

TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Notification No. TNERC/SC/7 –..... dated -2014.

(Comments invited by 20-3-2014)

The following draft of amendments to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code, which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by section 181 read with section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, is hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, as required by sub section (3) of section 181 of the said Act.

2. Notice is hereby given that the draft amendment will be taken into consideration after expiry of fifteen days from the date of publication of this Notification in the TNERC website and that any objection or suggestion, which may be received from any person before the expiry of the aforesaid period will be considered by the Commission.

3. Objection or suggestion, if any, should be addressed in duplicate to the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, 19-A, Rukmini Lakshmi pathy Salai, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Regulations,-

(1) In regulation 4, for sub-regulation (2), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) Miscellaneous charges, namely,-

- (i) Capacitor compensation charge*
- (ii) Excess demand charge*
- (iii) Excess contracted load charge*

- (iv) *Belated payment surcharge*
- (v) *Additional security deposit, when so called upon*
- (vi) *Service/line/structure/equipments shifting charges*
 - (a) *Charges for dismantling temporarily or permanently*
 - (b) *Charges for re-erection in case of temporary dismantling*
- (vii) *Name transfer charge*
- (viii) *Reconnection charge*
- (ix) *Consumer meter card replacement charge*
- (x) *Dishonored cheque service charge*
- (xi) *Meter related charges*
- (xii) *Application registration charge*
- (xiii) *Service connection charges*
- (xiv) *Excess demand and excess energy charges during Restriction and Control of supply*
- (xv) *Charges for restoration of cheque payment facility*
- (xvi) *Charges for testing of equipments/installations”;*

(2) In regulation 5,

(i) in sub-regulation (6), for clause (1) the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The cost of shifting service/line, structure and equipments shall be borne by the consumer. The consumer shall pay the estimated cost of shifting in advance in

full. The copy of the estimate shall be given to the consumer. The shifting work will be taken up only after the payment is made. The estimate will cover the following:

- (i) Materials dismantled in the old site shall be used in the new site as far as possible.*
- (ii) 10% of the present value of the dismantled and reusable materials towards charges for dismantling and charges for loading, unloading, transport to the new site/store.*
- (iii) Cost of the new materials required for the shifting work after exhausting all reusable dismantled materials.*
- (iv) Add 5% of the cost of new materials towards loading, unloading and transport to new site.*
- (v) Add 10% of the present value of all the materials to be erected in the new site towards erection charges.*
- (vi) 5% of the present value of retrievable scrap materials towards transport charges provided the scrap value is more than the transport cost.*
- (vii) Due credit shall be given to the consumer/applicant as below but however limited to the total estimated cost of new work:
 - (a) Book value/written down value subject to a minimum of 20% of the cost of retrievable and reusable materials but not used in the new site.*
 - (b) Scrap value on the retrievable but not reusable materials at not less than 10% of its original value.**
- (viii) After completion of the work, a revised estimate shall be prepared with a copy to the consumer based on the actual cost of materials, loading, unloading, transport and erection charges. If the original estimate cost is more than the revised estimate, the balance shall be refunded to the applicant/consumer within 3 months.”;*

(ii) for sub-regulation (12), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(12) The Licensee shall collect application registration charges from the applicants for the following, at the rates specified by the Commission from time to time:

(a) Application for new HT/LT services.

(b) Application for addition/reduction of demand/load in respect of HT and LT services.

(c) Application for temporary service.

(d) Application for conversion of a service from L.T. to H.T. and vice versa.

(e) Application for shifting of HT/LT services.

(f) Application for shifting of lines/structures/equipments under Deposit Contribution Works at appropriate LT/HT rates.

(g) Application for change of tariff.

(h) Application for replacement of defective meters.”;

(3) In regulation 7,

(i) for sub-regulation (2), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) All new service connections shall be extended with meters only. For all new LT service connections, the Licensee shall install meters with demand recording facility.”;

(ii) for sub-regulation (7), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(7) All HT services shall be provided with HT metering. Wherever existing metering of the High Tension service connection is on the Low Tension side i.e. on the secondary side of the Transformer:

(i) The average losses in the transformer shall be calculated as follows and added to the energy consumption indicated by the meter :—

$$\text{Average loss} = \frac{720 \times 1.0 \times C}{100} \text{ Units per month}$$

where C = KVA rating of the transformer

(ii) The transformer loss arrived at by the above formula shall be added to the energy consumption, even when the recorded energy consumption is nil.

(iii) 1% of the transformer capacity for transformer above 63 KVA will be added to the recorded maximum demand on the Low Tension side to arrive at the equivalent High Tension demand.”;

(iii) in sub-regulation (8), the following shall be added at the end, namely:-

“The instrument transformers shall be tested for accuracy periodically as specified in the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 and its amendment regulations.”;

(4) In regulation 15, for sub-regulation (4), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(4) In case the Cheque issued by a consumer is dishonored for any reason whatsoever, the Low Tension Consumer will be required to pay thereafter the amount due by cash/money order/demand draft only. Such consumers shall pay

service charges for dishonor of cheque as stipulated by the Commission. The Licensee shall have the powers to accord approval for restoring the Cheque facility for payment by the consumers after watching the performance of the consumers in regard to settlement of current consumption charges at least for the last three consecutive billing periods in respect of L.T consumers and three months period in respect of HT consumers. The Licensee shall have the powers for restoration of cheque payment facility upto the fourth occasion after watching the performance of the consumers in regard to subsequent settlement of charges. This concession of restoration of cheque payment facility shall not be given thereafter for a service connection. The consumers who request for restoration of cheque payment facility shall pay charges as follows:

- (a) Low Tension Consumers: Rs.300/-*
- (b) High Tension Consumers: Rs.1000/-.”;*

(5) In regulation 27, for sub-regulations (1) and (2), the following sub-regulations shall be substituted, namely:-

(1)The Commission may appoint a Code Review Panel (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as “Panel”) consisting of—

- (a) A Chairperson at the level of Director of the Distribution Licensee.*
- (b) A Member Secretary, who shall be the Chief Engineer/Commercial of the Distribution Licensee.*
- (c) One Member from the SLDC who is not below the rank of Chief Engineer.*
- (d) Three representatives from the Distribution Licensee who are not below the rank of Chief Engineer and one representative from the Distribution*

Licensee who is not below the rank of Chief Financial Controller.

