditions of the RfP dated 07.05.2026 floated by KSEBL. Original BG against the required EMD was also received. Hence, all bids were accepted and qualified for e-Reverse auction.

The Initial Price Offers submitted by the bidders were opened on 22.05.2026 at 11:00am, followed by e-Reverse Auction (e-RA) at 1:00pm. The e-RA concluded at 16:40 Hrs.

The validity of the short-term bid is only for 20days from the date of non-financial bid due date i.e only up to 08.06.2026.

(5) Standing committee constituted vide the B.O dated 11.04.2016, for evaluating all short term power procurement through DEEP portal appraised the proposals in detail. Standing committee observed that, participation for supplying RTC power was excellent, however the response for peak power procurement was very poor.

Committee has also observed that, the rates quoted by the bidders for the tender was on the higher side. The monsoon is expected to be below average during the year 2026-27. KSEBL also has to return substantial quantum of power during the monsoon months of the year 2026-27, which was availed during the previous summer months.

The standing committee recommended to conduct negotiations with the lowest bidder.

(6) The observations and recommendations of the Standing Committee were deliberated in detail at the Core Committee meeting held on 26.05.2026, and the Core Committee also concurred with the recommendations of the Standing Committee. Accordingly, Core Committee also recommended the procurement of the quantum of power offered by the bidders on monthly basis within the month wise bid quantum, at the negotiated rates.

(7) Accordingly, the L1 bidders were requested to revise their offers to more competitive rates. Further the following bidders, recommended by the Committee for the respective months were requested to match the revised L1 rate. The final rates received from the bidders are furnished below.

Month & Duration	Bidder	Offered Quantum	e-RA Rate (Rs/Unit)	Revised rate (Rs/Unit)
01.07.2026 to 31.07.2026 (18.30 to 24.00Hrs)	Manikaran Power Limited	25	10.99	9.99
	Jindal Power Limited	50	10.99	9.99
	Jindal Power Limited	75	10.99	9.99
	Manikaran Power Limited	60	9.93	9.93

01.08.2026 to 31.08.2026 (18.30 to 24.00Hrs)	Jindal Power Limited	75	9.93	9.93
	Jindal Power Limited	50	9.93	9.93
	Shree Cement Limited	75	9.94	9.93
	Shree Cement Limited	50	9.94	9.93
01.10.2026 to 31.10.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	PTC India Limited	150	9.07	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	238	9.07	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	112	9.07	8.89
01.11.2026 to 30.11.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	PTC India Limited	150	9.02	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	238	9.02	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	112	9.02	8.89
01.12.2026 to 31.12.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	PTC India Limited	150	9.02	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	238	9.02	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	112	9.02	8.89

(8) The proposal was placed before the Full Time Directors in their meeting held on 08.06.2026. After detailed deliberations, the Full Time Directors approved the procurement of short-term power at the revised negotiated rates for the respective months, except for the month of September 2026, and accorded sanction for filing a petition before the Commission seeking approval. Full Time directors also directed to issue provisional Letter of Awards (LoA) to the successful bidders subject to the approval of the Commission.

(9) KSEBL submitted that, the instant petition is for seeking approval of the Commission to grant approval for the short term power procurement through DEEP portal as per MoP guidelines, for meeting the power deficit during peak hours of 15th June 2026 to 31st December 2026, excluding the month of September 2026.

3. Commission admitted the petition as OP No. 29/2026, and considering the urgency, scheduled to hear the petition on 24.06.2026. Further, Commission along with the hearing notice has directed KSEBL to submit the following additional details for processing the petition.

(1) Month wise financial impact of the proposed power procurement including its impact on tariff.

(2) Detailed appraisal of the LGB, with supporting details on the projections of power from CGS, IPPs, Wind, Solar etc and rationale adopted for the same.

(3) Detailed appraisal of the LGB in energy terms for all time blocks.

(4) Instead of submitting the LGB on block wise, LGB shall be submitted on time blockwise, at least on 30 minutes duration.

(5) Efforts taken to reduce the peak demand with the support of consumers through awareness program including DSM program.

4. Hearing on the petition was conducted at the Court Hall of the Commission on 24.06.2026. Adv. Ajit Joy presented the matter on behalf of the petitioner KSEBL, along with Shri. Shaju M A, Chief Engineer, Smt. Latha S.V, Executive Engineer and Shri Shine Raj, Assistant Executive Engineer. The officers of the Commercial Wing of KSEBL were also present during the hearing. Representatives of the traders/ generators appeared through online mode. Summary of the deliberations during the hearing is given below.

