IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated: 20.12.2012

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE D. HARIPARANTHAMAN

Writ Petition No. 20841 of 2012

Tamil Nadu Electricity Consumers' Association rep. by its Secretary Mr.R.Nandagopal I floor, SIEMA Building, P.B.No.3847 8/4, Race Course Road Coimbatore 641 018.

.. Petitioner

VS.

- 1. The Government of Tamil Nadu rep. by its Secretary to Govt. Energy Department Fort St. George, Chennai 600 009.
- 2. Tamil Nadu Generation and
 Distribution Corporation Ltd.
 (TANGEDCO)
 rep. by its Chairman and
 Managing Director
 144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.
- 3. Tamil Nadu Transmission
 Corporation Limited (TANTRANSCO)
 rep. by its Chairman and
 Managing Director
 144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.
- 4. The Chief Financial Controller/Revenue
 Accounts Branch, Revenue Division
 Tamil Nadu Generation and
 Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TANGEDCO)
 144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.
- 5. Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory
 Commission (TNERC)
 rep. by its Secretary
 19-A, Rukmini Lakshmipathy Salai
 (Marshall's Road), Egmore, Chennai-8.

.. Respondents

Prayer:- Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for the issuance of a writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records of the first respondent viz. G.O. (Ms.) No.79, Energy (C.3) Department, dated 11.7.2012, culminating in the second respondent's Circular Memo No.CFc/Rev/FC/Rev/AS-3/D.No./12 dated 12.7.2012, quash the same and forbear the respondents 1 to 4 from in any manner levying, demanding and/or collecting Cross Subsidy Surcharges from the members of the petitioner for procuring energy from Wind Mills, CPP, Power Exchanges and third party sources so long as the Restriction and Control (R&C) measures imposed by the respondents are in force.

For Petitioner : Mr.N.L.Rajah

For Respondent-1: Mr.A.Naveethakrishnan

Advocate General, assisted by Mr.V.Jayaprakash Narayanan Addl. Govt. Pleader for R1

For Respondents: Mr.P.H.Aravind Pandian 2 to 5 Addl. Advocate General

assisted by Mr.S.K.Raameshwar.

ORDER

Heard the learned counsel appearing for both parties. It is admitted by both sides that the impugned Government Order in G.O.Ms.No.79, Energy (C.3) Department, dated 11.7.2012, and the consequential Circular, dated 12.7.2012, issued by the second respondent were quashed by this Court in the order dated 30.11.2012 passed in a batch of Writ Petitions in W.P. Nos.23113 of 2012 etc. However, it is submitted by the learned Additional Advocate General that in the said batch of cases, the petitioners are individual consumers and none of them is an Association. Hence, he has submitted that if the members of the petitioner Association pay individual court fee, the benefit of the aforesaid order can be extended to the petitioner Association. He has also brought to my notice the order dated 08.10.2012 passed in WP(MD) Nos.12650, 12749, 12750 and 12885 of 2012 directing the petitioner Association therein to pay Court fee in respect of individual members, who are seeking the benefit of the order dated 30.11.2012 passed in W.P.Nos.23113 of 2012 etc. batch.

2. Following the aforesaid order, this writ petition is allowed on condition that the petitioner Association pays Court fee in respect of individual members, who are seeking benefit of the quashment of the G.O.Ms.No.79, Energy (C.3) Department, dated 11.7.2012. The petitioner Association is directed to file the list

of members and also pay individual Court fee within a period of four weeks from today. No costs.

Sd/ Asst.Registrar

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Sub Asst. Registrar

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To

- The Secretary to Govt.
 Government of Tamil Nadu
 Energy Department
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1 cc To Mr.N.L.Rajah, Advocate, SR.78430 1 CC to the Government Pleader SR NO 78037

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RJ (CO) SRA (02/01/2013)

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