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## PRESS RELEASE

The Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued amendments to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply and Distribution codes, simplifying and easing the existing procedures for applying for Agriculture service connection, getting the service connection after applying, shifting of the service connection from one place to another place, getting approval for installation of Change over switch etc., for the benefit of the farmers and avoidance of delay.

### **Application and entry of readiness procedure eased:**

- In case of joint ownership of the well, if the applicant is unable to get the consent letter from the co-owner(s), the applicant can produce Indemnity bond in lieu of said consent. The Application shall be accepted and registered.
- It is sufficient to enclose a single document i.e., ownership certificate from Village Administrative Officer, with the application. No other documents are necessary. They should own an extent of irrigated land minimum 0.5 acre per service.
- The applicant need not purchase motor, pump-set and capacitor etc., at the initial stage itself and enter readiness. On completion of all works like erection of Transformer, lines etc., by the Licensee, a 30 days' notice shall be issued to the applicant. It is enough to report his readiness to avail supply at this stage, after receipt of said notice. On receipt of readiness of the applicant, supply shall be given in three days.
- Within a survey field number or in a sub-divided field number, a person shall be eligible to be given one agricultural service connection to each well / bore well subject to the condition that the wells / bore wells are independent and physically separated from each other and the minimum extent of land to be irrigated from each well / bore well shall be 0.5 acre.

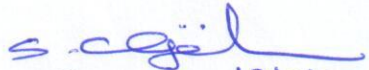
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- More than one agricultural service connection shall be eligible to be given to a well / bore well in a survey field number or in a sub-divided field number, in the name(s) of the co-owner(s) of the well / bore well, provided the co-owner(s) should own an extent of irrigated land of minimum 0.5 acre per service.
  - A separate service connection for water pumping for non-agricultural purpose under appropriate tariff is permitted in the well / bore well having agricultural service connection.

**Shifting of agriculture service Connection is permitted through out State:**

- Shifting of an existing agricultural service connection is permitted from any place to any place within the State.
- Shifting shall be considered irrespective of the reasons.
- Shifting shall be considered even if the land alone is sold for non- agricultural purpose, retaining the well and service.
- The charges towards the shifting shall be borne by the consumer under Deposit Contribution Works (DCW) basis.

**Procedure for changeover switch eased and simplified:**

- No document is necessary other than motor / capacitor details for getting approval for installation of Changeover switch.
- The approval for changeover switch shall be accorded after inspection and sealing within fifteen days of receipt of requisition letter.
- In case, if the licensee is not giving approval within the said period, the applicant will make use of the change over switch to carry out his urgent needs pending approval from the Licensee.
- The consumer shall be at liberty to use the supply through change over switch to all the stipulated allied agricultural activities at any time to his changing need.

  
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