

**KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

Present: **Shri. Preman Dinaraj, Chairman**  
**Shri. S. Venugopal, Member**  
**Shri. K. Vikraman Nair, Member**

**Petition No. OP 7/2017**

In the matter of : The requirement of 150 kVA, contract demand at 415 voltage, by paying low voltage supply surcharge.

Petitioner : Sri. E.A. Usman, Managing Partner, M/s National Plywood Industries, Rubber Park India (P) Limited.

Petitioner represented by : Sri. E.A. Usman, M/s National Plywood Industries Smt. Neenu Skaria, Chartered Engineer, IECC

Respondent : Rubber Park India (P) Limited

Respondent represented by : Anees T.M, Resident Engineer, RPIPL

**Daily Order dated 23.08.2017**

1. Shri. Usman, M/s National Plywood Industries ( herein after referred to as the petitioner), a consumer in the licensed area of M/s Rubber Park India (P) Ltd., has filed a petition before the Commission on 19.06.2017, with the prayer to permit the consumer to operate up to 150 kVA in LT by paying low voltage supply surcharge.
2. The commission admitted the petition as OP No. 7/2017 and conducted hearing on 16.8.2017 at court hall of the commission. Smt. Neenu Skaria, presented the petition on behalf of the petitioner. Sri. Anees T.M, Resident Engineer, presented the arguments on behalf of the respondent M/s Rubber Park India (P) Ltd.
3. The summary of the issues raised by the petitioner is given below.
  - (i) M/s National Plywood industries is an LT consumer of the licensee M/s Rubber Park India (P) Ltd, entered into an agreement with the licensee on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2010 for availing power with contract demand of 148.7 kVA. Accordingly, electricity has been availed by the consumer from the licensee since then.
  - (ii) However, the licensee M/s Rubber Park India (P) Ltd, citing the provisions of the Kerala Electricity Supply Code 2014, is now insisting for availing supply at HT level by installing a separate transformer. For availing supply at HT, the petitioner has to incur an additional investment of Rs 18.00 lakh.

(iii) The Commission vide the suo-motu tariff order dated 17.04.2017 had approved the low voltage surcharge in addition to the applicable tariff, for the consumers who avail supply at HT as per the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014, but availing supply at LT. The petitioner hence prayed to permit to continue availing supply at LT with contract demand upto 150kVA by paying low voltage surcharge.

4. The respondent M/s Rubber Park India (P) Ltd submitted that,

(i) The petitioner availed power connection in LT with a contract demand of 91 kVA in LT IV (A) industrial tariff on 16.06.2009. Subsequently, the petitioner applied for increasing the contract demand to 148kVA under LT. At that time connected load of a 500kVA unitized substation near to the consumer premises was only less than 100kVA and hence the petitioner was provisionally allowed to avail power with contract demand of 148kVA with a condition that once the prospective consumers approaches for point, M/s National Plywood Industries will be advised to avail HT Supply. This was done as a special case for reducing the losses from the unutilized transformer, which will ultimately reduce the overall distribution losses. Moreover, as an industrial developer, RPIL allowed the consumer to continue in LT to reduce their financial burden at the start up stage of operation.

(ii) At present the total connected load of the above unitized substation is 380kVA. Now, a prospective consumer is expected to take power connection with a contract demand of 100 kVA within 2 to 3 months. Further, two of the existing consumers also likely to enhance the contract demand. M/s Rubber Park India (P) Ltd had given notice the petitioner to avail supply at HT supply by installing their own transformer of adequate capacity or limit their contract demand within 100kVA to continue the power supply in low voltage.

5. The Commission observed that, the distribution licensees are bound to comply with the Electricity Act, 2003 and the regulations notified by the Commission consistent with the provisions of the Electricity Act-2003. The Commission directed the petitioner and the respondent to submit additional comments if any, latest by 29.08.2017.

Hearing concluded. Reserve for orders.

Sd/-  
**K. Vikraman Nair**  
Member

Sd/-  
**S. Venugopal**  
Member

Sd/-  
**Preman Dinaraj**  
Chairman

Approved for Issue

Sd/-  
**Santhosh Kumar. K.B**  
Secretary