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To,  
Director (P & S, Tariff)  
Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India,  
AERA Building, Administrative Complex,  
Safdarjung Airport, New Delhi – 110003.

Sub: ~~Submission of comments to the AERA Consultation Paper No. 25/2023-24, dated 12.02.2024~~

Ref: AERA stakeholder consultation (virtual) meeting dated 26th February 2024.

Dear Sir,

This is reference to the AERA Consultation Paper No. 25/2023-24, dated 12.02.2024 in the matter of determination of aeronautical tariff for Thiruvananthapuram International Airport, Thiruvananthapuram (TRV) for the third control period (01.04.2022 - 31.03.2027).

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to AERA for inviting stakeholder comments on the Consultation Paper.

As a part of stake holder consultation process, we are here by submitting our comments and views for kind consideration of Authority.

Upon review of consultation paper, it was noticed that the authority is not allowing Hydrant System at Trivandrum International Airport. We would like to state that Trivandrum is an airport with high international movement and operating many long sector flights with high throughput per flight, the absence of a hydrant refuelling system presents several operational challenges.

In the absence of hydrant system, necessitates higher capacity refueller/more refuellers to be deployed for a single long sector flights which not only the safety hazard but also creates more congestion near the Aircraft. The hydrant refuelling is the safest mode of fuel delivery and can be done with a single dispenser for any volume requirement at much faster rate which also helps in faster turnaround of the flight.

We strongly opine that Hydrant System should be provided at this airport during the current control period itself. The hydrant system will be a great feature to attract more international flights with wide-body aircraft movement.

Yours Sincerely,

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