



Tamil Nadu State Power Committee Operating Procedures and Business Rules, 2025

In accordance with

Regulation 18 of the TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024 and Regulation 15 of the TNERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) Regulations, 2019

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Introduction

Whereas the Commission has notified the following Regulations inter-alia to bring more accuracy in forecasting the power and to aid better grid management:

- a. TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024 and
- b. TNERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) Regulations, 2019

Whereas, the Regulation 18 of the TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024 and Regulation 15 of the TNERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) Regulations, 2019 mandates the Commission to formulate the State Power Committee for the following purposes:

- a. Co-ordinate and facilitate the intra-state energy exchange for ensuring optimal utilisation of resources.
- b. Monitor compliance of these Regulations by State Entities and submit annual compliance report in the prescribed format within thirty days from close of financial year.
- c. Guide the TNSLDC for modification of procedure(s) to address the implementation difficulties, if any.
- d. Provide necessary support and advice to the Commission for suitable modifications/issuance of operating procedures, practice directions, and amendment to the provisions of these Regulations, as may be necessary upon due regulatory process.

In compliance with the above Regulations, the Commission vide Proceeding No. TNERC/DVSM/1142, dated 01-08-2024 has appointed the State Power Committee consisting the following members:

Sl. No.	Category	Candidates nominated / designated by the Commission	Role
1.	SLDC	CE/Grid Operation	Chairperson
2.		Superintending Engineer, Secretariat of State Power Committee	Member Secretary
3.		DFC/SLDC	Member
4.	TANTRANSCO	Chief Engineer/System Operation/Chennai	Member
5.		Chief Financial Controller/ TANTRANSCO	Member
6.	TANGEDCO (Distribution Licensee)	Chief Engineer/Commercial	Member
7.		Chief Financial Controller/Revenue/ TANGEDCO	Member
8	TANGEDCO (State Generator)	Chief Engineer/Mechanical-Thermal	Member
9	IPP	Thiru C.Murugeswaran, President, M/s.Tamil Nadu Power Producers Association, No.6, Sardar Patel Road, Guindy, Chennai – 600 032.	Member
10	Wind Power Producer	Thiru R.Kannan, Director, M/s.Beta wind farm Pvt. Ltd., Bascon Futura SV, 4 th Floor, 10/1, Venkatanarayana Road, T.Nagar, Chennai – 600 017 (Representative of IWPA)	Member
11	Solar Power Producer	Thiru A.D.Thirumoorthy, M/s.SWELECT Energy Systems Limited, SWELECT House, No.5, Sir P.S.Sivasami Salai, Mylapore, Chennai – 600 004 (Representative of National Solar Energy Federation of India)	Member
12	Trader	Thiru Gopinathan Pandian, Sr.Manager (Solar), M/s.Manikaran Power Limited, No. 302, 3 rd floor, D21, Corporate Park, Sector-21, Dwarka, New Delhi – 110077	Member
13	QCA – Solar	Thiru Y.Pramod Peter, Assistant Vice President (Renewables), M/s. Reconnect Energy Solutions Limited, VK Kalyani, No. 22, 7 th floor, Sankey Road, Bengaluru, Karnataka – 560 020.	Member
14	QCA – Wind	Thiru N.Manmathan, Sr.General Manager- Operation & Projects, M/s. Leap Green Energy Pvt. Ltd., 4 th floor, Caledon square, Avinashi Road, Peelamedu, Coimbatore – 641 004.	Member

The Proceeding inter-alia contains the following provisions regarding formation and functioning of the Tamil Nadu State Power Committee (TNSPC):

- a. The Committee will be reconstituted as and when any changes occur in the administrative set up of the Licensees/State owned Corporations/TNSLDC. The tenure of the above Members shall be 3 (three) years.
- b. The Member Secretary of the committee shall arrange for the committee meeting.
- c. The TNSPC shall discharge its functions as per the Regulation 15 of TNERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations 2019 and Regulation 18 of TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024.

As per the clause 6 of the above proceedings, the TNSLDC shall formulate Operating Procedures and Business Rules for the State Power Committee without any delay. Accordingly, the TNSLDC vide Lr.No.CE/GO/SE/ID&REMC/EE/OC/F.SPC/D.120/24, dt. 27-12-2024 has submitted a draft operating procedure and business rules for the State Power Committee for approval of the Commission and accordingly the Commission hereby approves the procedure submitted by the TNSLDC with slight variations.

1. These procedures shall be called "Tamil Nadu State Power Committee Operating Procedures and Business Rules, 2025" and these operating procedures and rules shall come into force from the date of the proceedings notified by the Commission i.e. 01-08-2024.

2. Definitions

2.1. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires,

- a. "Act" means the Electricity Act, 2003;
- b. "Agenda" means the list of matters proposed to be deliberated at a meeting of the committee;
- c. "Commission" means Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission;

- d. "Committee" means the Tamil Nadu State Power Committee constituted as per clause 15 of Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) regulations, 2019 and clause 18 of TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024;
- e. "Regulations" means TNERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2019 and TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024;
- f. "SPC" means Tamil Nadu State Power Committee (TNSPC) constituted by the Commission;
- g. "Meeting" means a meeting convened by the Member-Secretary or any Member authorized to convene a meeting in the absence of the Member-Secretary with the concurrence of the Chairperson of the TNSPC;
- h. "Member" means the Member of the TNSPC;
- i. "Rules" or the "Operating Procedures" mean Tamil Nadu State Power Committee operating procedures and Business Rules, 2025.

