



TAMILNADUELECTRICITYREGULATORYCOMMISSION

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(Comments invited by 09 -11-2020)

The following draft of amendment to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code, 2004, which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by section181 read with section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, is hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, as required by sub section(3) of section181 of the said Act.

2 . Notice is hereby given that the draft amendment will be taken into consideration on or after the expiry of thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification in the TNERC website and that any objection or suggestion, which may be received from any person before the expiry of the aforesaid period will be considered by the Commission.

3. Objection or suggestion, if any, should be addressed in duplicate along with a soft copy to the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, 4th Floor, SIDCO Corporate Office Building, Thiru Vi Ka Industrial Estate, Guindy, Chennai-600 032 (email id -tnerc@nic.in)

## DRAFT AMENDMENT

1. In the said Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code, in regulation 4, in sub-regulation (1), for clause (iii) and entries relating thereto, the following clause and entries relating thereto shall be substituted, namely:-

***“(iii) Disincentive for power factor***

*Every consumer shall maintain a power factor -*

*(a) in case of LT supply, not below 0.85 ;*

*(b) in case HT supply of 11KV and 22KV HT supply, not below 0.90;*

*and*

*(c) in case HT supply of 33KV and above , not below 0.95*

*failing which he shall be liable to pay compensation by way of disincentive at such rates as the Commission may declare from time to time”.*

2. for regulation 6, and entries relating thereto, the following regulation and entries relating thereto shall be substituted, namely:-

***“6. Minimum charges - The consumer shall pay to the Licensee minimum charges / fixed charges in respect of every connection as detailed below :***

*The monthly minimum charges / fixed charges are payable even when no electricity was consumed or in the event of disconnection of services for any reasons including the reasons by orders of Court or when the price of electricity supplied is less than the minimum charges.*

*Explanation: The term ‘monthly minimum charges / minimum charges’ wherever it occurs in the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply code/Distribution code refer to the minimum charges / fixed charges as prescribed in the Commission’s Tariff orders from time to time. For services of sanctioned demand above*

*112KW, the monthly minimum charges / fixed charges shall be as applicable to HT services but for full sanctioned load”.*

**(By Order of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission)**

**(S.Chinnarajalu)  
Secretary**

## **EXPLANATORY STATEMENT**

As per the amendment issued by the Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019, consumers of 33KV and above have to maintain a power factor not below 0.95, for better voltage regulation and grid stability and hence, it is found expedient and necessary to amend clause (iii) of sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 4 of Supply code suitably.

2. The minimum charges applicable to LT consumers are in effect the fixed charges specified in the Tariff Order by the Commission from time to time and hence for the purpose of clarity, it is necessary to amend the Regulation 6 of Supply code.

3. The proposed amendments seek to give effect to the said proposals.

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**(S.Chinnarajalu)  
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STATEMENT SHOWING EXISTING PROVISION AND PROVISION AS AMENDED

Existing provision	Proposed amendment
<p><b>4.Charges recoverable by the Licensee</b></p> <p><b>(iii) Disincentive for power factor</b>                      Every consumer shall maintain a power factor -  <i>In case of LT supply, of 0.85 ; and                      In case HT supply of 0.90</i>  <i>failing which he shall be liable to pay compensation by way of disincentive at such rates as the Commission may declare from time to time</i></p> <p><b>6. Minimum Charges</b>                      The consumer shall pay to the Licensee minimum charges in respect of every connection as detailed below. The minimum monthly charges are payable even when no electricity was consumed or supply disconnected by orders of</p>	<p><b>4. Charges recoverable by the Licensee</b></p> <p><b>(iii) Disincentive for power factor</b>  <i>Every consumer shall maintain a power factor -</i>  <i>(a) in case of LT supply, not below 0.85 ;</i>  <i>(b) in case HT supply of 11KV and 22KV HT supply, not below 0.90; and</i>  <i>(c) in case HT supply of 33KV and above , not below 0.95</i>  <i>failing which he shall be liable to pay compensation by way of disincentive at such rates as the Commission may declare from time to time.</i></p> <p><b>6. Minimum Charges</b>  <i>The consumer shall pay to the Licensee minimum charges / fixed charges in respect of every connection as detailed below :</i></p>

<p>Court or when the price of electricity supplied is less than the minimum charges</p>	<p><i>The monthly minimum charges / fixed charges are payable even when no electricity was consumed or in the event of disconnection of services for any reasons including the reasons by orders of Court or when the price of electricity supplied is less than the minimum charges</i></p> <p><i>Explanation: The term 'monthly minimum charges/ minimum charges' wherever it occurs in the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply code / Distribution code refer to the minimum charges/ fixed charges as prescribed in the Commission's Tariff orders from time to time. For services of sanctioned demand above 112KW, the monthly minimum charges / fixed charges shall be as applicable to HT services but for full sanctioned load.</i></p>
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