(e) Two representatives from domestic consumer sector, one from LT industry sector and one from agricultural consumer sector.

(f) One Member representing the EHT / HT consumers.

(g) One member representing open access consumers.

(2) The Member Secretary shall arrange for the Panel meeting. The tenure of the members mentioned under clauses (e), (f) and (g) of sub-regulation (1) shall be three years. The members, on expiry of their term are not eligible for re-nomination.”

(By order of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission)

(S.Gunasekaran)
Secretary

TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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The following draft of amendments to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code, which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by section 181 read with section 46 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, is hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, as required by sub section (3) of section 181 of the said Act.

2. Notice is hereby given that action will be taken to publish the proposed amendments in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette after fifteen days from the date of hosting it in the website of the Commission and any suggestion or objection which may be received from any person before the expiry of the aforesaid period will be considered by the Commission.

3. Objection or suggestion, if any, should be addressed in duplicate to the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, 19-A Rukmini Lakshmi pathy Salai, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Regulations,

(1) In regulation 27, for sub regulation (14), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(14) Where more than one person or more than one establishment is/intended to be in occupation of a door number or sub door number, more than one service

connection will be given only if there is a permanent physical/electrical segregation of areas for which different service connections are applied for.”

(2) In regulation 31, for sub regulation (3), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(3) If the intending consumer fails to avail the supply within the above period, a further three months notice in case of HT and one month notice in case of LT will be sent to the intending consumer to avail the supply. If he does not avail himself the supply during this notice period, the application will be treated as lapsed and cancelled in the case of Low Tension supply, and the application shall be treated as cancelled, terminating the agreement, in the case of High Tension supply. The service connection charges and the Security Deposit/development charges, etc. except Meter Caution Deposit will be forfeited. In case the intending consumer could not avail the supply under force majeure conditions, the Security Deposit and meter caution deposit shall be refunded to the intending consumer.”

(3) For regulation 37, the following regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“37. SHIFTING OF SERVICE CONNECTION :

“(1) The cost of shifting service/line, structure and equipments shall be borne by the consumer. The consumer shall pay the estimated cost of shifting in advance in full. The copy of the estimate shall be given to the consumer. The shifting work will be taken up only after the payment is made. The estimate will cover the following:

- (i) *Materials dismantled in the old site shall be used in the new site as far as possible.*
 - (ii) *10% of the present value of the dismantled and reusable materials towards charges for dismantling and charges for loading, unloading, transport to the newsite/store.*
 - (iii) *Cost of the new materials required for the shifting work after exhausting all reusable dismantled materials.*
 - (iv) *Add 5% of the cost of new materials towards loading, unloading and transport to new site.*
 - (v) *Add 10% of the present value of all the materials to be erected in the new site towards erection charges.*
 - (vi) *5% of the present value of retrievable scrap materials towards transport charges provided the scrap value is more than the transport cost.*
 - (vii) *Due credit shall be given to the consumer/applicant as below but however limited to the total estimated cost of new work:*
 - (a) *Book value/written down value subject to a minimum of 20% of the cost of retrievable and reusable materials but not used in the new site.*
 - (b) *Scrap value on the retrievable but not reusable materials at not less than 10% of its original value.*
- (2) *After completion of the work, a revised estimate shall be prepared with a copy to the consumer based on the actual cost of materials, loading, unloading, transport and erection charges. If the original estimate cost is more than the revised estimate, the balance shall be refunded to the applicant/consumer within 3 months.*
- (3) *With regard to shifting of existing service connection, the consumer shall pay all the arrears due to the Licensee, apart from the above shifting*

charges.”;

(4) In regulation 51, for sub-regulations (1) and (2), the following sub-regulations shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1) The Commission may appoint a Code Review Panel (hereafter in this Chapter referred to as “Panel”) consisting of -

- (a) A Chairperson at the level of Director of the Distribution Licensee.*
- (b) A Member Secretary, who shall be the Chief Engineer/Commercial of the Distribution Licensee.*
- (c) One Member from the SLDC who is not below the rank of Chief Engineer.*
- (d) Three representatives from the Distribution Licensee who are not below the rank of Chief Engineer and one representative from the Distribution Licensee who is not below the rank of Chief Financial Controller .*
- (e) Two representatives from domestic consumer sector, one from LT industry sector and one from agricultural consumer sector.*
- (f) One Member representing the EHT / HT consumers.*
- (g) One member representing open access consumers.*

(2) The Member Secretary shall arrange for the Panel meeting. The tenure of the members mentioned under clauses (e), (f) and (g) of sub-regulation (1) shall be three years. The members, on expiry of their term, are not eligible for re-nomination.”;

(5) In ANNEXURE III, in FORM-7 ‘L.T. Agreement for Industrial/Agricultural Services’ in para 1 CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY,

the following expression shall be omitted, namely :-

“ The energy shall be utilized within the premises mentioned in the schedule hereto or outside the premises for the bonafide use of the Consumer. In case of difference of opinion as to whether any utilization of energy outside the premises is for the bonafide use of the consumer, the matter shall be referred to the Engineer, whose decision shall be final.”.

(By order of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission)

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