(1) KSEBL during the hearing submitted that,

(i) South West monsoon is yet to be active in the State. Storage position in the reservoirs as on date is 21% only, compared to the storage position of 60.93% during least year.

(ii) Availability of power in the market is also very limited. The rate during non-solar hours is generally Rs 10/unit on all week days. Further, KSEBL has to return huge quantum, which was availed during last summer through banking transactions with the condition to return the same during the period from 16th June to September during current water year.

(iii) KSEBL expected to have a power shortage of 400MW (18:30-24:00hrs) in June 2026, 300MW (18:30-24:00hrs) in July 2026, 400MW (18:30-24:00hrs) in August 2026, 400MW(18:30-24:00hrs) in September- 2026 and 500MW(17:00-22:00hrs) each in the months of October, November, December- 2026.

(iv) Core Committee of KSEBL in its meeting held on 27.04.2026, decided to initiate short term power procurement through DEEP portal for the period from 15.06.2026 to 31.12.2026. Tender for short term power procurement was floated through DEEP portal on 07.05.2026 as per the guidelines notified by the Ministry of Power, GoI. The technical bids were opened on 19.05.2026 at 03:00PM. 12 bidders submitted the bids. The Initial Price Offers were opened on 22.05.2026 at 11:00AM, followed by e-RA at 01:00 PM and concluded on 16:40hrs. The details of the quantum offered, rates and recommendations of the standing committee held on 23.05.2026 and Core Committee held on 25.06.2026 are given in detail in the original petition.

(v) Core Committee meeting held on 25.06.2026 proposed to procure 150MW in July-2026, 310MW in August-2026, 500MW in October-2026, 500MW in November- 2026, 500MW in months of December 2026 from among the successful bidders as detailed in the petition. The core committee also recommended not to proceed with the offer received in September-2026, since the discovered rates through the tender is on higher side. Further, the Core Committee also recommended that negotiations may also be conducted with lowest bidders.

(vi) Accordingly, KSEB Ltd has decided the following power purchase from July-2026 to December- 2026, after L1 matching and negotiations from the bidders, as detailed in the original petition.

(vii) KSEBL requested before the Commission to grant approval for the short term power purchase, arranged through the DEEP as detailed in the original petition.

(viii) KSEBL further submitted that they had taken steps to reduce peak power demand through demand side management programs through social media campaign and other measures.

(2) Representatives of the respondents M/s Manikaran Power Limited and M/s Jindal Power Limited attended the hearing through on line mode. Duly considering the failure of monsoon and increase in peak demand in the State, Commission during the hearing has directed the respondents to clarify whether they can increase the quantum of power with the reduced rate or atleast at the same rate.

The respondents clarified that, they shall look into the possibility of increasing the quantum offered after discussing the same with the generators. The respondents requested two days time for submitting the same.

(3) Based on the deliberations during the hearing, Commission has directed KSEBL to submit the following;

(i) Out of the power procurement from four BESS projects approved by the Commission, three projects are scheduled to commission during the months of September-2026 and October-2026.

Out of it, 500MW Soar plant with 250MW for 2 hours during peak hours was arranged through SECI from outside the State. KSEBL has signed the PSA with SECI on 12.09.2024. As per the PPA signed between SECI and the developers, 24 months was allowed for the construction and the scheduled commissioning was scheduled for 27.09.2026. Commission approved the power procurement vide its Order dated 17.01.2025

KSEBL submitted that, the project is getting delayed by 9 months to one year citing connectivity issues, but they could not submit the reasons for the same. Further, even though SECI is a PSU under the MoP, GoI, KSEBLhas failed to take up the matter of delay with the SECI and Central Government in time.

Commission also noted that, the scheduled commissioning of the ongoing BESS project at Mylatti (125 MW with 500 MWh peak power) was on 16.10.2026. Commission has approved the project on 31.07.2025. However, reportedly this project is also getting delayed.

Four BESS projects with the total capacity of 125MW/ 500MWh, which was originally scheduled for commissioning on 15.10.2026 is also getting delayed.

