

## 18. STREET LIGHTS

### 18.14 Reduction of rate of Belated Payment Surcharge levied on local bodies

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Letter (Ms) No. 93, Energy (C3) Department, dated 4.10.2007

From

Thiru Satapathy, IAS.,  
Principal Secretary to Government.

To

The Secretary,  
Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission,  
Chennai-18.

Sir,

Sub: Electricity-Announcement by Hon'ble Minister (R.D & L.A) on 12.4.2007 in the Legislative Assembly-Reduction of rate of Belated Payment Surcharge (BPSC) levied on local bodies and extension of the time limit for levy of BPSC on local bodies - Issue of Policy directive u/s 108(i) of the Electricity Act, 2003 - Reg.

Ref: From the Chairman, TamilNadu Electricity Board, Letter No. CFC/GI/FC/DFC/AAO/Rev/D.163/07, dated 29.5.2007 and 17.8.2007.

I am directed to state that the Government have decided to reduce the rate of Belated Payment Surcharge (BPSC) levied on local bodies from the existing 12% per annum to 6% per annum and also to extend the time limit from the existing 20 days to 6 days for levy of BPSC on local bodies with effect from 13.3.2007.

2. The Government of Tamil Nadu accordingly issue the policy directive to the TNERC, under section 108(i) of the Indian Electricity Act, 2003, for reduction of rate of Belated Payment Surcharge (BPSC) levied on local bodies and extension of the time limit for levy of BPSC on local bodies with effect from 13.3.2007, as mentioned below:-

- a. The rate of Belated Payment Sur-Charge levied on the local bodies will be reduced from the existing 12% per annum to 6% per annum for the sum outstanding towards price of electricity in respect of Local Bodies under Regulation 5(4) (iv) of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code;
- b. The BPSC shall be applicable for the payment made beyond 60 days from the date of demand in respect of Public Lighting and Public Water Supply System and other services of Local Bodies under Regulation 5(4) (ii) of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code.

3. The Government issue the above directive in the interest of public of the State of Tamil Nadu.

4. The Secretary, TNERC, is requested to take necessary follow up action to amend the Tamil Nadu Electricity Supply Code, accordingly.

5. This letter issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide its U.O.No. 2955/FS/P/07 dated 13-9-2007.

for PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT