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Circular to members having windmills in Tamil Nadu



Dear Member

TNEB's AMR (Automated Meter Reading) Project for issue of CC Bills from July 2018 onwards

A meeting was convened jointly by CE NCES and CFC on June 27, 2018 at TNEB Office at Chennai wherein representatives of IWPA, TASMA & SIMA and a few members were present.

The AMR project is proposed to be rolled out in three phases as follows:

1. **Phase 1** – The Billing period will be changed from 0:00 hrs. of the first day of the month to 0:00 hrs. of the last day the month. Thus, the reading cycle would be made uniform instead of the existing manual reading cycle of 5th to 15th of the month. The generation statement could be viewed on-line and downloaded by the generators. To enable this on-line access, every generator would be given a unique username and password by EDC.
2. **Phase 2** – The allotment of captive units could be done on-line and the consolidated allotment statement will be transmitted to the concerned consumption end SEs on-line. This will do away with the paper work and the need to send a person to submit the papers to the concerned EDCs. The allotment letter could be downloaded on-line for generator's record.
3. **Phase 3** – DLMS meters would be fixed in all the consumption end HT Service connections and a new billing software with AMR will enable automatic generation of consumption HT bill which can be accessed on-line. The bills could be paid on-line.

With the completion of the AMR project, there will be no manual interventions by TNEB staff right from generation to payment.

The Phase 1 will be rolled out by June 30th, 2018 and TNEB is expected to issue a detailed procedure by this evening.

The following points were discussed at the meeting:

- a) TANGEDCO have informed that the meter reading for the month of June would be taken at 00.00 hours on 30th June. The cut off manual reading taken during the first half of June would not be considered for closing reading and hence the generation for the month of June would be from the previous meter reading taken during the first half of May till 30th June.

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- b) Due to extension of closing meter reading date in June 2018 from manual reading date in June 2018 to AMR reading of 0:00 hrs. of June 30, 2018, the generation would be higher which may result in higher quantum of banking for some members. TANGEDCO have agreed in principle to waive the banking charges in respect of the additional banking units arising out of change in the meter reading date. (only for the month of June 2018)
- c) Members are to approach the respective generating EDCs (between 2nd and 7th July 2018) for collecting the print out of the revised generation statement for the month of June 2018 (up to 30th of June 2018) and then submit the revised allocation statement before 10th July 2017 to the Generating EDCs.
- d) The revised allocation statement would be sent to the consumer EDCs well before 12th July and the HTSC monthly bills would be raised by consumer EDCs after the revised allocation is received. Consumers would be given the normal time of seven days for making the payment of the bills.
- e) From July 2018, the metering period will be uniform from 0:00 hrs. of the first day of the month to 0:00 hrs. of the last day the month for each calendar month for all the generators. This will be done through AMR.
- f) Members can obtain the USER ID and Password from generating EDCs after 2nd July 2018 based on which members would be able to view and print the generation statement online.
- g) TANGEDCO would nominate nodal officers for each generating EDCs for successful implementation of this and also provide whatever clarifications needed by generators.

We have requested TANGEDCO to send an official communication early. Upon receipt of the same, members would be advised further on this for action. We advise members to take note of all the above points.

Let us all support TNEB in its efforts to reduce delays and automate its billing systems.

With best wishes and regards

Yours sincerely
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