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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Submission of Stakeholder Comments 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)

Reference: AERA/20010/MYTP/TKIAL-Trivandrum/CP-III/2022-27 Consultation Paper No. 25/2023-24

This is with reference to the above-mentioned consultation paper for Thiruvananthapuram (TRV) International Airport and the subsequent consultation meeting (virtual mode) held on 26th Feb 2024.

We take this opportunity to welcome TKIAL's initiative to provide the ATF Fuel Infrastructure and Hydrant System on open access basis at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport (TRV). We are interested in availing the services of TKIAL and utilize the open access Fuel Infrastructure and Hydrant System for supply of ATF to aircrafts at the Airport.

However, we have noted that the Authority has proposed to not consider the Hydrant System during the current control period for the determination of tariff. In this respect, we would like to state that Thiruvananthapuram International Airport (TRV) is an airport with higher number of ATMs in the international sector having high fuel uplift per flight. Some of the foreign registered aircrafts currently operating at the Airport have uplifts ranging from 30 KL to 50 KL per flight. It is better to handle such high fuel upliftment with Hydrant System only instead of mobilizing multiple bowsers for supplying fuel. We are strongly of the opinion that Hydrant System should be provided at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport (TRV) during the current control period itself as the expected total ATF volumes at the Airport is projected to increase at double digit growth rates over the next few years and cross the threshold volume. Hydrant System will significantly increase apron safety, lower the carbon footprint and environmental impacts besides shortening the aircraft turnaround time, which will benefit the airlines.

Thanking You,

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