TECA:2023-24:CIR/034

31 July 2023

To All Members

**CIRCULAR**

Dear Members,

Sub: TANGEDCO Notice issued to install PQ meter.

We understand they few members have received Notice from TANGEDCO to install a Power Quality Meter at the point of Coupling (i.e) at the TANGEDCO metering point.

In this connection, we wish to state that the CEA, vide the Government of India Gazette No. 112 dated 28.02.2022 has introduced, the CEA (Installation and Operation of Meters) (Amendment) Regulations 2022 and accordingly, made it clear as follows.  Accordingly, the CEA *inter alia*, has made the following amendments as extracted below.

*4. In regulation 6 of the said regulations, in sub-regulation (2), for clause (a), the following shall be substituted, namely:-*

***“(a) Consumer meters shall generally be owned by the licensee:***

***Provided that in case the licensee has engaged the services of Advanced Metering Infrastructure Service Provider to provide Advanced Metering Infrastructure services for an Advanced Metering Infrastructure project area, the ownership of meters shall remain with Advanced Metering Infrastructure Service Provider during the contract period”.***

The Regulation was further amended as below also.

*5. In regulation 7 of the said regulations, in sub-regulation (3), for clause (iii), the following shall be substituted, namely:*

*“(iii) Distribution system:-*

*(a) all incoming feeders (3.3 kV and above);*

*(b) all outgoing feeders (3.3 kV and above);*

*(c) sub-station transformer including distribution transformer- Licensee may provide the meter on primary or secondary side or both sides depending upon the requirement for energy accounting and audit:*

From all the above extracted portions of the Amended CEA Regulations as introduced to CEA (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations 2022, which came in to effect from 28.02.2022 onwards, it could be seen that providing consumer meters, even under the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Services, rests only with the Distribution Licensee and the ***consumers are not anyway obligated to provide such meters as advised by the Notice issued by TANGEDCO****.*

Under this circumstances TANGEDCO cannot instruct consumers to install the Power Quality meter.

TECA has already sent its representation to TANGEDCO officials to provide suitable modified instructions by withdrawing the current Memo issued to consumer members.

We are waiting for the reply from TANGEDCO. We request the members those who have received such communication from TANGEDCO have not taken any decision until further communication received from TECA.

With Warm Regards

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