

Renewable Energy Producers Association

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Circular No. 12/2025-26

To Date: 22.05.2025

All Members.

Sub: **Network Charges** not to be levied-Regarding.

Ref: The modified instruction of the CFC Revenue in Letter No.

CFC/REV/FC/REV/AO/REV/D.414/2025 dated 22.05.2025.

A copy of the modified instruction of the CFC Revenue above cited, is sent herewith for the information of all members, who are having Rooftop Solar Projects at their Rooftops. Due to an Ex-Parte Interim Order issued only in respect of One Writ Petitioner namely, M/s. Sivasubramania Textiles alone, the CFC Revenue, vide his earlier Circular dated 05.05.2025, instructed to collect Network Charges from all, without analyzing the Legal impact of the Ex-Parte Interim Order dated 28.04.2025.

REPA has very strongly agitated the stand taken by the TNPDCL and accordingly, made a strong representation to the CFC Revenue. Likewise, SISPA has also made a strong representation. Considering all the same, now the CFC Revenue, has issued modified instructions, to apply the Ex-Parte Interim Stay Order, only to the one mill alone namely M/s. Sivasubramania Textiles.

Accordingly, members are advised to show the instruction of the CFC Revenue sent herewith along with the membership certificate of REPA, to the DFCs / SEs concerned and accordingly, request them not to levy the Network Charges anymore on their Rooftop Solar Projects and more particularly in the CC Bill for May 2025. The demands received to pay the Network Charges for March 2025, may also be requested to be waived off in the same lines. As REPA apprehends that the TNPDCL may file Writ Appeals in all cases, after the opening of the High Court on 02.06.2025, necessary arrangements will be made at REPA, to protect the interest of members from not being exploited anymore.

Please note that separate Guidelines will be issued on the refund of the already paid Network Charges and hence, members can keep the refund matter deferred for some time.

Thanking You,

With Regards, Dr. K. Venkatachalam, Chief Advisor cum CEO.

TNPDCL (ACCOUNTS BRANCH)

From

To

The Chief Financial Controller/Revenue, NPKRR Maligai,

All SE/EDCs, TNPDCL.

144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.

<u>Lr No.CFC/REV/FC/REV/AO/REV/D.414/2025, dt.22.05.2025.</u> Sir,

Sub: Elecy-W.A.No.1400 of 2025 filed by TNPDCL against the Common order passed on 22.12.2024 in W.P.No.22000 of 2022, W.P.No.21742 of 2023 and others, interim order passed by the Division Bench of Hon'ble High Court of Madras on 28.04.2025 in C.M.P.No.10746 of 2025 – Instructions Issued-Reg

- Ref: 1. Common order dt.22.12.2024 passed by the Hon'ble High Court of Madras in W.P.No.22000 of 2022 and others batch.
 - 2. Interim order dt.28.04.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of Madras High Court in CM.P.No.10746 of 2025 in W.A.No.1400 of 2025.
 - 3. Lr.No. CFC/ REV/ FC/ REV/ AO/ REV/ F.Network Charges/D.294/22 DATED 04.04.2022.

With reference 3 to the above, instructions had been issued to the EDCs to levy the network charges from the roof-top solar power generators w.e.f.22.10.2021. However, several HT consumers and consumer associations had filed petitions before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras vide WP No.22000 of 2022 and others. Subsequently, the Hon'ble High Court of Madras has passed the order in favour of the petitioners, vide common order dt.22.12.2024 (uploaded on 28.03.2025). Accordingly, the request of the petitioners and the members of the petitioner associations have been considered for the month of March, 2025.

- 2.0 TNPDCL has filed an appeal against the common order dt.22.12.2024 vide W.A.No.1400 of 2025 in WP No.21742 of 2023 before the Hon'ble Division Bench and obtained an order of stay dated 28.04.2025 of the common order dt.22.12.2024 of the Hon'ble Single Bench. In the order passed by the Hon'ble Division Bench of Madras High Court in WA No.1400 of 2025, it is ordered in para 5 that "There shall be an order of Interim stay of the operation of the order dated 22.12.2024 in W.P.No.21742 of 2023 till then".
- 3.0 In order to comply with the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, instructions have been issued vide letter dt.05.05.2025 informing to raise the CC bills along with network charges to roof top solar generators / consumers. However, if any consumer, other than the respondent in WA No.1400 of 2025 requests not to levy the network charges till an order of stay are passed specifically against them, the request of the consumers & the members of the associations may be considered. While considering the request, it shall be clearly communicated to the consumers/members of the associations that the same is without prejudice to the appeals and other remedies available to TNPDCL in law. It shall also be made clear that in case the Hon'ble High Court grants stay or sets aside the judgment of the Hon'ble Single bench, the unpaid charges will be recovered in accordance with law.
- 4.0 Both the order copies are annexed with this letter for further necessary action and compliance. Further, action is being taken to file writ appeals against all writ petitions in the batch cases and compliance of the present orders/consideration of the request of the consumers/members of the association shall be without prejudice to all legal recourse and remedies at the disposal on TNPDCL.

Encl: As above.

Chief Financial Controller/Revenue