

TAMIL NADU GENERATION AND DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LTD.
Technical Branch

O/o the Chief Engineer/Commercial,
144, Anna Salai, Chennai – 2.

Memo No.CE/Coml/SE/EE3/AEE1/F.TNPCB/FLM/CM/69/21,dt.15.02.2021

Sub:-TANGEDCO –TNPCB – Reconnection of disconnected HT /LT Service beyond the period mentioned in the Regulation as per the directions of TamilNadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) – Instructions issued - Regarding.

Ref:-1.TNPCB'sProc.No.T5/TNPCB/F.5/PND/2020,dt.27.11.2020.
2.Memo.No.CE/Coml/SE/EE3/AEE1/F.TNPCB/D.139/19,dt.27.09.2019.

Many representations from various consumers are being received for reconnection of Electricity service connections especially the services disconnected for more than 5 years / 2 years for HT/LT services respectively as per the direction of Pollution Control Board. In such reconnections, if the lines feeding the industries/organizations are available, then the additional infrastructure required to be borne by the TANGEDCO is Nil and if the new connection procedure is followed by the TANGEDCO for such reconnections, the consumer faces many hardships. To avoid such hardships to the consumers, the following instructions may be followed for reconnection of disconnected services as per the direction of Pollution Control Board.

If the consumers of the disconnected Electricity service connections come forward for reconnection after the period mentioned in Regulation (22), sub-regulation (6)(i) of TNE Supply Code and the Licensee is not required to develop any further electrical infrastructure on account of such reconnections, it may be treated as existing service connection and hence, it is sufficient for the licensee to follow the safety norms prescribed in the Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to safety and electric supply) Regulations, 2010, verification of ownership documents, recovery of

outstanding dues if any along with the necessary BPSC from the consumers, present status of Service Connection, and other norms such as obtaining RTR and necessary testing charges as per Regulation 22(2) of the TNE Supply Code before reconnection of such services.

However, if the consumers of the disconnected service connections come forward for reconnection after the period mentioned in Regulation (22), sub-regulations (6)(i) of TNE Supply Code and the licensee is required to develop further electrical infrastructure for such reconnections, the licensee shall treat them as new applicants and supply may be effected after recovering all charges applicable to a new service connections and all other arrears with BPSC.

(By order of CMD/TANGEDCO)

SD./-dt.15.02.2021
Chief Engineer/Commercial

To

All the Chief Engineers/ Distribution /TANGEDCO.

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Copy to the CE/IT/TANGEDCO. It is requested to arrange to make suitable modification in the HT/LT software with regard to Pollution Control Board directions.

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Memo No.CE/Comml/SE/EE3/AEE1/F.TNPCB/D.139/2019, dt.27.09.2019

Sub:- TANGEDCO- Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (TNPCB) -Disconnection of power supply to the industries indulging in Pollution – Earlier instructions reiterated – Further Instruction - Issued.

Ref:- 1.Memo No. CE/Comml/EE3/AEE1/F.TNPCB/D-320/2002 dt 04-12-2002
2.Memo No.CE/Comml/EE3/AEE1/F.TNPCB/D-403/2010, dt 27-05-2010
3.D.O.Lr.No.T1/TNPCB/Closure/F.027959/2017, dt 14-11-2017
4.Memo No.CE/Comml/EE3/AEE1/F.TNPCB/D-298/2017, dt 16-12-2017
5. Memo No.CE/Comml/SE /EE3/AEE1/F.TNPCB/D.17/2018,dt 06.03.2018
6. Letter No. TNPCB/LAW/LAI/F 018759/2019,dated 13.08.19

As per the provisions contained in Section 33-A of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and Section 31-A of the Air (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Pollution Control Board is empowered to issue directions for Closure, Prohibition or Regulation of Industry and for stoppage of essential services including electricity supply. Section 175 of the Electricity Act, 2003 provides that the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 are in addition to, and not in derogation of, any other law for the time being in force.

2. As per Regulation 21(2) of the TNE Supply Code, the Distribution Licensee shall be entitled to disconnect the supply of electricity subject to the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention and control of pollution) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, etc.

