

**CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM
KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD- SOUTHERN REGION
VYDYUTHI BHAVANAM, KOTTARAKKARA**

Present: 1. Smt.Laila.N.G,Deputy Chief Engineer, Chairperson
2. Sri. Sanjeev Koshy,Executive Engineer, Member II
3. Sri.C.K.Harikumar,Advocate,Member III

Tuesday 05th December,2023

OP No.53/2023

Between

Petitioner: Sri. P.A. Augustine
Puthenparambil Vadakara.P.O,
Thalayolaparambu, Kottayam.

And

Respondents: (1) The Assistant Executive Engineer,
Electrical Sub Division, Kuruvilangadu.

(2) The Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Thalayolaparambu.

ORDER

1. Grievance of the petitioner

The petitioner is residing under the area of Electrical Section Thalayolaparambu and he is the registered owner of Con.No.1146503027286. Since the petitioner owns different properties and considering the huge monthly bill, he installed a solar unit in his premises connected with Con.No.1146503027286. As the petitioner was intimated by the licensee that upto 4 connections in same name can be clubbed together to adjust the excess power generated through the solar unit, accordingly the petitioner gave an application quoting Con.no.1155468011757 and 1146501031952 for adjusting excess power. When the petitioner began to receive energy bills for the two connections which was endorsed by him to adjust through the solar unit. The petitioner enquired about the same and the local office of the licensee informed the petitioner that adjustments will be done at the end of the year. As instructed by the local office of the licensee the petitioner gave details of all the service connections. On 1/4/2022, The petitioner received a notice which specifies 201 units were produced in excess through the solar unit. But it was not adjusted with

consumption against other two connections. On enquiry the petitioner understood that there is a failure on the part of concerned person in the local office of the licensee to make endorsement regarding other two service connection and due to that reason it is not feasible to adjust excess solar energy generated with other connections. The petitioner requests the Forum to issue necessary instruction to the licensee to solve the issue

2. Version of the respondent

The petitioner is a LT VIIA consumer bearing consumer no.1146503027286 under Electrical Section, Thalayolaparambu. The petitioner has installed a solar power plant of 8.8 KW capacity and have availed a grid connectivity with effect from 10.12.2021. Along with the application for grid connectivity, the petitioner has expressed his willingness to share the excess energy generated in the solar plants to Con.No.1155468011757 and 11465010319521. On verification it is came to know that Con.No.1155468011757 is situated under Electrical Section Ernakulam Central and the ownership of the connection belongs to the petitioner. It is further noticed that the Con.No.1146501031952 proposed by the petitioner for sharing excess energy not belongs to the petitioner. So sharing excess energy was not granted. The adjustments of the excess energy generated in the solar plant to the Con.No.1155468011757 under Electrical Section Ernakulam is under process and the same will be adjusted soon and the facts will be intimated to the petitioner.

Regulation 17 (1) of KSERC (Renewable energy and net metering) regulation 2020 reads:

“The presume shall have the right for wheeling the excess Electricity during a billing period to another premises owned by him within the area of supply of the distribution licensee. Hence it is clear that the premises to where the excess energy to be shared by the consumer who had installed the solar power plants. In other words both the consumer number should be owned by the same consumer.

3. Analysis and Findings

The Hearing of the case was conducted on 17.09.2023. Both the petitioner and respondent were present. After hearing the Grievance of the petitioner and version of the respondent the Forum directed the respondent to submit revised statement of facts. As per the revised statement of facts received the request from Sri.PA Augustine bearing Con.No.1146503027286 for sharing the

excess solar power generated to another Con.No.1155468011757 in favour of Sri.P.A Augustine is already approved by the licensee. The petitioner's request to share the excess solar power to another consumer number in the name of Sri.P.A Abraham can not be approved because as per the regulation 17 (1) of KSERC (Renewable energy and metering) regulation 2020, the solar energy can be shared only to the same consumer.

4. Decision

Considering above facts and circumstances of the case, the Forum does not observed any irregularities in the method adopted by the licensee for sharing the energy generated through the solar plant. The Forum orders as follows.

- 1) The licensee shall complete the formalities for sharing the energy generated through the solar plants bearing consumer No.1146503027286 with Con.No.1155468011757.
- 2) On request by the petitioner after observing the formalities licensee shall change the ownership of the Con.No.11146501031952 in favour of the petitioner and according shall approve the petitioner's request to share solar energy to this consumer number too .
- 3) No order as to cost.

If the petitioner is not satisfied with the above order of this Forum, he is at liberty to prefer appeal before the Electricity Ombudsman within 30 days from the date of receipt of this order.

The address of the Electricity Ombudsman is furnished below.

'The State Electricity Ombudsman, D.H & Foreshore Road Junction, Near Gandhi Square, Ernakulam, Kerala - 682 016. Phone: 0484 2346488'.

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(DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER)

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Dated : 05/12/2023

Delivered to: 1.Sri. PA. Augustine, R/o Puthenparambil Vadakara.P.O,
Thalayolaparambu, Kottayam.

2. The Assistant Executive Engineer, Electrical Sub Division,
Kuruvilangadu.
3. The Assistant Engineer, Electrical Section, Thalayolaparambu.

Copy to:

1. The Secretary, KSERC, KPFC Bhavanam, Vellayambalam,
Thiruvananthapuram.
2. The Deputy Chief Engineer, Electrical Circle, Kottayam.
3. The Executive Engineer, Electrical Division ,Vaikom.