# IN THE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM

#### PRESENT

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE BECHU KURIAN THOMAS

TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020/10TH VAISAKHA, 1942

W.P(C) NO.9589 OF 2020

### PETITIONER:

M/S OCEAN WEALTH EXPORTS,
EP 9/92, 93,
KAKKATHURUTHU ROAD,
ERMALLOOR P.O, CHERTHALA,
ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT, PIN - 688 537,
REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING PARTNER

BY ADVS. ZIYAD RAHMAN LAL.K.JOSEPH

## RESPONDENTS:

- 1. KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD,
  VYDHYUDHIBHAVANAM, PATTOM,
  THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
  REPRESENTED BY ITS MANAGING DIRECTOR
- 2. THE DEPUTY CHIEF ENGINEER,
  KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD,
  ELECTRICAL CIRCLE, ALAPPUZHA,
  VYDHYDHIBHAVANAM, POWER HOUSE COMPOUND,
  ALAPPUZHA, PIN 688 007
- 3. THE ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
  KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD,
  ELECTRICAL SUB DIVISION,
  PATTANAKKAD, ALAPPUZHA DISTRICT

- 4. THE ASSISTANT ENGINEER,
  KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD.,
  ELECTRICAL SECTION, KUTHIYATHOD,
  ALAPUZHA
- 5. THE SPECIAL OFFICER (REVENUE),
  KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD LTD,
  VYDHYUDHIBHAVANAM, PATTAM,
  THIRUVANANTHAPURAM
- 6. THE KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY APPELLATE AUTHORITY, (CONSTITUTED UNDER SECTION 127 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT), CC 51/52, NEAR 110 KV SUB STATION, VYTTILA, KOCHI, PIN - 682 019

THIS WRIT PETITION HAVING COME UP FOR ADMISSION ON 30.04.2020, THE COURT ON THE SAME DAY DELIVERED THE FOLLOWING:

# **JUDGMENT**

Petitioner challenges Ext.P9 the final assessment order under Section 126 of the Kerala Electricity Act 2003, imposing an amount of Rs.1,03,71,066/-, as penal charges for unauthorized connected load.

2. Ext.P9 is an appealable order under Section 127 of the Electricity Act before the 6<sup>th</sup> respondent. Since Ext.P9 order is susceptible to appeal, I direct the petitioner to prefer an appeal before the 6<sup>th</sup> respondent within a period of one month from today after depositing the entire demand charges of Rs 32,11,045.90/-imposed under Ext.P9. Ext.P9 shall not be enforced for the period of one month, in any manner.

If the petitioner files the appeal within the period as mentioned above, unenforceability of Ext.P9 ordered as above will continue till the disposal of the said appeal. Needless to state, the Appellate Authority shall dispose of the appear after hearing all parties.

Sd/-

BECHU KURIAN THOMAS
JUDGE

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# **APPENDIX**

#### PETITIONER'S EXHIBITS :

EXHIBIT-P1: TRUE COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS

RB/2018/PROCEEDINGS-HT(APTS) DATED 26/03/2018

ISSUED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT.

EXHIBIT-P2: TRUE COPY OF THE JUDGMENT DATED 12.04.2018 IN

WP(C) 13116/2018.

EXHIBIT-P3: TRUE COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF APPEAL DATED

26.04.2018.

EXHIBIT-P4: TRUE COPY OF THE APPELLATE ORDER DATED

22.06.2018 IN APPEAL NO 102/2018.

EXHIBIT-P5: TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER BEARING NO

RB/2018/PROCEEDINGS-HT (APTS DATED 21.07.2018

IS PASSED BY THE 3RD RESPONDENT.

EXHIBIT-P6: TRUE COPY OF THE INTERIM ORDER DATED

2.08.2018 IN WP(C) 26047/2018.

EXHIBIT-P7: TRUE COPY OF THE MAHAZER DATED 26.10.2019.

EXHIBIT-P8: TRUE COPY OF THE OBJECTION DATED 17.02.2020.

EXHIBIT-P9: TRUE COPY OF THE ORDER BEARING NO DB/AEE/ESD-

PKD/OCEAN WEALTH-PROCEEDINGS/2019-20/137

DATED 10.03.2020 FOR AN AMOUNT OF RS

1,03,71,066/-.

EXHIBIT-P10: TRUE COPY OF THE APPROVAL VIDE ORDER NO.T1-

1016/15 EIA DATED 24.06.2016 FROM THE

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR, ALAPPUZHA

RESPONDENTS' EXHIBITS : NIL

// TRUE COPY//

P..S. TO JUDGE