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To

All Members,

Dear Sir,

TNERC vide its draft Notification No. SC/7 ---dated -3/2015 has proposed to amend the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code for Regulation 16.

**The Existing Supply code Regulation is as follows**

**16. OPTION TO PAY CHARGES IN ADVANCE**

The consumers who opt for depositing electricity charges in advance shall be permitted to do so. Such deposits shall be recorded in the consumer meter card.

Now TNERC has proposed to amend this regulation by substitute the existing regulation as

- (1) The consumers who opt for depositing electricity charges in advance shall be permitted to do so. Such deposits shall be recorded in the consumer meter card. Interest at bank rate or such rate as specified by the Commission shall be calculated on such balance advance amount and credited to the consumer ledger accounts.
- (2) Facility for payment of charges in advance by domestic consumers who keep the premises in locked condition and leave to other destinations:
  - (i) The consumers under Low Tension domestic category of supply, who intend to lock their premises and leave to other destinations for a period that exceeds two months, with no consumption or very little consumption of energy in a billing cycle, shall be permitted to pay the electricity charges in advance limited to a period of one year. This period may be extended by the licensee upon receipt of specific request from the consumer.
  - (ii) The consumer shall make a request in writing to the licensee to make payment of advance electricity charges specifying the period, one month before the date of leaving the premises in door locked condition. The licensee shall take the meter reading 15 days before the notified date of vacation of the premises and issue a bill upto the date of vacation on pro rata basis. The consumer shall make the payment raised in the bill along with the advance electricity charges for the period so required, before seven days of the date of vacation. The licensee shall issue a formal approval to the consumer indicating details of all electricity charges remitted and the period for which advance electricity charges were paid and shall record the details in the consumer meter card.

(iii) It shall be the responsibility of the consumer to maintain adequate advance electricity charges in his account. The service connection shall not be disconnected for the duration requested by the consumer and approved by the licensee subject to availability of advance electricity charges in the consumer's account. However, the licensee is empowered to disconnect the supply beyond the approved period if the advance electricity charges paid is inadequate for the adjustment of fixed charges/ electricity charges. No interest shall be credited on the unadjusted balance amount of such deposit.

(iv) The consumer shall intimate in writing to the licensee within seven days of his return to the premises. On receipt of intimation, within seven days the licensee shall take the meter reading. However, the next bill shall be raised as per the normal periodicity of assessment followed by the Licensee. If the recorded consumption is not commensurate with the electricity charges paid in advance, accrued surcharges shall be levied and collected. Any unadjusted amount of the deposit made shall be adjusted in the ensuing bill of assessment."

Also the Commission has proposed vide draft Notification No. DC/8 ---dated -3/2015 to amend the Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution code in Regulation 39, by adding the following sub regulation after sub – regulation(1), namely

"(1A) (a) In case of demolishing of the existing building completely or in part and reconstruction thereof, if the consumer requires the existing service connection for the purpose of reconstruction, the service connection may be allowed to be continued by effecting change in tariff applicable for construction of buildings and on obtaining an undertaking as specified in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation.

(b) If more than one service connection exists in a premises where the building is to be demolished, change in tariff applicable for construction of buildings shall be effected to one of the said service connections, and the consumer shall be required to surrender the remaining service connections.

(c) On completion of construction, the service connection for construction of buildings shall be converted to the appropriate tariff category as per regulations/orders in force and the provisions in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation."

TECA welcomes this proposed amendment. However, the members are requested to send their comments/objection/suggestion if any to the Secretary Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, 19-A, Rukmini Lakshmi pathy Salai, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

We are enclosing herewith TNERC's Draft Notification for your ready reference.

With Warm Regards

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President

