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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

DATED : 28.01.2022

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THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE S.M.SUBRAMANIAM

W.P.No.30687 of 2016

and

W.M.P.Nos.26588 & 26589 of 2016

M/s.Rajkumar Impex Pvt. Ltd.,
4th Floor, No.119,
St.Marys Road, Abhiramipuram,
Chennai - 600 018.
Rep. by its Director
Mrs.Jairajkumar

... Petitioner

Vs.

1. Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,
Rep. By its Chairman,
NPKRR Maaligai,
144, Anna Salai, Chennai 600 002.
2. The Chief Finance Controller / Revenue,
TANGEDCO (Accounts Branch),
144, Anna Salai,
Chennai 600 002.
3. The Director (Finance),
TANGEDCO,
144, Anna Salai,
Chennai 600 002.
- 4.Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commision,
No.19A, Rukmini Lakshmipathy Salai,
Egmore, Chennai 600 008.
- 5.The Superintending Engineer,
Tuticorin Electricity Distribution Circle,
Tuticorin - 2.

...Respondents

PRAYER : Writ Petition filed Under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, to issue a Writ of Certiorari, calling for the records of the impugned instruction of the second respondent in Lr.No.CFC/ FC/ DFC/AAO.HT/ AS.3/ D.No.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and impugned communication in Lr.No.282/SE/TEDC/TTN/DFC/AO/AAO/Rev/AS.3/F.BOAB Audit/2016 dated 25.07.2016 of the 5th respondent and quash the same.



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For Petitioner : Mr.I.Abrar MD.Abdullah
For Respondents : Mr.L.Jaivenkatesh
For TANGEDCO
[For R1 to R3 & R5]
No appearance -R4

ORDER

The relief sought for in the present writ petition is to call for the records of the impugned instruction of the second respondent in Lr.No.CFC/ FC/ DFC/AAO.HT/ AS.3/ D.No.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and impugned communication in Lr.No.282/SE/TEDC/TTN/DFC/AO/AAO/Rev/AS.3/ F.BOAB Audit/2016 dated 25.07.2016 of the 5th respondent and quash the same.

2.The relief sought for in the present writ petition is similar to the relief sought for by the writ petitioners in a batch of writ petitions in W.P.No.26266 of 2013 [M/S.A.R.S.METALS LTD., v. TANGEDCO], etc. and batch, which was decided by this Court on 27.08.2021.

3.The relevant paragraphs of the said order are extracted hereunder:

"2.The main issue in all these Writ Petitions relates to implementation of the charges concerning a generator's start-up power pursuant to Tariff Order T.P No. 1 of 2013 dated 20th June, 2013 as issued by the TNERC for Determination of Tariff for Generation and Distribution.

3.It is important to understand the background of start-up power charges and the same is summarized hereunder:

3.1. The start-up power is an unavoidable requirement of certain categories of generating stations which enables the starting up of the generating units after a station shutdown/outage by drawing power from the grid. There are however different categories of generators with their own unique arrangements. The generators can be conventional coal based or gas-based generators, Captive generating plants, Cogen Plants, Bagasse based Cogen plants, Wind or Solar generators etc.

3.2. In some of the cases, such generators may have a separate arrangement within their plant for purposes of start-up and use either DG sets or another of their own generators and may not depend upon the grid for start-up.



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excess of the schedule.

7.5.4 The Hon'ble commission in tariff order dated 30-3-2012 approved the separate tariff category to HT temporary supply. (Page 324 of tariff order No 1 of 2012 dated 30.03.2012) and hence, it is prayed to fix the tariff of Grid availability Charges equivalent to energy charges plus energy equated demand charges applicable to HT Temporary supply."

5. Pursuant to the above, Tariff Order TP No. 1 of 2013 dated 20th June 2013, came to be passed by TNERC providing for grid availability charges and the relevant portions are extracted and hereunder:

"Grid Availability Charges

5.65 TANGEDCO in its petition has requested the Commission for approval of energy charges plus the energy equated demand charges applicable to HT Temporary supply tariff as Grid Availability Charges.

5.66 TANGEDCO submitted that the Grid Availability Charges are for providing standby arrangements to Open Access customers in the following cases:

??In case of outages of Generator supplying to an open access consumer.

??For start up power by generator.

??When the generation as per schedule is not maintained and when the drawal by the open access consumer is in excess of the schedule.

5.67 The tariff applicable to start-up power has been dealt in Tariff schedule of this Order..."

6. In the tariff schedule as per the aforementioned Tariff Order, tariff for HT-V category is retained at the same level as that of previous year.

"6.8 High Tension Tariff V

Tariff category	Tariff	
	Demand Charge in Rs/KVA/M onth	Energy charge in Paise per kWh (Unit)
High Tension Tariff V	300	950

i. This tariff is applicable to temporary supply for construction and for other temporary purposes.

a) For this category of supply, the initial/in-principle approval for such construction or to conduct



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such temporary activity obtained by the applicant from the appropriate authority, wherever necessary, is adequate to effect the supply.

b) In case of conversion of temporary supply into applicable permanent supply, the same shall be done subject to compliance of codes/regulations/orders.

c) This tariff is also applicable to start-up power provided to generators. The generators are eligible to get start-up power under this tariff after declaration of CoD. The demand shall be limited to 10% of the highest capacity of the generating unit of the generating station or the percentage auxiliary consumption as specified in the regulation, whichever is less. The supply shall be restricted to 42 days in a year. Drawal of power for a day or part thereof shall be accounted as a day for this purpose. Power factor compensation charges are not applicable for start-up power."

7. In the Tariff Order, apparently, the TNERC did not make any change in the manner in which the start-up power is to be charged and it is stated that tariff applicable to start-up power has been dealt with in tariff schedule of this Order. As seen from the tariff schedule extracted above, the same has been listed under HT-V category which consists of both demand and energy charge components.

8. Pursuant to the above tariff order, TANGEDCO issued a circular in Memo.No.CFC/REV/FC/DFC/AAO/AS.3/F.TF.WI-3/D.110/13 dated 09th July 2013 and instructed the charging of start-up power based on the energy and energy equated demand charges of HT-V category. The relevant portions are extracted hereunder:

"1.3. Grid Availability Charges

1.3.1. Startup power charges :

1.3.1. It is stated that, from 21.06.2013 onwards, the generators are eligible to get startup power under HT Temporary supply tariff after declaration of COD. This shall be limited to 10% of the highest capacity of the generating unit of the generating station or the percentage auxiliary consumption as specified in the regulation, whichever is less. The supply shall be restricted to 42 days in a year. Drawal of power for a day or part thereof shall be accounted as a day for this purpose. All generators are to be billed at the HT Temporary supply rate under single part at Rs.10.68/Unit (which is equated demand and energy charges), where the supply is up to 42 days in a year



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(or) if it does not exceed the lower of 10% of the highest capacity of the generating unit of the generation plant or the percentage auxiliary consumption as specified in the regulation. If the above is not satisfied, the startup power is to be billed under HT Tariff V (Temporary supply) under two part system (i.e demand charges and energy separately).
"

9. The tariff of Rs. 10.68/ kWh mentioned in the circular is based on the approved average billing rate (ABR) for HT-V category as per the Tariff Order TP No. 1 of 2013 for FY 2013-14. The proposed and approved ABR for this category as per the tariff order is explained hereunder:

Particulars	Unit	HT V - Temporary Tariff
Proposed Sales	MU	175
Proposed Revenue from Charges	Rs. crores	186
Proposed ABR	Rs./kWh	10.63
Approved Sales	MU	175
Approved Revenue from Charges	Rs. crores	187
Approved ABR	Rs./kWh	10.68

10. There was no controversy till this stage and the entire controversy arose when TANGEDCO issued its impugned circular "Lr. No./CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.HT/AS.3/D.NO.126/13" dated 07th September 2013, wherein the following observations and instructions were made/given.

"...8.4. From the above it could be clearly observed that if the above orders are read in conjunction with each other, it can be concluded that the startup power provided to generators has to be billed under HT Tariff V [Temporary supply] under two part tariff system (i.e) demand charges and energy charges separately. The Hon'ble Commission has not mentioned about energy plus energy equated demand charges.

9. In view of the above, the circular dated.25.09.2012 (ref.1) and letter dated.18.06.2013 (ref.2) are hereby withdrawn. Further, the instructions in the clause 1.3.1 and 1.3.1.2 issued vide Circular. Memo. No. CFC/REV/ FC/ DFC/ AAO/ AS.3/ F.Tariff.WI-3/D.110/13, dated.09.07.2013 are modified as follows:



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1.3.1. Startup power charges :

1.3.1. It is stated that, from 21.06.2013 onwards, the generators are eligible to get startup power under HT Temporary supply tariff [Temporary supply] under two part system (i.e demand charges and energy separately) after declaration of COD. This shall be limited to 10% of the highest capacity of the generating unit of the generating station or the percentage auxiliary consumption as specified in the Regulation, whichever is less. The supply shall be restricted to 42 days in a year. Drawal of power for a day or part thereof shall be accounted as a day for this purpose....'"

11.By virtue of the impugned circular, TANGEDCO started raising / revising bills towards start-up power based on two part tariff. The grievance of the petitioners is that the demand charges were made without any regard to the period during which the start-up power is availed and also that it was applied across the board without considering the specific issues/peculiarities with regard to different generators. Thereby the petitioners started complaining that the TANGEDCO is levying exorbitant charges much against the spirit of the order passed by the TNERC. In some of the Writ Petitions, there is also a grievance to the effect that such exorbitant charges were levied with retrospective effect. Aggrieved by the same, these batch of Writ Petitions have been filed before this court.

12.In the present batch of Writ petitions, the dispute revolves around the interpretation of the tariff order passed by TNERC in TP No 1 of 2013, dated 20.06.2013. And according to the Petitioner, TANGEDCO is misinterpreting the order to its advantage and causing serious financial implications to the Petitioners. Under normal circumstances, an application should have been filed before TNERC seeking for clarification. Since there was no quorum, the TNERC was not able to function during the relevant point of time and all these Writ Petitions came to be filed before this court.

13. Heard Mr.AR.L.Sundaresan, learned Senior Counsel, Mr.M.S.Krishnan, Senior Counsel and Mr.Rahul Balaji, Mr.Vinod Kumar, Mr.R.S.Pandiyaraj, Mr.P.S.Vasanthakumar, Mr.K.Jayachandran, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner and Mr.Jaivenkagesh, learned Standing Counsel and



Mr.M.Abulkalam, learned Standing Counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents.

14. The particulars of the Petitioners and the reliefs sought for by them are tabulated hereunder:

S.No .	W.P.No	Name of Petitioner	Demand Notice date/Period of Demand	Prayer
1	26266/2013	A.R.S. Metals Ltd. Power Division	CC Bill dated 02.09.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the proceedings of the 1st Respondent Item 6.8(1)(c) High Tension - V applicable to start up power in Para 6A of the Tariff Schedule in Tariff Order in T.P. No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and the consequential demand in item nos. 8 and 13(c) of the bill dated 02.09.2013 under which demand charge and extra levy are claimed by the 3rd Respondent from the petitioner generation plant and quash the same and consequently forbear the 3rd Respondent, their men, servants or agents, subordinates or any other person



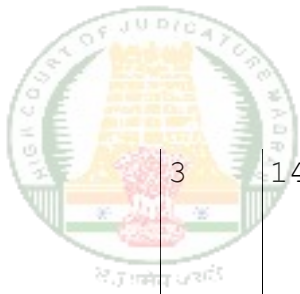
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				or persons demanding and collecting separate demand charges based on item 6.8(1) (c) of Para 6A of the Tariff Schedule in Tariff Order in T.P. No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and pass such further or order (s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
2	28374/2013	Tulsyan NEC Ltd.	CC Bill dated 30.09.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the proceedings of the 1st Respondent Item 6.8(1) (c) High Tension - V applicable to start up power in Para 6A of the Tariff Schedule in Tariff Order in T.P. No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013



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				and the consequential demand in item no. 8 of the bill dated 30.09.2013 under which demand charge is claimed by the 3rd Respondent from the petitioner generation plant and quash the same and consequently forbear the 3rd Respondent, their men, servants or agents, subordinates or any other person or persons demanding and collecting separate demand charges based on item 6.8(1)(c) of Para 6A of the Tariff Schedule in Tariff Order in T.P. No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and pass such further or order (s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
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Demand notice
dated
19.05.2014