Considering the importance of timely commissioning of these projects and to monitor its progress, Commission has directed KSEBL to nominate officers for each project for monitoring its progress.

(ii) Commission also directed KSEBL to submit the action plan for the Demand Side Management programs including the quantitative assessment of the reduction in peak demand through these initiatives.

(iii) Commission has also noted that, even after repeated directions, KSEBL has not submitted the details of the Load Generation Balance with details of the demand projections, supply availability including the estimate of the power and energy availability from various sources and the time block wise details of the power and energy shortages.

(iv) Likely monthly financial liability of the proposed power purchase through DEEP portal.

(v) A road map for establishing pumped storage power plants, for meeting the anticipated peak power shortage on a long term basis.

5. In response to the direction of the Commission vide the hearing notice dated 18.06.2026, and also based on the directions given during the hearing of the petition held on 24.06.2026, KSEBL vide the letter dated 25.06.2026 submitted the additional details before the Commission for processing the petition.

Analysis and Decision

6. Commission has examined in detail the petition filed by KSEBL dated 16.06.2026, seeking approval for entering into short-term power purchase for meeting the power deficit during peak hours of 15th June 2026 to 31st December 2026, excluding the month of September 2026, through DEEP portal, as per the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and KSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2021 and decided as follows.

7. As per the Section 86(1)(b) of the Electricity At, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003), regulating power purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured through agreements and supply within the State, is one of the statutory functions of the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions. The relevant Section of the Electricity Act, 2003 is extracted below.

"86 Functions of the State Commission.- (1) The State Commission shall discharge the following functions, namely:-
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(b) regulate electricity purchase and procurement process of distribution licensees including the price at which electricity shall be procured from the generating companies or licensees or from other sources through agreements for purchase of power for distribution and supply within the State;".

8. The Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Section 61 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 notified the KSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2021 (hereinafter referred as Tariff Regulations 2021). The Regulation 78 of the Tariff Regulations 2021, deals with 'Short-term power procurement'. The relevant Regulation is extracted below.

"78. Short-term power procurement.–

(1) The distribution business/ licensee may, if it considers necessary undertake additional short-term power procurement to overcome any short-term deficiency in power requirement during the financial year, as per the short term power procurement plan approved by the Commission, in accordance with this Regulation.

(2) Where there has been an anticipated shortfall or failure in the supply of electricity from any approved source of supply during the financial year, the distribution business/ licensee may enter into an agreement for additional short-term procurement of power: Provided that, if the total power purchase cost for any quarter including such shortterm power procurement exceeds by five percent the power purchase cost approved by the Commission for the respective quarter, the distribution business/ licensee shall have to obtain approval of the Commission by filing a petition.

(3) The distribution business/ licensee may enter into a short-term power procurement agreement or arrangement under the following circumstances subject to the ceiling tariff approved by the Commission for this purpose: -

(i) where the distribution business/ licensee is able to source new short-term source of supply from which power can be procured at a tariff that reduces its approved total power procurement cost;

(ii) when faced with emergency conditions that threaten the stability of the distribution system or when formally directed to do so by the State Load Despatch Centre to prevent grid failure;

(iii) where the tariff for power procured under such agreement or arrangement is in accordance with the guidelines for short-term procurement of power by distribution licensees through tariff-based bidding process issued by the Central Government;

(iv) when there is a contingency situation and power purchase price is within the ceiling price as prescribed by the Commission in the distribution licensee's ARR&ERC;

(v) procurement of short-term power through power-exchange; and

(vi) Procurement by way of exchange of energy under 'banking' transactions:

Provided that prior approval of the Commission and the ceiling rate; shall not be applicable to the short term purchases under clause (ii).

Provided further that prior approval of the Commission is not required for short term purchases under clause (v) above, so long as the average rate is within the ceiling rate.

(4) The Commission may stipulate the ceiling quantum and ceiling rate for purchase of power from short-term sources.

(5) As far as practicable, approval for all power purchases must be sought in advance. Where it is not practicable due to any contingency situation, the distribution licensee shall within fifteen days from the date of entering into an agreement or arrangement for short-term power procurement shall file a petition for approval of the Commission by filing full details of such agreement or arrangement, including quantum, tariff calculations, duration, supplier details, method for supplier selection, circumstances necessitating such a purchase and such other details as the Commission may require to assess that the conditions specified in this Regulation have been complied with:

Provided that where the Commission has reasonable grounds to believe that the agreement or arrangement entered into by the distribution business/ licensee does not meet the criteria specified in this Regulation, the Commission may disallow all such transactions from the annual revenue requirements, the net increase in the cost of power on account of such procurement apart from any other action that the Commission may initiate as per law against the distribution licensee."

9. The Ministry of Power, Government of India, under the provisions of Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003, notified the *'Guidelines for short-term (i.e. for a period of more than one day to one year) Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees through Tariff based bidding process'* vide the notification dated 30.03.2016.

10. The Commission has appraised the petition filed by KSEBL in detail as per the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, Tariff Regulations, 2021 and also as per the provisions of the guidelines notified by the Ministry of Power, GoI dated 30.03.2016, and noted the following.

    (i) As extracted under paragraph 8 above, as per the Regulation 78 of the Tariff Regulations, 2021, KSEB Ltd can undertake additional short-term power procurement during the financial year, over and above the power procurement plan approved by the Commission to meet its increase in electricity demand.

    (ii) KSEBL has taken the initiatives of the proposed short term power purchase on 27.04.2026, much before the onset of monsoon during the current water year, which was then expected to commence from 1st June 2026 onwards. KSEBL has floated the tender through DEEP portal on 07.05.2026. Technical bid was opened on 19.05.2026. Financial bids was opened on 22.05.2026, followed by e-RA on the same day.

    (iii) Standing Committee for evaluation of the bids of KSEBL, in its meeting held on 22.05.2026 has certified that the bidding process including evaluation was done as per the bidding guidelines notified by the MoP, GoI, and forwarded their recommendations to the Core Committee for further action.

    (iv) Core committee of KSEBL in its meeting held on 26.05.2026 has also recommended the proposed power procurement.

(v) Subsequently, KSEBL has issued Letter of Awards (LoAs) to the successful bidders with the approval of the Full Time Directors on 08.06.2026.

(vi) KSEBL had filed the instant petition for adoption of tariff on 16.06.2026, i.e, 8 days after the issuance of the LoA to the successful bidders.

11. Commission noted with displeasure that, there is substantial delay in filing the petition for adoption of tariff after completion of the bidding process as per Section 63 of the EA-2003. Though the LoA was issued to the successful bidders on 08.06.2026, the instant petition was filed before the Commission on 16.06.2026. Considering the urgency of the approval for the power purchase, which is to be commence from 1st July 2026, Commission has issued hearing notice 18.06.2026, and scheduled urgent hearing on 24.04.2026.

12. Commission further noted that, Load Generation Balance (LGB) statement, including the estimate of the demand projection, appraisal of the supply availability, estimate of the energy and power shortage are very essential information for the appraisal of any petition for short term power purchase. However, KSEBL has failed to submit these essential details along with the petition.

KSEBL also has not submitted the month wise financial liability on the proposed power purchase at excessive rates.

13. However, subsequently, after the hearing, KSEBL has submitted the LGB and other details sought by the Commission on 25.06.2026. Detailed appraisal of the LGB and other details is given bellow.

14. As directed by the Commission, KSEBL had submitted the 15 minutes time block wise, monthly Load Generation Balance for the period from July-2026 to December-2026. Commission noted the following discrepancies in the LGB submitted by KSEBL.

(1) *Demand projection in MW and MU is simply based on the moving averages of the past demand met by KSEBL. However, the demand response of each categories of consumers over the years has not appraised in detail while projecting the electricity demand.*

KSEBL has initiated the proposed short term power purchase plan on 27.04.2026. At that point of time, the failure of the monsoon from June-2026 and the continuation of the humid climate prevailing in the State is not known.

*Further, it is not known from the details submitted by KSEBL that, whether KSEBL has appraised the likely increase in demand especially during Non-solar hours due to the failure/delay in active monsoon in the State in the month of June 2026, and the impact of '*El Niño' factor, if any, on the monsoon in the State and consequent increase in electricity demand.

(2) KSEBL has not submitted the details of the estimate of the hydel availability from each station. Without appraisal of the station wise hydel generation of each plants including the storage plants and run off the river plants separately, Commission could not ascertain the correctness of the estimate of the hydel generation by KSEBL.

