



KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD Ltd
(Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956)
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ABSTRACT

Drawing of cables along electric poles of KSEBL - Pole rental charges - Expiry of existing period on 31.03.2026 - Rates for the further period of five years from 01.04.2026 - Sanctioned - Orders issued.

CORPORATE OFFICE (SBU-D)

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B.O. (FTD) No. /2026 (DD/AE6/2026/CTV/Agreement/
120502) Thiruvananthapuram.

Dated: **25.05.2026**

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- Read:
1. B.O.(FB)Genl. No.443/2012(DPCII/Asianet-2/2011) dated 25.02.2012.
 2. B.O.(FTD) No.2456/2014(LAII/Asianet/PLP 6639/13) dated 19.09.2014.
 3. G.O.(Ms) No.9/2021/POWER dated 26.02.2021.
 4. G.O.(Ms) No.11/2021/POWER dated 02.03.2021.
 5. B.O.(DB) No.514/2021(D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2021-22/0001) dated 05.07.2021.
 6. G.O.(Ms) No.14/2021/POWER dated 08.07.2021.
 7. B.O.(FTD) No.614/2021 (D(D&IT)/D5/Cable-Poles/2021-22/0001) dated 13.08.2021.
 8. Note No.KSEB/LA/DEO/232/2026-LA2 dated 24.02.2026 from the LA & DEO, KSEBL.
 9. FTD Note No.DD/AE6/2026/CTV/Agreement/120502 dated 07.03.2026 of the Director (Distribution & SCM).
 10. Judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WPC No.40017/2024 and connected cases.
 11. Note No.DD/AE6/2026/CTV/Agreement/120502 submitted to the Full Time Directors (Agenda No.01/01/05/26)
 12. Minutes of meeting of the Full Time Directors held on 06.05.2026 as per resolution No.FTD 01/05/26/01.

ORDER

The matter regarding renewal of agreements for drawing communication cables along electric poles of KSEBL and revision of pole rental charges for the period commencing from 01.04.2026 was placed before the Full Time Directors.

The Full Time Directors noted that the existing five-year agreements executed by KSEBL with Cable TV operators expired on 31.03.2026. The Hon'ble High Court of Kerala, in WPC No. 40017/2024 and connected cases, directed KSEBL to recover pole rental charges and one-time charges at the rates prescribed under the Right of Way Rules, 2024 with effect from 21.10.2021. KSEBL has preferred Writ Appeal against the judgment and the same is under consideration.

The Full Time Directors further observed that, in the absence of any stay order, continuation of the earlier rate structure may create further legal wrangles and result in continued revenue leakage due to non-renewal of agreements.

After detailed discussion, the Full Time Directors decided to adopt a course of compliance under protest, safeguarding the financial interests of KSEBL, pending final outcome of the Writ Appeal and inclusion of agreement provisions to that effect.

Having examined the matter in detail the Full Time Directors in the meeting held on 06.05.2026 passed the following resolutions.

- a. Resolved to comply with the judgment of the Hon'ble High Court of Kerala in WPC No.40017/2024 under protest and collect pole rental charges and one-time charges at the rates prescribed under the Right of Way Rules, 2024 with effect from 01.04.2026, on a strictly provisional basis pending outcome of the Writ Appeal.
- b. Further resolved to entrust the LA & DEO, KSEBL to draft the model agreement with a clear stipulation that the rates so collected are provisional, and that the differential charges with applicable interest shall be remitted by the operator within two weeks of the final decision, if rendered in favour of KSEB Ltd.
- c. Further resolved to engage a Senior Counsel for effective conduct of the Writ Appeal, including the issues of retrospective applicability and the legal interplay between the Telecommunications Act, 2023 and the Electricity Act, 2003.

Orders are issued accordingly.

By Order of the Full Time Directors

Sd/-
Lekha.G
Company Secretary

- To: 1. All Chief Engineers (Distribution).
2. The Secretary(Administration).
3. The Legal Adviser and Disciplinary Enquiry Officer.

Copy to:

The Company Secretary / Chief Engineer(IT,CR&CAPS) for publishing in the website/

Financial Advisor / Chief Engineer (Commercial & Tariff) /

LA&DEO / Chief Internal Auditor /Chief Vigilance Officer

The Chief Personnel Officer / Public Relations Officer

The TA to the Chairman & Managing Director

The TA to the Director (HRM, Sports, Welfare, Safety & Quality Assurance)

The TA to the Director (Generation-Electrical, REES & SOURA)

The TA to the Director (Transmission & System Operation)

The TA to the Director (Distribution & SCM)

The TA to the Director (Generation-Civil)

The PA to the Director (Finance)

The Sr.CA to the Secretary (Administration)

The RCAO/ RAO Stock File.

Forwarded / By Order

Assistant Engineer