2.2. The Words or expressions used and not defined in these procedures shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Act, or the Rules or other Regulations framed there under.

3. Functions of TNSPC

As per clause 15.2 of TNERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations 2019 and clause 18 of TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024, the State Power Committee shall:

- a. Co-ordinate and facilitate the intra-state energy exchange for ensuring optimal utilization of resources.

- b. Monitor compliance of the TNERC (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2019 and TNERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and related matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2024 by the State Entities and submit annual compliance report in the prescribed format within thirty days from close of financial year. The Member-Secretary may devise the format in the first meeting of the TNSPC and send the same to the Commission.
- c. Guide the TNSLDC on modification of procedure(s) to address the implementation difficulties, if any.
- d. Provide necessary support and advice to the Commission for suitable modifications/issuance of operating procedures, practice directions, and amendment to the provisions of the Regulations, as may be necessary upon due regulatory process.

4. Secretariat of TNSPC

There shall be secretariat to coordinate the functions of TNSPC with the TNSLDC and other authorities. The duties and responsibilities envisaged under these Procedures/Regulations shall be carried out and the resolutions made by the TNSPC from time to time shall be implemented by the Secretariat of TNSPC. The head of Secretariat of TNSPC shall be the Member Secretary for the SPC. The Member Secretary shall be an officer not below the rank of Superintending Engineer.

5. Duties and Responsibility of Secretariat of TNSPC

Secretariat of SPC shall perform the following duties:

- a. Conducting Committee Meetings;
- b. Prepare Agenda for the Committee meetings;
- c. Prepare minutes of the Committee meetings;
- d. Take follow-up action on the decision taken in the Committee meetings;
- e. Keep custody of records of proceedings of the Committee;
- f. Issuance of Deviation Settlement Accounts. (Weekly DSM bills and Statements);

- g. Maintaining DSM Pool Bank Accounts;
- h. Issuance of State Energy Accounts (EA) for the Intra state DSM Pool Participants;
- i. Resolution of commercial issues pertaining to the Intra State Deviation Settlement Mechanism;
- j. Representing Secretariat of TNSPC in hearings before any court of law such as State / Central Electricity Regulatory Commissions, APTEL, High Court and Supreme Court;
- k. Arranging Payment of sitting fees/Transportation charges for the eligible committee members;
- l. Inclusion of the expenditure related to Committee meeting in the TNSLDC's Annual Revenue Requirements;
- m. The TNSPC may form the sub-committees consisting of various wings of generation, transmission and distribution of the utilities in Tamil Nadu which may also include the officials from the private sectors so as to have better grid stability, grid security and grid operation in more economic and efficient manner. The sub-committees may be formed in the area like technical and operational co-ordinations, power system protection, load flow studies, commercial issues, etc.

6. Furnishing of data/information to Secretariat of TNSPC

TNSLDC and constituents of the State shall make available all data/information required by the Secretariat of TNSPC to discharge its functions or to carry out any other responsibility/function assigned to it by the Commission/Committee. It shall also be the responsibility of the constituents to ensure that any data though not specifically asked for by the Secretariat of TNSPC, but which may be required for the specific responsibility/function assigned to the Secretariat of TNSPC is also made available to the Secretariat of TNSPC.

7. Procedure for conducting TNSPC meetings

The meeting of the Committee shall be convened in the manner prescribed below:

- a. Any member, who desires any change in the Regulations/Procedures/working methodology or issues in the implementation of DSM, shall send the proposals to the Member-Secretary of the Committee along with the reasons for such change and detailed justification;
- b. The Member Secretary shall, upon receipt of such proposals or where the Commission has made a reference, submit the same to the Chairperson of the Committee immediately and also forward the same to other members of the Committee for their suggestions/comments;
- c. On receipt of the comments from the members of the Committee, the Member Secretary, in consultation with the Chairperson, shall arrange for the Committee meeting. Further, the Member Secretary in consultation with the Chairperson may invite and seek the views of any person(s) in the Committee meeting who is an expert in that particular field of subject, but not having conflict of interest;
- d. The Committee, after finalizing its views on the proposed modifications to the Regulations/Procedures/working methodology or issues in the implementation of DSM, shall forward the same to the Commission, with due justification, in detail for taking final decisions.

8. Place and date of TNSPC Meeting

The Place and date of the meeting shall be decided by Member Secretary, TNSPC in consultation with Chairperson of TNSPC and such meeting shall generally be held within the State of Tamil Nadu.

