

TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION

Regd. No. 181-8524/1998 – **CIN.No.** U37102TZ1998GAP008524

1st Floor, SIEMA Building, 8/4, Race Course, Coimbatore - 641 018

Phone: (0422) 4351400 E-mail: teca@tecaonline.in Web: www.tecaonline.in

TECA: 2018/2019/SR/54

28th September 2018

CIRCULAR

To

All Members,

Dear Sir,

Sub : Invitation of comments and inputs on Draft Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2018 issued TEDA

Ref: Draft Solar Energy Policy 2018 dated 20th September 2018

Members may be aware that Government of Tamil Nadu had launched "Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012" (vide GO (Ms.) No.121/Energy/2 dated 19.10.2012). TNERC empowered TANGEDCO, to administer 'Solar Power Obligation' mandated by State Government's Solar Policy (vide order No.1 of 2013 dated 07.03.2013). This order fixes an Obligation for Solar Power Generation for HT and LTCT consumers.

This order had been challenged by TECA before Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (vide Appeal No. 92 of 2013). APTEL had set aside TNERC order (vide order dated 21.01.2014).

After a period of 6 years, TEDA had announced a Draft Solar Policy seeking comments of stake holders and public. The comments are to be send to following email id's on or before 15th of October 2018.

1. projects@teda.in
2. gm@teda.in,

Gist of Policy:

- By this policy Tamil Nadu will have an installed solar energy generation capacity of 8,884 MW by year 2022.
- This Policy period would be for next five years from date of issue. The State Government will monitor every year to evaluate actual results against policy objectives and capacity addition targets.
- Solar energy gross and net feed-in tariffs will be determined by TNERC taking into consideration different capital costs based on solar system capacity.
- All Public Buildings, should be mandated to meet out their energy requirements by 30% before 2022 through Solar Energy.
- All State Government Departments shall replace 10% of their existing vehicle fleet with solar powered, electric vehicles by 2022.
- Solar energy will be exempted from electricity tax, grid connectivity, open access, wheeling, and banking and cross-subsidy charges.

- Suitable incentive schemes will be designed to promote solar energy generation in agricultural sector. This may include incentives to farmers to promote solar energy.
- Solar energy imported by Distribution Licensee from non-obligated solar energy producers (including electricity consumers with gross or net feed-in facilities) can be claimed by Distribution Licensee towards fulfillment of their Renewable Energy Purchase Obligations (RPO).
- A suitable incentive scheme will be designed to promote co-utilization of land for solar energy projects, crop cultivation and rain water harvesting.
- Corporations, municipalities and local urban bodies will provide property tax abatement to domestic building owners for those who install consumer scale solar energy systems.
- Solar energy can be wheeled and banked
- All grid-connected Solar PV systems shall be treated as "Must-Run" power plants and shall not be subjected to merit order dispatch principles.

We enclosed herewith the copy of Draft Policy for your reference and request the members to go through the same in detail.

We also request members to send comments on or before 7th October 2018, so as to send compiled representation to TEDA.

With Warm Regards,

N. Pradeep
Secretary