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### REPRESENTATION No: P 138/10

Appellant : The Managing Director,  
Kerala Urban & Rural Development Finance Corporation Ltd,  
V Floor, Trans Towers,  
Vazhuthakkad, Thiruvananthapuram 695014

Respondent: Kerala State Electricity Board  
*Represented by*  
The Assistant Executive Engineer  
Electrical Sub Division, Puthenchantha,  
Thiruvananthapuram 695001

### ORDER

The Managing Director, Kerala Urban & Rural Development Finance Corporation Ltd, Thiruvananthapuram submitted a representation on 14.6.2010 seeking the following relief :

*Change the Tariff of the Head Office from LT VI C to LT VI B with retrospective effect from January 2008.*

Counter statements of the Respondent was obtained and hearing conducted on 15.9.2010. The Appellant is a Corporation under Kerala Government undertaking project financing to Local bodies. The loans are advanced to commercially viable projects after proper scrutiny. The over heads of the Corporation are met from the differential interest income and they do not depend on Government budgetary support. The head office of the Corporation was shifted to Thiruvananthapuram in 2007 from Kozhikode . The KSEB applied LT VI C tariff to the head office. The Appellant appealed against this to the KSEB officials as well as CGRF but the request was not granted. The representation with the pleas noted above is submitted to the under signed in the above back ground.

The Appellant argues that as per the tariff notification, the offices, institutions, Corporations and Boards under State Government are to come under LT VI B. The regional office at Kozhikode is still being billed under LT VI B. The Audit party had raised objections on paying current charges under incorrect tariff and hence wanted them to be put under LT VIB.

The Respondent stated that LT VI C is applicable for financial institutions. Motor vehicles department, sales tax department etc are billed under LT VI C and the consumer

involved in financial activities fits into this group. It was also informed that offices of KPFC , KFC etc are also billed under LT VI C.

On going through the tariff notification dated 27.11.2007 it is seen that the Government offices and institutions are generally grouped into two categories VI B and VI C . The offices and institutions like KWA, KSRTC, Motor Vehicles department , Sales Tax department ,Excise department and other tax/revenue collecting departments as well as Banks come under LT VI C. It is clear that the Government institutions which are expected to be commercially viable are to come under this category. The corporations such as KPFC , KFC etc should also come under this group. Hence it is evident that the Appellant Corporation, which can be rightly classified as a development finance company, also fits in to this group as stated by the Respondent.

As such I do not find any reason for interfering with the actions of the Respondent on the issue.

Orders:

Under the circum stances explained above and after carefully examining all the evidences, arguments and points furnished by the Appellant and Respondent on the matter, the representation is disposed off with the following orders:

1. *The arguments/claims/points raised by the Appellant in support of the reliefs sought for are devoid of merit and hence the reliefs are not allowed and the representation is dismissed*
2. *No order on costs.*

Dated this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of September 2010 ,

P.PARAMESWARAN  
Electricity Ombudsman

No P 138 /2010/ 653 / dated 18.9.2010

Forwarded to:

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2. The Assistant Executive Engineer  
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2. The Secretary ,KSE Board,  
VaidyuthiBhavanam ,Thiruvananthapuram 695004
3. The Chairman , CGRF,KSE Board , Kottarakkara

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