(3) As per the LGB submitted by KSEBL, the power availability from CGS was 1369MW and energy availability is about 32 MU/day only for all the months from July-2026 to December-2026. But since October 2025 onwards, an average of 1650MW and about 41 MU /day is available from CGS. The reasons for the reduction in power and energy availability from CGS also not furnished by KSEBL.

(4) Electricity is available in the market at cheaper rates during solar hours. Further, during winter seasons in the northern States, from November onwards, electricity is available in the market at comparatively less rates except during few peak hours. However, KSEBL has not submitted the proposals for time block wise power purchase from power exchanges and other short term avenues in the LGB prepared by KSEBL.

(5) KSEBL has not submitted the proposals for the electricity to be arranged through banking transactions during the year 2026-27.

It is a fact that, the electricity demand pattern of the Northern and Western States are different from the electricity demand pattern of the Southern States. Hence, KSEBL shall explore the possibility of banking transactions with the power utilities in the Northern and Western States and shall make advantage of the substantial time gap between the peak demand of the Northern/ Western States and Southern states in the Country.

KSEBL may take appropriate power procurement strategy and management, to avail electricity through banking during peak hours and return the same during off-peak hours/ RTC basis, during this financial year and in the coming summer months through mutual discussions and negotiations.

15. Commission further noted that, a substantial part of the peak demand shortage projected by KSEBL for the coming months, especially from October-2026 can be met through the ongoing BESS projects. Details are given below.

(1) Commission vide the Order dated 31.07.2025 has approved the 125MW/ 500MWh BESS project through SECI at Myalatti substation of KSEBL at Kasargod. KSEBL signed the PSA with SECI on 10.04.2025. Early date of Commissioning as per the PSA was on 16.04.2026. KSEBL has not considered the power availability from this project in the LGB.

(2) Commission vide the Order dated 06.08.2025 has approved the BESS project at four substation of KSEBL at Mulleria, Sreekantapuram, Areakode and Pothencode, with a total capacity of ‘125MW/500 MWh’, through NHPC. KSEBL has signed PSA with NHPC on 14.07.2025. As per the original schedule, the scheduled date of commissioning was on 15.10.2026. KSEBL has not considered the peak power availability from this BESS project also while preparing the LGB.

(3) Commission vide the Order dated 17.01.2025 has approved the procurement of 500MW with 250MW Solar Power for 2 hours peak power through SECI amounting to 500MWh. KSEBL signed the PSA with SECI on 12.09.2024. As per the PSA, the scheduled date of commissioning was on 27.09.2026. However, the project is getting delayed considerably.

(4) The above three items put together is capable of providing 1500 MWh power during peak hours.

(5) Commission vide the Order dated 12.06.2026 in petition Op No. 16/2026 had approved the 250MW/ 500MWh BESS project at Brahmapuram substation of KSEBL, with NTPC Limited as the service provider. The scheduled date of commissioning of the project is on 07.09.2027.

If KSEBL could commission the ongoing two BESS projects, it will add 250MW amounting to 1000MWh peak power for four hours to the State grid. Hence, KSEBL Management shall take sincere efforts and follow up to ensure the commissioning of the two BESS projects implementing in the State, which is under the control of KSEBL.

The weekly progress report of all three projects along with time stamped photographs shall be published regularly on the website of KSEBL. The name and designation of officers responsible for monitoring the projects as provided by KSEBL is as follows.

(1) Sri. Sivadas. S, Executive Engineer, 125MW/ 500 MWh BESS at Mylatti.
(2) Sri. Babu Prajith K.P, Dy.CE, Transmission, Kannur, for 40MW/ 160MWh BESS at Sreekantapuram.
(3) Sri. Deepu Chandran, AEE, for 15MW/60MWh BESS at Mulleria.
(4) Sri. Bijumon M.A, Dy.CE, Transmission, Malappuram, for 30MW/ 120MWh BESS at Areacode.
(5) Sri. Manoj, Dy.CE, Transmission, Thiruvananthapuram, for 40 MW/ 160MWh BESS project at Pothencode.

Further, KSEBL shall also follow up with SECI to rectify the delay in commissioning of the 500MW Solar Power with 250MW for 2 hour peak power, and ensure commissioning as per the original schedule of commissioning on 27.09.2026 . SECI is a ‘Navaratna CPSU’ under MNRE, GoI, and hence KSEBL through the State Government can take up the matter of delay with the Central Government and explore getting power from alternate sources at the same rate during the period of delay. Sri. Shibu K Joseph, Dy.CE, Commercial, of KSEBL shall be the nodal officer to ensure timely availability of power from the project, as submitted by KSEBL.

16. Commission also examined efforts taken by KSEBL to reduce the peak demand with the support of the consumers through awareness program and DSM initiatives. KSEBL submitted that, it published the DSM awareness videos and advisories through various media plat forms requesting consumers to minimize non essential electricity consumption during peak hours, particularly between 18:30 hrs and 24:00 hrs.

But in reality, most of the so called DSM efforts taken by KSEBL is not reaching the vast majority of the ordinary consumers of the State. Though KSEBL is claiming to have published such messages through the social media platforms, probably the algorithms of these platforms is not properly leveraged by KSEBL to reach the majority of the intended recipients.

In this matter, attention of the KSEBL is invited to the directives 7.23 '(5), (6), (7), (9) and (10)' of the Order dated 21.05.2026 in the matter of approval of Truing Up accounts of KSEBL. The licensee shall scrupulously comply with the directives and submit the action taken report within the time limit specified therein.

17. The likely financial commitment on the proposed power procurement through DEEP portal from July 2026 to December 2026 is given below.

Financial commitment of the proposed power purchase by KSEBL through DEEP portal

Month	Duration	Number of Hours (Hrs)	Offered Quantum (MW)	Energy	Revised rate	Cost
				(MU)	(Rs/Unit)	(Rs.CR)
Jul-26	01.07.2026 to 31.07.2026 (18.30 to 24.00Hrs)	05:30	25	4.26	9.99	4.26
		05:30	50	8.53	9.99	8.52
		05:30	75	12.79	9.99	12.77
	Total		150	25.58		25.55
Aug-26	01.08.2026 to 31.08.2026 (18.30 to 24.00Hrs)	05:30	60	10.23	9.93	10.16
		05:30	75	12.79	9.93	12.70
		05:30	50	8.53	9.93	8.47
		05:30	75	12.79	9.93	12.70
		05:30	50	8.53	9.93	8.47
	Total		310	52.86		52.49
Oct-26	01.10.2026 to 31.10.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	05:00	150	23.25	8.89	20.67
		05:00	238	36.89	8.89	32.80
		05:00	112	17.36	8.89	15.43
	Total		500	77.50		68.90
Nov-26	01.11.2026 to 30.11.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	05:00	150	22.50	8.89	20.00
		05:00	238	35.70	8.89	31.74
		05:00	112	16.80	8.89	14.94

	Total		500	75.00		66.68
Dec-26	01.12.2026 to 31.12.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	05:00	150	23.25	8.89	20.67
		05:00	238	36.89	8.89	32.80
		05:00	112	17.36	8.89	15.43
	Total			77.50		68.90
	Grand Total			308.43	9.16	282.50

As above, the total financial commitment involved in the proposal is Rs 282.50 crore for procuring a small quantum of 308.43MU at an average rate of Rs 9.16/unit.

18. As per the details submitted by KSEBL, the standing committee for evaluation of the bids in its meeting held on 22.05.206 certified that, the bidding process including the evaluation of bids was done through the DEEP portal as per the bidding guidelines notified by MoP, GoI for short term power procurement dated 30.03.2016. The Core committee of KSEBL also recommended the proposed power procurement, and the FTD also approved the same in its meeting held on 08.06.2026.

19. Commission noted with concern, the excessive rate of short term power purchase arranged through DEEP portal for the period from July 2026 to December 2026 as detailed in paragraph 17 above. The total financial commitment involved in the proposal is Rs 282.50 crore for the procurement of 308.43MU at the average cost of power purchase @ Rs 9.16/unit. It may be noted that, the average rate of power purchase approved vide the MYT Order dated 25.06.2022 for the FY 2026-27 is Rs 4.64/unit only. The huge quantum of power purchase at the excessive rates will affect the financials of KSEBL and ultimately end up in liquidity problems unless such cost is passed on to the consumers through tariff. **Hence, KSEBL shall place such power purchase at excessive rate before the next Director Board meeting and explore strategies to minimize impact on retail tariff.**

KSEBL shall also inform the details of such monthly short term power purchase including the high cost power purchase through Exchanges including DAM, RTM, DAC, TAM and LDC, before the State Government also to minimize impact on tariff of consumers.

20. Electricity consumers of the State has the right to get the information on the efforts taken by KSEBL to tide over the present power crisis in the State. Further, all the financial commitment incurred by KSEBL for the power purchase including the short term power purchase at high cost shall be borne by the consumers through tariff.

Considering the importance of this, KSEBL shall publish the details of the short term power purchase including the power purchase from Exchanges including DAM, RTM, DAC, TAM, LDC and other sources, including quantum, rate and total financial commitment incurred on daily basis in the website of KSEBL, on the next day on continuous basis for the information of all stakeholders.

Further, KSEBL also shall publish the time block wise demand, availability from each source with rates, cost incurred for the power purchase also at its web site. Such details shall also include the peak power purchase, night off-peak power purchase, and day time power purchase (including quantum, total amount and rate) on daily basis.

21. Commission also noted that, there is wide spread criticism against KSEBL for the unscheduled load shedding imposed in the State at present without advance information to the electricity consumers of the State. If there is genuine shortage in availability of electricity during peak hours even after taking all possible efforts to meet the demand at reasonable cost, KSEBL may impose load shedding on cyclic basis to the minimum extent to ensure system stability, but only after informing the electricity consumers through 'SMS, print and visual media, social plat forms and other appropriate means', at least one hour before implementation of such load shedding. KSEBL shall have a clear protocol and implementation plan including information dissemination for imposing cyclic load during such emergencies.

22. Though there is discrepancies in the LGB prepared by KSEBL, considering the significant anticipated shortage during peak hours, and also considering the urgency and time limit for commencing electricity supply with effect from 01.07.2026, Commission hereby approve the following short term power purchase arrangements through DEEP portal.

Adoption of tariff and approval of short term power purchase through DEEP portal for the months of July to December 2026 (except September 2026)

Month & Duration	Trader/ generator	Offered Quantum	Rrate (Rs/Unit)
01.07.2026 to 31.07.2026 (18.30 to 24.00Hrs)	Manikaran Power Limited	25	9.99
	Jindal Power Limited	50	9.99
	Jindal Power Limited	75	9.99
01.08.2026 to 31.08.2026 (18.30 to 24.00Hrs)	Manikaran Power Limited	60	9.93
	Jindal Power Limited	75	9.93
	Jindal Power Limited	50	9.93
	Shree Cement Limited	75	9.93
	Shree Cement Limited	50	9.93
01.10.2026 to 31.10.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	PTC India Limited	150	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	238	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	112	8.89
01.11.2026 to 30.11.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	PTC India Limited	150	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	238	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	112	8.89
01.12.2026 to 31.12.2026 (17.00 to 22.00Hrs)	PTC India Limited	150	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	238	8.89
	Manikaran Power Limited	112	8.89

23. During the active phase of South-West / North-East Monsoon, demand crash shall be managed by KSEBL through all possible efforts to reduce the quantum of scheduling of power contracted through DEEP portal at high rates, or through

opportunistic inter-State sale/ banking so as to reduce the additional liability to KSEBL and its consumers.

Order of the Commission

24. Commission, after examining the petition filed by KSEBL dated 16.06.2026, seeking approval for entering into short-term power purchase for meeting the power deficit during peak hours of 15th June 2026 to 31st December 2026, excluding the month of September 2026, through DEEP portal, as per the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and KSERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2021, other relevant guidelines and procedures, hereby Orders the following;

(1) To adopt the tariff discovered by KSEBL in the tender floated on 07.05.2026, through DEEP Portal for the short-term power purchase for the months of July 2026 to December-2026 (except September-2026) as per the details in the **paragraph 22** above.

(2) Approve the proposals of short term power purchase for the months of July 2026 to December-2026 (except September-2026) as proposed by KSEBL under paragraph-22 above, with the observations and directions given under paragraphs 14 to 23 above.

(3) KSEBL shall submit the month wise details of the actual short term power purchase through DEEP portal and through exchanges separately by 5th of the succeeding months.

(4) KSEBL shall strictly comply with the observations and directions of the Commission as detailed in paragraphs 14 to 23 above, and submit a status of compliance within one month from the date of this Order.

The petition disposed of. Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-	Sd/-
T K Jose	**B. Pradeep**
Chairman	**Member**

Approved for issue

Sd/-
Rajendran K.V
Secretary