3. In view of the said provisions in law, whenever the Pollution Control Board directs the TANGEDCO to disconnect electricity supply to any consumer(s) invoking the provisions contained in the aforesaid central Acts, the TANGEDCO is liable to comply such directions immediately.

4. Attention in this regard is invited to the memoranda under reference 1, 2, 4 & 5 cited wherein it has been instructed as follows:

- a) *When the request from TNPCB is received directly for stoppage of Electricity to the erring LT industrial units (LT/LTCT services), the AEs/JEs/O&M may be instructed to disconnect power supply to such LT erring industrial units immediately without waiting for the instructions from higher authorities and intimate the fact of disconnection of power supply to TNPCB authority concerned with copy marking to S.E./EDC concerned.*
- b) *When such request is received from TNPCB for stoppage of power supply to the erring HT industrial units, the EEs concerned may be instructed to arrange to disconnect the power supply to the erring HT industrial units immediately without waiting for instruction from Circle office and intimate the fact of disconnection of power supply to TNPCB authority concerned with marking the copies to SEs concerned for proper monitoring the cases.*
- c) *Immediately after disconnection, a report containing the details of services disconnected should be furnished to Director (Distribution) by the SEs concerned by FAX/E-Mail promptly for monitoring at Head Quarters."*
- d) *On receipt of a direction from the Pollution Control Board, the consumer shall be informed of the directions of the Pollution Control Board and thereafter the electricity supply to such a consumer(s) shall be stopped at once. In any case, the said exercise of stoppage of electricity supply shall be completed within 24 hours from the time of receipt of such directions.*
- e) *In case, the Pollution Control Board directs restoration of electricity supply to which there was an earlier direction for stoppage of electricity supply or the consumer produces any order of restoration/ reconnection of disconnected electricity supply passed by the National Green Tribunal or Hon'ble High Court,*

etc., whether such an order is for running the entire industry or in part of for lighting purpose or such other limited /specific purpose only, the time limit specified above shall be followed for reconnection as well, without waiting for any instructions from higher authorities. However, the same shall be informed thereafter to the Pollution Control Board as well as to the higher authorities as required.

5. Now, the TNPCB, in pursuant to the orders of the Division Bench of the Hon'ble High Court /Madras in W.P.No.13648 of 2016, dated 29.04.2019, has communicated the further requirements to be adopted by the TANGEDCO officials.
6. Therefore, **in addition to** the compliance of the existing instructions as aforesaid, the field officers are **also** directed as follows:-

"On receipt of a direction from the Chairman of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (or) report from the District Collector, as a Chairman, District Coordination Committee formed by the G.O.Ms.No.23 Environment and Forests (EC1) Department, dated 01-03-2018 – regarding the erring industries which are discharging the waste water into the water bodies, the consumer shall be informed of the directions of the Chairman of Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board (or) report from the District Collector as a Chairman, District Coordination Committee and thereafter the electricity supply to such a consumer(s) shall be stopped at once. In any case, the said exercise of stoppage of Electricity supply shall be completed within 24 hours from the time of receipt of such directions."

7. After due compliance of disconnection of service, such authorities themselves thereafter, directs restoration of electricity supply to which there was an earlier direction for stoppage of electricity supply or the consumer produces any order of restoration/reconnection of disconnected electricity supply passed by the National Green Tribunal or any court of law whether such an order is for running the entire Industry or in part or for lighting purpose or such other limited/specific purpose

only, the time limit specified above shall be followed for reconnection as well, without waiting for any instructions from higher authorities. However, the same shall be informed thereafter to the higher authorities of the TANGEDCO and TNPCB or District Collector, as the case may be.

8. The field officers are directed to adhere to the said instructions scrupulously. The Superintending Engineers/Executive Engineers in the Distribution Circle shall continuously monitor/ensure that the instructions aforesaid are complied with by the field officers in its letter and spirit.

Sd.\-xxx 27.09.19
Director/Distribution
For CMD/TANGEDCO.

To

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