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KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
6th & 7th Floor, Mahalakshmi Chambers, No. 9/2, M.G.Road, BANGALORE-560001

PRESS NOTE

COLLECTION OF OPERATION & MAINTENANCE CHARGES BY KPTCL

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation (KPTCL) has proposed to collect Operation & Maintenance charges (O & M Charges) from Independent Power producers (IPPs) and EHT Consumers for exclusive use of transmission lines and bays, at the rate of 1.5 % of the Capital cost with an annual escalation of 12%.

It is stated by KPTCL an amount of Rs.16.82 Crores is being incurred by them for maintaining dedicated transmission lines evacuating power from various generating units and to supply power to HT/EHT consumers together numbering about 300.

KPTCL has filed a petition seeking KERC's approval for collecting the above charges. Before deciding the matter, a public hearing was conducted to hear the IPPS and EHT consumers. The IPPS and EHT consumers have generally opposed the collection of O & M Charges. Many IPPs & Consumers have sought time for filing written submission. Thus the hearing was inconclusive. The IPPS & EHT Consumers have been granted 15 days time to file their written submission and KPTCL is directed to furnish response to such written submissions within 31st December 2014. The next public hearing is fixed on 8th of January 2015.

Pending a decision in the matter, KPTCL is directed not to disconnect the installations for non-payment of O & M Charges.

Secretary
KERC