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TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notification No. TNERC/SC/ 7-22 dated 21-02-2011.

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 changes with regard to the approval of periodicity of meter reading, modes of collection of Current Consumption Charges have 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 to effect the above changes 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 makes the following amendments to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code, hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Code":-

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TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) CODE,
2011

1. Short title and commencement.-

(a) This Code may be called the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code, 2011.

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

2. Amendment to Regulation 8.-

(a) In the Principal Code, in Regulation 8,-

(i) for sub-regulation (1), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely,

"(1) In the case of Low Tension service connections, the Licensee with the approval of the Commission shall decide the periodicity of meter readings, collection dates, modes etc. However, in the case of temporary supply, the meter reading shall be taken at the end of the period in case sanction is for less than a month and once in a month in case sanction is for a period more than a month. The Licensee shall have access to the consumer's premises at all reasonable hours for the purpose of such reading as per the provisions contained in section 163 of the Act. The format of the meter cards containing all basic information to be made available to the consumer shall be got approved by the Commission. It is the responsibility of the Licensee to ensure that the details in the respective meter cards are entered without omission".

(ii) Sub-regulation (3) shall be omitted.

3. Amendment to Regulation 10.-

In the Principal Code, in Regulation 10,-

(i) for sub-regulation (2), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely,

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“(2) If, on the next occasion, the meter is accessible for reading, the consumer will be charged for the actual consumption less the amount already charged, subject to the minimum monthly charges for both the periods. If, on the other hand, the meter remains inaccessible on the second occasion also, the consumer will be served with a 48 hours notice to open his premises at a fixed time and date to enable an employee of the Licensee to read the meter. In the said 48 hours notice, the consumer shall also be informed that the supply to his premises will be disconnected as per Section 163(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003, if he does not provide access to the meter. If the meter is now made accessible for reading, the consumer will be charged the actual consumption less the provisional amount charged and paid for the first period of inaccessibility subject to the minimum monthly charges for both the periods. If the meter remains inaccessible even after the 48 hours notice, the supply to the premises will be disconnected and for that period also provisional amount as in the case of previous occasion will be charged”.

(ii) for sub-regulation (4), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely,

“(4) When a High Tension consumer leaves his installation connected to the Licensee’s mains but makes the meter inaccessible for reading by the employees of the Licensee, the employees of the Licensee will serve the consumer with a 48 hours notice to open his premises for reading of the meter at a fixed time. In the said 48 hours notice, the consumer shall also be informed that the supply to his premises will be disconnected as per Section 163(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003, if he does not provide access to the meter. If the meter is now made available for reading, the readings will be taken. If the meter remains inaccessible even after the 48 hours notice, the

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supply to the premises will be disconnected and the consumer will be charged provisionally on the basis of the amount charged for the previous month. If the meter is made accessible subsequent to the disconnection, the consumer will be charged the actual consumption less the provisional amount charged subject to minimum monthly charges. All reconnections shall attract reconnection charges over and above the other charges as are applicable”.

4. Amendment to Regulation 15.-

In the Principal Code, in Regulation 15,-

(i) for sub-regulation (2), the following sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely,

“(2) All High Tension bills, including those on account of miscellaneous charges, shall be paid within the due date fixed by the Licensee from the date of the bill. The High Tension Consumer shall pay the bills in cash or by demand draft on local bank or Cheque drawn on a bank at the headquarters of the designated authority of the distribution licensee or through electronic payment or collection through bank’s branch counters or post office as stipulated by the distribution licensee. Payment for amounts exceeding Rs. 2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) is preferred by DD/ Cheque. Depending on the circumstances, the designated authority of the distribution licensee shall however accept cash payments also and advise the consumer for future remittances by DD/ Cheque. In case the Cheque is dishonored for any reason whatsoever, the High Tension consumer will be required to pay the High Tension bills in cash or by demand draft thereafter. If the payment is not received within fifteen days (notice period) from the expiry of the due date allowed for payment, the supply will be disconnected. However the consumer may be allowed extension of time to make payment beyond the expiry of the notice period allowed for payment, on an application made to the designated authority of the Distribution Licensee, subject to the levy of BPSC as specified in this Code”.

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(ii) for sub-regulation (3), the following sub-regulations shall be substituted, namely,

"(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 situated in the place where the Distribution Section Office is located or through electronic payment or collection through bank's branch counters or post office etc. as stipulated by the distribution licensee. However, local bodies and Railways may issue Cheque 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.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) is preferred by DD/ Cheque. Depending on the circumstances, the designated authority of the distribution licensee] shall however accept cash payments also and advise the consumer for future remittances by DD / Cheque.

(4) In case the Cheque issued by a consumer is dishonored 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 at least for the last three consecutive billing periods in respect of L.T consumers and three months period in respect of H.T consumers. 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 dishonor of cheque as stipulated by the Commission in addition to the following:-

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- (a) *Low Tension Consumers : Additional service charges @ 1% of the dishonored cheque amount subject to a minimum of Rs.500/-.*
- (b) *High Tension Consumers : Additional service charges @ 1% of the dishonored 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