

## TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION

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### ALL MEMBERS

Dear Sir,

Sub: High Court hearing dtd 28.11.2014 on harmonics - reg

In continuation of our Circular No. 213 dated 06th August 2014, we wish to inform our members that a Batch of Writ Petitions filed by individual consumers challenging the obligation to provide harmonic controls by 11 kV / 22 kV consumers, was taken up for final hearing before the Madras High Court today.(i.e 28.11.2014). The Learned Advocates appeared for the respective clients completed the arguments. However TANGEDCO requested time for the appearance of the Learned Additional Advocate General. Hence the matter was posted for final hearing on 05.12.2014.

We understand that Central Electricity Authority (CEA) who was one of the Respondents in the matter has admitted that the harmonic controls and the relevant Regulation is applicable only to Bulk Consumers connected with 33 kV or above supply lines and thereby made it clear that consumers connected with 11 kV / 22 kV supply lines **are not obligated** to provide harmonic controls as per the CEA (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) Regulations 2007 as amended from time to time, particularly in terms of the provisions contained under Clause 2(8), 2(34) and Clause 3.

You may be aware that, TECA has filed MP No. 126 of 2014 before CERC and this petition came before CERC on 18.09.2014. CERC agreed entirely with TECA submissions that harmonics control would not apply to HT consumers connected below 33 KV. However it felt that the proper authority to approach would be TNERC. In any case it has reserved orders in the matter stating that it would pass detailed orders in this regard. However we have not received the Order till date.

In this situation, CEA has admitted by way of its common counter filed before High Court in the Batch of Writ Petitions that harmonic controls and the relevant Regulation is applicable only to Bulk Consumers connected with 33 KV or above supply lines.

Hence the members who are connected with 11 KV /22 KV have received notice from TANGEDCO to provide harmonic filters after the study has been made, or even before the study is made, can defer the entire matter till 05.12.2014 to see the result in the Batch of Writ Petitions from Madras High Court.

We will update the status as soon as we hear from legal adviser.

With Warm Regards,

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President