



## **TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY CONSUMERS' ASSOCIATION**

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### **CIRCULAR**

To,

All Members

Respected Members

Sub: Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules 2023-GoI notifies the Amended Rules for implementation relating to Meters-Regarding.

Ref: 1. The Notification of the GoI No. G.S.R.437(E) dated 14.06.2023.  
2. Our Circular No.28/2023-24 dated 20.06.2023

We have already send the soft copy of MOP Notification along with the above referred Circular. Further we would to like to provide the following details on the above Notification for the information of members.

- Members are aware that in Tamil Nadu, the peak hours have been notified for all the industrial, commercial and other LT consumers in LT Tariff III-B and accordingly, 8 hours were notified as peak hours, between 6.00 AM-10.00 AM and 6.00 PM-10.00 PM on each day. Any consumption during the above peak hours, would attract the Tariff escalated at 25% more than the normal tariff.
- According to the Amendments now made to Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules 2023, the peak hour tariff, should be limited to 1.20 times and should not fall below 1.10 times, which effectively means that the peak hour charges, are limited to only, between 10% and 20% level and not on a uniform basis of 25% level as ordered by the TNERC, through its Tariff Order in Order No.7 of 2022 dated 09.09.2022.



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- Even though, the Amendments of the MoP reiterate that the State Commissions should give effect on the Amendments before 31.03.2024, how the TNERC is going to implement the Amendments made in Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules 2023 is a question, which we have to wait and see. The entire team in the TNERC, it looks has returned back to Chennai after the Conference of the Forum of Regulators held at Ooty few days back and therefore, their stand has to be wait and seen.
  - The Amendment also makes it clear that the tariff during the Solar Hours / Day Hours, should be fixed, at least at a lesser tariff of 20% of the normal tariff for all categories of consumers. Therefore, if TNERC implements the same, the tariff during the period of 8 hours falling in between 6.00 AM and 6.00 PM, should be at a 20% lesser tariff. Since the Solar Hours were defined as 8 hours in total, the TNERC should specify the Solar Hours to this effect and should cover a period of 8 hours between 6.00 AM and 6.00 PM and the tariff during the period of Solar Hours of 8 hours so specified should be charged with a tariff of less than 20% of the normal tariff. This is also is a matter to be wait and seen.
  - The Tariff of each category of consumers, needs to be displayed in the website of the TANGEDCO and this needs to be implemented by the TANGEDCO

We will update on the developments, once we received information from TNERC/ TANGEDCO officials.

With Warm Regards

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President