

TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notification No. TNERC/DC/8– dated .03.2020.

(Comments invited by 06.04.2020)

1. The following draft of amendment to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code, which it is proposed to make in exercise of the powers conferred by section 181 read with section 46 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 section 181 of the said Act.

2. Notice is hereby given that the draft amendment will be taken into consideration after 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 to the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, 19-A, Rukmini Lakshmi pathy Salai, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

AMENDMENTS

In the said Distribution Code, -

(i) In regulation 27, after sub-regulation (1), the following sub-regulation shall be added, namely:-

“(1A) The application for supply of electricity shall be submitted to the designated engineer of the Distribution licensee. The Distribution licensee shall display the details of designated engineers for different categories of consumers in all its section offices and also host the same in its website.”;

(ii) In regulation 27, for sub-regulation (2), the following sub regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(2) Supply to Agricultural category: (a) Application for supply to agricultural category shall be in Form 2 of Annexure III. Extension of services under the agricultural category shall be governed by the directions issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu, under sub-section (1) of section 108 of the Electricity Act,2003, from time to time. Seniority number shall be assigned to the applicants of agricultural service connection, in a serial order on completion of successful registration and shall be maintained at the Divisional level by the Distribution licensee. The Seniority number of registration shall be informed in writing to the applicant. Releasing of agricultural service connections per annum within the circle and within the State may be done in such a way that the waiting period among divisions of a circle and among the circles in the State shall be more or less equal.

(b) In the case of agricultural service connection, the terminal LT pole of the Distribution licensee shall be considered as the distribution main.

(c) Supply from the agricultural category of service can be used for allied purposes as may be stipulated by the Commission from time to time, by installing a change over switch approved and sealed by the Distribution licensee, subject to the condition that the connected load for other purposes shall be within the contracted load. The change over switch is meant for using the supply either to the pumpset or to any of the purposes notified by the Commission. Using supply both to the pumpset and for other purposes at the same time is strictly prohibited. The consumer shall abide by the safety norms for any additional wiring for this purpose.

(d) Notice to the intending consumer to report readiness within 90 days shall be issued by the Distribution licensee based on the seniority maintained at Divisional level. This notice shall require the intending consumer to furnish details of survey number of the well and to prove ownership. The Distribution licensee, based on the date of readiness of the intending consumer to avail supply reported at the section level, shall effect supply on a 'first come, first served' basis. A separate notice may be issued prior to effecting supply i.e prior to issue of supply availability notice requiring the intending consumer, to furnish details of motor/pumpset that will be erected in the agricultural service to be effected, within 15 days of receipt of notice.

(e) If the consumer does not report readiness within first 90 day notice period issued under clause (d) of this sub-regulation, extensions to report readiness may be granted to a maximum period of 5 years. Irrespective of whether any request is made by the intending consumer to grant extension of time to report readiness, the Distribution Licensee shall keep the applications registered live for a period of 5 years from the date of registration, and on expiry of the 5 year period, the applications will be treated as lapsed and cancelled.

Explanation – *The timelines specified in clause (d) and (e) are for the agricultural applicants registered under normal priority. The Distribution Licensee is delegated with powers to follow suitable timelines for extension of services under other schemes as may be notified by the State Government.*

(f) The applicants/intending consumers for supply to the agriculture category may be permitted for name transfer and shifting of location of service connection even before effecting of supply. Shifting may be permitted within the area of the

Distribution licensee. In case of shifting before effecting supply by the intending consumer, if there are more than one registrations on the same date, the applicant seeking shifting of location of the service connection shall be placed last in the serial order on that date and seniority assigned accordingly.”;

(iii) In regulation 29, for sub-regulation (2), the following sub regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“2.(i) Within a Survey Field number or sub divided Survey Field number, a person shall be given more than one agricultural service connection subject to the condition that the wells are physically segregated. The minimum area of the land to be irrigated shall be 0.5 acre.

(ii) One agricultural service connection to each person shall be given in a well owned by more than one person subject to the condition that the minimum area of the land to be irrigated owned by each person is 0.5 acre.

(iii) More than one service connection shall be given in the same well/ same Survey Field Number /sub-divided Survey Field number to a person(s) for different purpose in the appropriate tariff.”;

(iv) In regulation 30, for sub regulation (5), the following sub regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(5) All motors/pump sets connected in Low Tension service connections shall be in conformity with best standards as certified/ approved by BIS/BEE.

(v) In regulation 31, after sub-regulation (3), the following sub regulation (3A) shall be added, namely:-

“(3A) If the intending agricultural consumer does not avail the supply at any time before the expiry of **two** years from the date of issue of supply availability notice, the application shall be treated as lapsed and cancelled.”

(vi) In ANNEXURE III, for FORM – 2, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

FORM -2

APPLICATION FORM FOR AGRICULTURE SERVICE CONNECTION

(Refer Regulation 27(2))

APPLICATION FOR SUPPLY OF POWER TO AGRICULTURAL PUMP SETS

To

The Designated Engineer
(Address of the Licensee's Distribution Centre)

For Office Use only

Registration No :
Date of Registration :
Registration Fee :
Fee Receipt No. and Date :
Demand Draft No. and Date :
Signature of Registering Authority :
:

1 a. Name(s) of Applicant(s) with Fathers Name :
(Passport size photo of applicant to be affixed)

b. Adi-Dravidar / Non Adi Dravidar* :

Photo

2. Applicant(s) Full Postal Address(es) for Communication :
with PIN Code

3. Contact No. and e-mail id :

4 a. S.F.No.(s) of Land (In case of more than one S.F. No. the :
Land should be contiguous)

- b. SF No.of well / borewell* for which service required :
(strike out that is not applicable) :
- c. Extent of Land in acres to be irrigated(Minimum of 0.5 acres) :
d. Name of Revenue Village :
e. Name of Panchayat Union :
f. Name of Taluk :
g. Name of District :
5. a. Whether there is any other well in the land ? : Yes / No
b. If yes,whether there is any service in the well ? : Yes / No
c. If Yes, Details of service connection
Name :
Service No., SF No. and Distribution :
Horse Power of motor pump set :
Tariff – Agriculture, allied activity (describe) :
Section Office :
6. Horse Power of motor pump set required :
7. Proof for Ownership of Land / Well :
Any one of the following to be enclosedEnclosed
a. Ownership Certificate from Village Administrative Officer (VAO)
b. Computer Patta :
c. Attested Copy of Partition Deed :
d. Attested Copy of Sale Deed :
e. Attested Copy of Gift Settlement :
f. Attested Copy of Legal heir(s) Certificate :
g. Attested Copy of court judgment :
8. Name(s) of Co-Owner(s) of well, if any. :
9. a. Whether the Application is made jointly and signed by all the Owners / legal heirs of the well : Yes / No*
b. If No, Consent Letter from the Co-Owner(s) / Legal heirs, Indemnity Bond shall be enclosed : Consent Letter/Indemnity Bond* Enclosed
10. No Objection Certificate from Government where required (If yes,enclose) : Yes/No*
11. Consent to abide by Restriction & Control measures of supply of Licensee with regard to duration of supply :
12. Details of existing service connections of the applicant,if any :

13. Details of pending dues if any to the premises to which service :
Connection is sought in this application

Note :

***Strike out the Terms not applicable**

I / We certify that the details given above are true to my / our best of knowledge.

Date :

Place :

Applicant(s) Signature
Name(s) in block letters

Enclosure : 1. _____ (As per Serial No.7)
2. _____ (As per Serial No.9, if Applicable)
3. _____ (As per Serial No.10, if Applicable)

FOR LICENSEE'S USE ONLY

Acknowledgement

Applicant's Name :

Address :

Date of receipt :

Reference No. :

Category of supply :

Signature and seal of Distribution Licensee
Name and Designation

(By order of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission)

S.Chinnarajalu
Secretary

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Agricultural services are being effected by the Distribution Licensee based on yearly targets fixed by the Government of Tamil Nadu for energisation of agricultural pumpsets and under various schemes notified by the Government viz. self financing schemes, Tatkal.

The amendments proposed seek to specify a detailed procedure for effecting agricultural services, shifting of area of service of the intending consumer and other related issues.

(By order of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission)

(S.Chinnarajalu)
Secretary

STATEMENT SHOWING EXISTING PROVISION AND PROPOSED PROVISION

Tamil Nadu Electricity Distribution Code

Sl. No.	Existing regulation	Proposed regulation
1	<p>27. Requisitions for Supply of Energy</p> <p>(1) xxx</p> <p>xxx</p> <p>(2) <i>Supply to Agricultural category: Application for supply to agriculture category shall be in Form 2 of Annexure III. In respect of the agricultural category, this provision shall be governed by the directives issued by the Commission from time to time, on the basis of the guidance on this matter by the National Electricity</i></p>	<p>27. Requisitions for Supply of Energy</p> <p>(1) xxx</p> <p>(1A) <i>The application for supply of electricity shall be submitted to the designated engineer of the Distribution licensee. The Distribution licensee shall display the details of designated engineers for different categories of consumers in all its section offices and also host the same in its website.</i></p> <p>(2) <i>Supply to Agricultural category:</i></p> <p>(a) <i>Application for supply to agricultural category shall be in Form 2 of Annexure III. Extension of services under the agricultural category shall be governed by the directions issued by the Government of Tamil Nadu, under</i></p>

<p><i>Policy (as stipulated in sub section 4 under section 86 of the Act) and the policy directions in public interest given by the State Government under sub section (1) of section 108 of the Act.</i></p>	<p><i>sub-section (1) of section 108 of the Electricity Act,2003, from time to time.</i></p> <p><i>Seniority number shall be assigned to the applicants of agricultural service connection, in a serial order on completion of successful registration and shall be maintained at the Divisional level by the Distribution licensee. The Seniority number of registration shall be informed in writing to the applicant. Releasing of agricultural service connections per annum within the circle and within the State may be done in such a way that the waiting period among divisions of a circle and among the circles in the State shall be more or less equal.</i></p> <p><i>(b) In the case of agricultural service connection, the terminal LT pole of the Distribution licensee shall be considered as the distribution main.</i></p> <p><i>(c) Supply from the agricultural</i></p>
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		<p><i>category of service can be used for allied purposes as may be stipulated by the Commission from time to time, by installing a change over switch approved and sealed by the Distribution licensee, subject to the condition that the connected load for other purposes shall be within the contracted load. The change over switch is meant for using the supply either to the pumpset or to any of the purposes notified by the Commission. Using supply both to the pumpset and for other purposes at the same time is strictly prohibited. The consumer shall abide by the safety norms for any additional wiring for this purpose.</i></p> <p><i>(d) Notice to the intending consumer to report readiness within 90 days shall be issued by the Distribution licensee based on the seniority maintained at Divisional level. This</i></p>
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		<p><i>notice shall require the intending consumer to furnish details of survey number of the well and to prove ownership. The Distribution licensee, based on the date of readiness of the intending consumer to avail supply reported at the section level, shall effect supply on a 'first come, first served' basis. A separate notice may be issued prior to effecting supply i.e prior to issue of supply availability notice requiring the intending consumer, to furnish details of motor/pumpset that will be erected in the agricultural service to be effected, within 15 days of receipt of notice.</i></p> <p><i>(e) If the consumer does not report readiness within first 90 day notice period issued under clause (d) of this sub-regulation, extensions to report readiness may be granted to a maximum period of 5 years. Irrespective of</i></p>
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		<p><i>may be permitted within the area of the Distribution licensee. In case of shifting before effecting supply by the intending consumer, if there are more than one registrations on the same date, the applicant seeking shifting of location of the service connection shall be placed last in the serial order on that date and seniority assigned accordingly.</i></p>
	<p>29 Service Lines :</p> <p>(1) xxx</p> <p>(2) <i>In agricultural connections where the consumer requires a separate service connection for utilizing energy for radios and other appliances including domestic lighting in the farm house, more than one service connection in the same Survey Field Number /sub-divided survey field number will be permitted.</i></p>	<p>29 Service Lines :</p> <p>(1) xxx</p> <p>2(i) <i>Within a Survey Field number or sub divided Survey Field number, a person shall be given more than one agricultural service connection subject to the condition that the wells are physically segregated. The minimum area of the land to be irrigated shall be 0.5 acre.</i></p> <p>(ii) <i>One agricultural service connection to each person shall be given in a well</i></p>

		<p><i>owned by more than one person subject to the condition that the minimum area of the land to be irrigated owned by each person is 0.5 acre.</i></p> <p><i>(iii) More than one service connection shall be given in the same well/same Survey Field Number/sub-divided survey field number to a person(s) for different purpose in the appropriate tariff.</i></p>
	<p>30.CONSUMER'S INSTALLATION:</p> <p>(1) xxx</p> <p>(2) xxx</p> <p>(3) xxx</p> <p>(4) xxx</p> <p>(5) <i>All electric motor used in all new Low Tension service connections shall be of ISI marked with manufacturers name plate indicating rating and capacity permanently affixed on it.</i></p>	<p>30.CONSUMER'S INSTALLATION:</p> <p>(1) xxx</p> <p>(2) xxx</p> <p>(3) xxx</p> <p>(4) xxx</p> <p>(5) <i>All motors/pump sets connected in Low Tension service connections shall be in conformity with best standards as certified/approved by BIS/BEE.</i></p>
	<p>31. INSPECTIONS, TESTING AND EFFECTING SUPPLY:</p>	<p>31. INSPECTIONS, TESTING AND EFFECTING SUPPLY:</p>

<p>(1) xxx</p> <p>(2) xxx</p> <p>(3) xxx</p>	<p>(1) xxx</p> <p>(2) xxx</p> <p>(3) xxx</p> <p>(3A) <i>If the intending agricultural consumer does not avail the supply at any time before the expiry of two years from the date of issue of supply availability notice, the application shall be treated as lapsed and cancelled.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">FORM -2 APPLICATION FORM FOR AGRICULTURE SERVICE CONNECTION (Refer Regulation 27(2))</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPLICATION FOR SUPPLY OF POWER TO AGRICULTURAL PUMP SETS</p> <p>(Note: The application should be signed by the owner of the well. If there are partners, all must sign or consent to be given by co-owners)</p> <p>To</p> <p>The Designated Engineer, (Address of the Licensee's Distribution Centre)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 50px; margin-left: 100px; text-align: center; line-height: 50px;">Appli cant's photo</div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name of owner of the well or partners : 2. Full residential address of the owner or partners : 3. Contact No. and e-mail id : 4. S.F. No. in which the well is situated : : 5. Revenue village name, Taluk and District : 6. Purpose of supply : 7. Area and type of land to be irrigated by this well 	<p style="text-align: center;">FORM -2 APPLICATION FORM FOR AGRICULTURE SERVICE CONNECTION (Refer Regulation 27(2))</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPLICATION FOR SUPPLY OF POWER TO AGRICULTURAL PUMP SETS</p> <p>To</p> <p>The</p> <p>Designated Engineer (Address of the Licensee's Distribution Centre)</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-left: 100px;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>For Office Use only</u></p> <p>Registration No :</p> <p>Date of Registration :</p> <p>Registration Fee :</p> <p>Fee Receipt No. and Date :</p> <p>Demand Draft No. and Date : Signature of Registering Authority :</p> </div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 a. Name(s) of Applicant(s) with Fathers Name : (Passport size photo of applicant to be affixed) <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 50px; height: 50px; margin-left: 100px; text-align: center; line-height: 50px;">Applic ant's Photo</div> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> b. Adi-Dravidar / Non Adi Dravidar* : 2. Applicant(s) Full Postal Address(es) :

<p>(Wet / Dry) :</p> <p>8. Horse Power of motor pump sets proposed to be installed :</p> <p>9. Type of pump set (Centrifugal/ Submersible/ Air compressor) :</p> <p>10. Consent to abide by R&C of Licensee with regard to duration of supply :</p> <p>11. Details of existing service connections of the applicant, if any :</p> <p>It is certified, I am the sole owner of the well / this application is signed by all partners</p> <p>Place : _____ Signature of Applicant/ Partners</p> <p>Date : _____ Name(s) in block letters</p> <p>Note : The document such as FMB map showing the location of the well, patta, chitta, adangal etc., shall be enclosed with the application.</p> <p>Date of receipt in the _____ Office of the Engineer,</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Certified that the open well/bore well and lands measuringacres andcents in S.F.Noof.....Village.....of.....Taluk is exclusively owned by Thiru s/o.....of.....Village.</p> <p>Jointly owned by</p> <p>List of owners</p> <p>(1).....s/o.....</p> <p>(2).....s/o.....</p> <p>(3).....s/o.....</p> <p>Certified that Thiru.....s/o.....is small/big farmer(s) Village Administrative Officer</p> <p>-----</p>	<p>for Communication with PIN Code</p> <p>3. Contact No. and e-mail id :</p> <p>4 a. S.F.No.(s) of Land (In case of more than : one S.F. No. the Land should be contiguous)</p> <p>b. SF No.of well / borewell* for : which service required (strike out that is not applicable)</p> <p>c. Extent of Land in acres (Minimum of 0.5 acres) :</p> <p>d. Name of Revenue Village :</p> <p>e. Name of Panchayat Union :</p> <p>f. Name of Taluk : g. Name of District :</p> <p>5. a. Whether there is any other well in the land? : Yes /No*</p> <p>b. If yes, whether there is any service in the well : Yes /No*</p> <p>c. If Yes, Details of service connection:- Name : Service No.,SF No. and Distribution : Horse Power of motor pump set : Tariff – Agriculture,allied activity (describe) : Section Office :</p> <p>6. Horse Power of motor pump set required :</p> <p>7. Proof for Ownership of Land / Well Any one of the following to be enclosedEnclosed</p> <p>a. Ownership Certificate from Village : Administrative Officer (VAO) :</p> <p>b. Computer Patta :</p> <p>c. Attested Copy of Partition Deed : :</p> <p>d. Attested Copy of Sale Deed :</p> <p>e. Attested Copy of Gift Settlement : :</p> <p>f. Attested Copy of Legal heir(s) Certificate : :</p> <p>g. Attested Copy of court judgment :</p> <p>8. Name(s) of Co-Owner(s) of well, if any :</p> <p>9. a. Whether the Application is made Jointly and signed by all the Owners/ : Yes / No* legal heirs of the well</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR LICENSEE'S USE ONLY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Acknowledgement</p> <p>Applicant's Name : Address :</p> <p>Date of receipt : Reference No. : Category of supply :</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signature and seal of Distribution Licensee Name and Designation</p>	<p>b. If No, Consent Letter from the } : Consent letter/ Co-Owner(s) / Legal heirs, } Indemnity Indemnity Bond shall be enclosed } Bond* enclosed</p> <p>10. No Objection Certificate from Government where required : Yes/No* (If yes,enclose)</p> <p>11.Consent to abide by Restriction & Control measures of supply of : Licensee with regard to duration of supply</p> <p>12. Details of existing service connections : of the applicant, if any</p> <p>13. Details of pending dues, if any, to the premises to which service connection is : sought in this application</p> <p>Note :</p> <p>*Strike out the Terms not applicable</p> <p>I / We certify that the details given above are true to my / our best of knowledge.</p> <p>Date : Applicant(s) Signature</p> <p>Place : Name(s) in block letters</p> <p>Enclosure :1. _____ (As per Serial No.7) 2. _____ (As per Serial No.9, if Applicable) 3. _____ (As per Serial No.10, if Applicable)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p style="text-align: center;">FOR LICENSEE'S USE ONLY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Acknowledgement</p> <p>Applicant's Name : Address :</p>
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