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## **CIRCULAR**

To

All Members

Dear Sir,

Members are aware Government of Tamil Nadu has released the Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012 vide GO (Ms) No. 121 on 19.10.2012 and notified various procedures in the matter of implementation of the policy including Solar Power Obligation (SPO).

Based on this, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (TNERC) has passed an Order No. 1 of 2013 dated 07.03.2013 on issues related to Tamil Nadu Solar Energy Policy 2012.

By this order, HT consumers (HT Tariff I to V) & LT Commercial (LT Tariff V) should fulfill the Solar Power Obligations as mandated in the Tamil Nadu Energy Policy (i.e., to consume 3% of Solar power till December 2013 and 6% from January 2014 onwards on their total consumption.

The obligation can be met by own generation, purchase from other solar power producers, purchase of solar power certificates and by paying solar power tariff to TANGEDCO. One estimate of the cost of solar power, including the cost of transmission and wheeling puts it at higher than Rs 11 per unit.

Under such circumstances, on behalf of our members TECA have filed Appeal No. 92 of 2013 against TNERC order before Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL).

After several hearing APTEL set aside the order of TNERC, vide order dated 21.01.2014. Hence HT Consumers and LT Commercial consumers

are relieved off from Solar Power Obligation.

TECA have filed a Caveat Petition before the Supreme Court assuming TNERC / TANGEDCO may file Civil Appeal against APTEL Order.

After 6 Months, it is reported that TANGEDCO has filed the Civil Appeal No.10567/2014 before Supreme Court. This matter was heard on 30.07.2014. After admission this matter posted for hearing on 17.10.2014. TECA will file its counter shortly on the matter to restore the status quo and the right of our members.

We are enclosing herewith the interim order for your reference.

This is for the information of our members.

With Warm Regards,

D Balasundaram  
President