TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS ASSOCIATION

Read. No. 181-8524/1998

1st Floor, SIEMA Building, 8/4, Race Course, Coimbatore - 641 018 Phone: (0422) 4351400 e-mail : teca@airtelmail.in

TECA:CIR/2013-14:DB:181 March 01st, 2014

<u>CIRCULAR</u>

Dear Members:

Subject: Suggestions for a scheme of load shedding by TANGEDCO

We request you to let us know your suggestions on a scheme for load shedding by TANGEDCO.

You may recollect that we had filed a petition before Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission seeking equitable distribution of the available energy in times of power shortage. On this petition, Miscellaneous Petition No 43 of 2012, hearing were held by TNERC in 2012 but no orders were passed. Now the Petition has been again taken up by TNERC on 27-02-2014. In the hearing on that day, the proposal for laying down a scheme for load shedding by TNERC and the constitution of a committee for drafting that scheme were approved and the orders in this respect are likely shortly. The committee would have representatives of TANGEDCO, TNERC and, hopefully, consumers.

In Maharashtra, such a scheme, called Principles and Protocols for Load Shedding (PPLS), has been formulated by Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission in 2007 and is being periodically revised. The details of that scheme are available in the website of Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (<u>www.mercindia.org.in</u>)

We would like to submit our suggestions regarding the proposed scheme. In this connection we would like to have your suggestions. We request to forward them immediately.

The draft scheme would be ready by March 15, 2014 and would be put up on the net for comments by the stakeholders. The final scheme would have to be made ready by March 31, 2014. We hope that this would avoid the arbitrary and random load sheddings which were made in the last few years.

With regards,

D Balasundaram President