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Sub: Eley-R&D-TANGEDCO Testing Laboratory, Chennai–Challenge
Test - TNERC order - reg

Ref: Proceeding No.595 TNERC/TPT Lab/2023 dt 09.05.23

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With reference to the TNERC proceedings cited above, TNERC has approved and empanelled the NABL accredited TANGEDCO Testing Laboratory, Chennai and TANGEDCO Mobile Testing Laboratory, Tirunelveli as third party energy meter testing laboratories for the purpose of challenge test of disputed meters.

In the above proceedings TNERC has stated in the above reference that the testing of disputed energy meter at third party testing agencies shall be as per 7(9) of Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply code which specifies that “ **If the consumer considers that the meter is defective, he may apply to the Licensee to have a special test carried out on the meters at any time and the cost of such a test shall be borne by the Licensee or the consumer according as the meter is found defective or correct as a result of such a test.**

“.....**The meter shall be deemed to be correct if the limits of error do not exceed those laid down in the relevant rules made under the Act. The consumer may also be allowed to install a check meter after recalibration by the Licensee. Such check meter shall be of high quality, high precision and high accuracy and sealed by the Licensee. Whenever the Licensee’s meter becomes defective the check meter reading may be taken for billing.**”

As per TNERC Order No.10 of 2022 for Non-Tariff related Miscellaneous Charges Date of Order: 09-09-2022 the Commission has accorded approval for charging the consumers for such testing as per the rates in force at GESL or NABL, as the case may be, which shall be collected by the licensee from the consumer for whom the said Challenge Test was made.

Based on the above orders if the consumer opts for the challenge test, the following procedure is to be followed.

1. The concern TANGEDCO lab may be contacted and enquired for the testing fees stating the tests to be performed.
2. Request letter is to be submitted to the TANGEDCO Testing Laboratory by the concerned O&M wing along with the consent letter from the consumer for payment of testing fees or the undertaking by the O&M wing for collection of testing fees from the consumer if the meter is found correct.
3. After getting the schedule for challenge test from the concern TANGEDCO Testing Laboratory, if willing to witness the tests, details of the officer from O&M wing on Board side and on consumer side may also be intimated to the lab.
4. Meter is to be submitted with all the above particulars by the concerned O&M wing.
5. After testing is carried out, if the meter is found to be correct, after collecting the testing fees as per 7(9) of Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply code, collection particulars of testing fees shall be intimated to the concerned TANGEDCO lab.

For further necessary action.

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