9. Notice for the Committee Meetings and Agenda

9.1 Notice for the committee meeting shall be issued by Member Secretary/TNSPC at least 2-3 weeks in advance in consultation with Chairperson of TNSPC. In cases where emergency meetings are required to be conducted to carry out on urgent basis, notice

may be served at short notice to the members of the Committee either in writing or by electronic mode or orally by telephone in case of extreme urgency;

9.2. The agenda points for the meeting shall be sent to the Member Secretary by the members. The Member Secretary/ TNSPC shall finalize the agenda and circulate the same to all its members and also post it on the website of the TNSLDC. The Members shall send the Comments/suggestions to the Member Secretary within 10 days from the date of communication/ publication in the website or one day prior to the date of the meeting, whichever is earlier;

9.3. Member Secretary/ TNSPC may also convene a meeting at short notice on any urgent matter in consultation with Chairperson of the committee;

9.4. Meetings may also be conducted through video conferencing if required.

10. Effect of Non-receipt of Notice of Meeting by a Member

Mere non-receipt of notice by any member of TNSPC shall not invalidate the proceeding of the meeting or any decision taken in the meeting unless presence of such member is so vital that non-receipt of such notice by a member may likely to vitiate the entire decision making process and renders such decision ineffective.

11. Cancellation/Re-Scheduling of Meeting

If a meeting is required to be cancelled or rescheduled, the same shall be intimated to the members at the earliest by telephone/e-mail and also be posted in TNSLDC website immediately.

12. Periodicity of Meetings

The Committee members shall meet at least once in three months. However, the committee may meet to discuss any issue as and when required in consultation with Chairperson, TNSPC subject to the provisions in clause 9 of these procedures.

13. Decision of the TNSPC

13.1. All decisions in the TNSPC shall be taken by consensus. If consensus could not be reached, the issue may be referred by the TNSPC to the Commission whose decision is final and binding.

13.2. The decision of the TNSPC in regard to operation of the State Grid and scheduling & dispatch of electricity shall be in line with the Commission's Codes/Regulations/Procedures/Orders issued from time to time. The decisions by the TNSPC shall be strictly followed by TNSLDC. If any change is required to the Commission's Regulations/Procedures, the TNSPC shall refer the same to the Commission along with the detailed justification together with the views of the members of the TNSPC and its recommendations thereon. The Commission, in turn, may approve the changes, suggestions with or without modification, as it may deem fit and cause the publication of the proposed amendment in the Regulations/procedures in such manner as may be necessary.

13.3. Only Members of TNSPC and Secretariat of TNSPC or invitees whose presence is not prejudicial to the proceedings shall participate in the committee meetings.

13.4. All proceedings of the Committee shall be kept confidential until the final decision is placed in the public domain.

14. Presiding Authority

The Chairperson of TNSPC shall preside over the meeting of TNSPC and conduct Meeting. The Member Secretary, TNSPC shall assist the Chairperson of TNSPC in conducting the meeting. If the Chairperson is unable to attend a meeting for any reason, any other member nominated by the Chairperson on his/her behalf or in the absence of such nomination or where there is no Chairperson, other members present in the meeting shall nominate a person among themselves to preside over the meeting and for such purpose, Member-Secretary shall move a motion for vote in case there is no consensus on selection of a member as Chairperson. In the absence of Member Secretary/TNSPC such of the other officer as may be designated by the Chairperson shall function as Member Secretary to assist Chairperson of TNSPC.

15. Recording of the Minutes

The minutes of the meeting shall be finalized and circulated to all its members by the Member Secretary/ TNSPC within 15 working days from the date of the committee meeting which shall be certified by the Member-Secretary or any person acting in the capacity of Member-Secretary in his/her absence.

16. Confirmation of the Minutes

Minutes of the TNSPC meeting shall be placed in the next meeting for confirmation. However, in case of urgency the minutes may be confirmed by circulation.

17. Facilities to the Members of TNSPC

The following facilities shall be extended to the members of the TNSPC:

- a. The Members (other than employees of the Licensees/State Owned Corporations/TNSLDC) shall be paid a sitting fee of Rs. 3000/- per sitting;
- b. The outstation Members shall be paid AC II class train fare as Travelling Allowance (to and fro travelling charges);
- c. The above expenditure shall be allowed as revenue expenditure in the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) of TNSLDC.

18. Reports by the Secretariat of TNSPC

The following reports shall be prepared and furnished by Secretariat of TNSPC.

- a. Deviation Settlement Mechanism Statement - Weekly for Conventional Generators and Monthly for the Wind and Solar Generators;
- b. Monthly State Energy Accounting Statement for the Intra-State DSM Pool Participants.

19. Savings of inherent power of the TNSPC

19.1. Nothing in these Rules shall bar the TNSPC from adopting in conformity with the Act or Regulations of the Commission, a procedure that is at variance with provisions of

these Rules/Procedures, if the TNSPC in view of the special circumstances of a matter or class of matters deem it necessary or expedient to deal with such a matter or class of matters and all such action shall be placed before the Commission immediately thereafter with justification.

19.2. Nothing in these Rules shall expressly or by implication, bar the TNSPC to deal with any matter or exercise any power under the Act for which no Rules/Procedures have been framed and TNSPC may deal with such matters and functions in a manner it thinks fit without contravening in any manner, the Electricity Act or the Regulations of the Commission.

(By order of the Commission)

Secretary
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission