

**DRAFT CONSULTATIVE PAPER ON NON-TARIFF RELATED
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES (SUPPLY OF CMRI DATA TO HT
CONSUMERS)**

1. BACKGROUND :

(i) M/s Ayyanar Spinning and Weaving Mills filed a petition before the Commission vide Miscellaneous Petition No.38 of 2010, challenging the demand notices issued by the Superintending Engineers / Distribution Circles, Viruthunagar and Madurai of Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Ltd. (TANGEDCO) (the Distribution Licensee). The above HT Consumer contested that the CMRI downloaded data is erratic and contended that the excess charges are levied based on the graphical representation of the CMRI and not based on any numeric figures.

(ii) M/s Ayyanar Spinning and Weaving Mills further submitted before the Commission that TANGEDCO must provide CMRI downloaded data so as to verify the charges for excess demand and excess energy over the quota calculation made by TANGEDCO.

2. NEED FOR CONSULTATIVE PAPER :

(i) The Commission has directed the Distribution Licensee to be more transparent in matters related to consumer issues. A step in this direction is to provide the copy of the CMRI downloaded data to HT consumers.

(ii) TANGEDCO has informed that the CMRI downloaded data could be supplied to the HT Consumers on cost basis, since the work involved is significant; nearly 60 sheets have to be printed for each month in respect of each service. The Commission has accepted the views of TANGEDCO and directed TANGEDCO to file a

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petition requesting to fix the rate for supplying CMRI downloaded data to the HT Consumers. Accordingly, TANGEDCO filed a petition before the Commission and prayed to fix Rs.10/- per page and totally Rs.600/- for each month data (odd or even month) may be collected for nearly 60 pages for furnishing the details of both Demand and energy consumed by the consumers.

3. PROVISIONS IN THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 :

Section 45, 46, 47 and 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) empowers the State Commission to fix the charges to the Distribution Licensee to recover the charges / expenditure from the consumer.

4. PROVISIONS IN THE REGULATION/CODE :

The Regulation 5 (11) of Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code vide Notification No.TNERC/SC/7/1 dated 21-07-2004 specifies the following :

“(11) Meter Related Charges : Meter rental charges shall be payable by the consumer, unless the consumer elects to purchase a meter, in accordance with the rates as the Commission may fix from time to time for different categories of consumers. The Licensee shall, besides meter rent where payable, collect charges towards changing of meters and boards, testing of meters, testing of installations, inspection charges, etc. at the rates specified by the Commission from time to time”.

5. Based on the above, the licensee can collect the charges as specified by the Commission.

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6. NON-TARIFF RELATED MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES :

The Commission passed the Order dated 31-08-2004 in Miscellaneous Petition No.41 of 2003, filed by the TNEB (then Distribution Licensee) for recovery of various non-tariff related miscellaneous charges from the consumers. The said Order does not specify the charges for providing CMRI downloaded data to HT Consumers.

7. PRESENT AMENDMENT :

TANGEDCO requested the Commission to pass an Order for recovery of Rs.10/page for providing CMRI data to HT consumers. Thus, the Commission intends to make an amendment to sub-clause V(2) of Serial No.2.0 in the non-tariff related miscellaneous charges Order dated 31-08-2004 in Miscellaneous Petition No.41 of 2003.

8. INVITING VIEWS / SUGGESTIONS OF STAKEHOLDERS :

The stakeholders may submit their views / suggestions in writing on the above Amendment on or before 30-04-2011.

**Secretary
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission**