



TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CHENNAI

Notification No. TNERC/SC/ 7-16 dated 29/12/2009.

WHEREAS the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission specified and notified the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code under section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and published in Part VI – Section 2 of Tamil Nadu Government Gazette dated the 1st September 2004.

AND WHEREAS certain difficulties were experienced with regard to the cheques presented by the Govt. Depts. and the local bodies towards Current Consumption (CC) charges, got dishonoured by their bankers for various reasons, including want of funds. The officials of the Govt. Depts. and the local bodies represented that whenever their cheques are dishonoured, the revocation of cheque facility to them is to be considered without watching the performance of the consumers with regard to settlement of Current Consumption charges for the last three consecutive billing periods as per the Supply Code Regulation 15(3). Their official procedures do not permit them to make the CC Charges in Cash/DD and this difficulty has been brought to the knowledge of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission;

AND WHEREAS, it is considered necessary to issue certain amendments to regulations in the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code removing the difficulties with regard to restoration of cheque payment by the Govt. Depts. and the local bodies, and such amendments shall be subject to the condition of previous publication and accordingly undergone such previous publication;

NOW, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 50 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby specifies the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code:

TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) CODE 2009

1. Short title and commencement

(a) This Code may be called the **Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code, 2009**.

(b) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette.

2. Amendment of Regulation 15 of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code:

In regulation 15 of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code, for sub-regulation (3), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted :

“(3) Low Tension Consumers shall pay the amount due in cash or by money order or by demand draft on local bank or by cheque drawn on a bank where the Distribution Section Office is located or through electronic payment as stipulated by the Distribution Licensee. However, Local bodies and Railways may issue Cheques on the banks situated in the place of their office and the Licensee may claim the collection charges, if any, from such consumers. Payment for amounts exceeding Rs.2,000 is preferred by DD/Cheque. Depending on the circumstances, the Engineer shall however accept cash payments also and advise the consumer for future remittances by DD/Cheque. In case the Cheque is dishonoured for any reason whatsoever, the Low Tension Consumer will be required to pay thereafter the amount due by cash/money order/demand draft only. The Licensee shall have the powers to accord approval for restoring the Cheque facility for payment by the consumers after watching the performance of the consumers in regard to settlement of Current Consumption charges atleast for the last three consecutive billing periods in respect of L.T. consumers and three months period in respect of H.T. consumers. However, the Licensee may accord approval for restoration of cheque facility in respect of Services in the name of Local bodies and Government Departments (both Central and State) without watching their performance for three consecutive billing periods. For consumers other than local bodies and government departments, the Licensee shall have the powers for restoration of cheque payment facility upto fourth occasion after watching the performance of the consumers in regard to subsequent settlement of charges. Such consumers shall pay service charges for dishonour of cheque as stipulated by the Commission in addition to the following :

- (a) Low Tension Consumers : Additional service charges @ 1% of the dishonoured cheque amount subject to a minimum of Rs.500/-.
- (b) High Tension Consumers : Additional service charges @ 1% of the dishonoured cheque amount subject to a minimum of Rs.1000/-.
- (c) This concession of restoration of cheque payment facility shall not be given thereafter for a service connection”.

/By Order of the Commission/

Secretary
TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION