

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

Sub: KWA-Jalanidhi Phase II – Partnership between KWA and KRWSA –Appropriation of water charges during trial run period –Sanctioned- Orders issued.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY

No. KWA/HO/SDC/821/12 Vol.III

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 26/11/2019.

- Ref: 1. Lr. No. KRWSA-PMU/3/2019C2(FIN) Dated 21-01-2019 from the Executive Director, KRWSA.
2. Resolution No. 10864 of the 409th meeting of Kerala Water Authority held on 17.05.2019
3. Minutes of the arbitration meeting chaired by the Secretary, Water Resource Department on 06.06.2019

ORDER

In association with KRWSA and Gram Panchayath , Kerala Water Authority is providing Bulk Water supply to the intended Panchayath wherever sufficient treated water is available with KWA or by constructing new production components under the financial assistance from KRWSA or GoK. In these schemes, scope of KWA is limited to the supply of agreed quantity of treated water at the bulk water point and in return GPs have to pay the bulk water charges based on the bulk water meter readings at the rates fixed by GoK. At present the rate of bulk water is Rs.6/kl. The Operation and maintenance of distribution system and water charge collection is the responsibility of GP or the user group. Necessary agreements were executed between KWA, KRWSA and GP in this regard. As of now KWA is providing bulk water to panchayaths from multi GP schemes or single GP schemes. During the operation and maintenance of the Bulk water system at Mala and adjoining Panchayaths, there arose disputes in bulk water charges and the following issues were addressed to KWA by KRWSA vide the letter under reference.

1. The Bulk water bills issued to all the GPs, till September has to be revised based on the average monthly Bulk Meter readings in the month of September, 2018.
2. Allowing 40% discount on the billed quantity in view of the transmission and distribution losses.
3. Full waiver of penalty for the late payment and interest thereon.
4. The cost of water consumed during the trial run of the scheme to be waived off.
5. The entire amount paid by all the GPs directly to KWA , in respect of street Taps shall be reconciled with the up to date Bulk Water Bills issued so far.

6. The quantity consumption of all KWA Consumers (10000Nos.) per month may be reduced @10kl for the bills raised during five months from August 2017 to December 2017.

As per the request from the Executive Director, Jalanidhi, issues including that related to billing in Mala Multi GP water supply schemes in Jalanidhi Project II, were placed before the KWA board referred (1) above for decision. As per the resolution passed by the KWA board the following issues raised by KRWSA were referred to the Secretary, Water Resources Department for taking a decision after evaluating the merits of the claims made by KRWSA.

1. Allow 40 % discount on the billed quantity in view of the transmission and distribution issues
2. The cost of water consumed during the trial run of the scheme shall be waived off.

In the arbitration meeting chaired by the Secretary, Water Resource Department [reference(2)], the above issues were evaluated and decided that water charges during trial period of Jalanidhi schemes availing bulk water from Water Authority are to be regulated as follows:

1. Wherever KWA is supplying bulk water for rehabilitation or new schemes covering multi GPs, the trial period for the scheme may extend from 3 to 6 months from the date of commencement of supply depending on the complexity of the scheme as this is a feature of very new RWSS. It is decided to appropriate the charges as follows:-
 - Charges due from 0-90 days to be borne by KWA as applicable for any new KWA scheme and accounted accordingly.
 - 91-180 days the charges be equally shared between KWA and water user group/Jalanidhi GP.

Hence sanction is here by accorded for the regulation of water charges during trial period on all Jalanidhi schemes availing bulk water from Water Authority as follows;

1. Wherever KWA is supplying bulk water for rehabilitation or new schemes covering multi GPs, the trial period for the scheme may extend from 3 to 6 months from the date of commencement of supply depending on the complexity of the scheme as this is a feature of very new RWSS. It is decided to appropriate the charges as follows:-
2. Charges due from 0-90 days to be borne by KWA as applicable for any new KWA scheme and accounted accordingly.
3. 91-180 days the charges be equally shared between KWA and water user group/Jalanidhi GP.

All officers shall ensure that the billing during trial period shall follow this regulated tariff structure.

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MANAGING DIRECTOR

To

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