Issue a Writ of
Certiorarified
Mandamus or any
other Writ or
order of
direction in the
nature of Writ
of
Certiorarified
Mandamus calling
for the records
relating to the
impugned
proceedings of
the Second
Respondent viz.,
(i)
Communication
under Ref: Lr.
No.
SEM/AEEDEV/AEG/F
.HT start up
power/PR 574-
2/14 dated
17.05.2014 and
(ii) demand
notice in Lr.
No.
SEM/DFC/AOR/AS/H
t/F.HT SC No.
23/PR.53/14
dated 19.05.2014
in respect of
the demand of
Rs.
3,51,45,062/-
due and payable
by the
Petitioner and
quash the same
and consequently
forbear the
Respondents
herein, their
men, agents,
servants,
subordinates or
any other person
or persons



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			claiming through them or authorised by them from in any manner demanding or collecting Electricity charges from the Petitioner in respect of HTSC No. 23 under Tariff V instead of Tariff IA and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
4	3522/2017	A.R.S. Metals Ltd. Power Division	Issue a Writ of Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Mandamus forbearing the 2nd and 3rd Respondents from demanding and collecting both the demand charges and energy charges towards startup power charges from the petitioner in HTSC No. 1984 M/s. ARS Metals Ltd. (Power Division) at S.F.No. 207, Eguvarpalayam



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				Village, Gummidipoondi, Tiruvallur District and consequently direct the Respondents 2 and 3 to refund the excess charges collected from the Petitioner against HT Tariff V 6.8(1) (c) of the Tariff orders dated 20.06.2013 and 11.12.2014 together with interest and pass such further or order (s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
5	28093/2013	OPG Renewable Energy	Demand notice dated 25.09.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction



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				in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential letters received from the 4th respondent Lr. No. SE/CEDC/N/AEE/Dev/AE/D2/F CPP/D/438/13 dated 25.09.2013 for billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents herein to forbear from demanding and collecting separate demand charges and energy charges as tariff for start-up power and to charge only energy charges and pass such further or order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
6	28443/2013	OPG power Generation	Demand notice dated 25.09.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus



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or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and all consequential letters including the 4th respondent Lr. No. SE/CEDC/N/AEE/De v/AE/D2/F CPP/D/438/13 dated 25.09.2013 billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents herein to forbear from demanding and collecting separate demand charges and energy charges as tariff for start-up power and to charge only energy charges and pass such further or order(s) as this Hon'ble Court



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				may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
7	28438/2013	Rajshree Sugars and Chemicals	Demand notice dated 16.09.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential letters received from the 4th respondent Lr. No. SE/VEDC/VPM/DFC/AO/Rev/RCS/D.33/2013-14 dated 16.09.2013 billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents herein to collect payment for start-up power under Tariff III



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				for non-crushing season and Tariff I for crushing season in terms of the Agreement and applicable Tariff Orders and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
8.	28440/2013	Rajshree Sugars and Chemicals	Demand notices dated 16.09.2013 & 05.10.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential letters received from the 4th respondent Lr. No. SE/VEDC/VPM/DFC/AO/Rev/RCS/D.34/2013-14



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				dated 16.09.2013 and the subsequent revised demand received in Lr. No. SE/VEDC/VPM/DFC/AO/Rev/RCS/D.43/2013-14 dated 05.10.2013 billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents herein to forbear from demanding and collecting separate demand charges and energy charges as tariff for start-up power and to charge only energy charges as applicable to Cogen power plants and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
9.	28451/2013	Sesa Sterlite Ltd.	CC Bill dated 30.09.2013 for the period	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order



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the nature of
Writ of
Certiorari
Mandamus calling
for the records
of the Second
Respondent in
the impugned
instruction in
Letter No: /
CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H
T/AS.3/D.NO.126/
13 dated
7.9.2013 and all
consequential
demands in
respect of
demand charges
for start-up
power including
the current
consumption bill
received from
the fifth
respondent for
the month of
September, 2013
in dated
02.10.2013 in
respect of HT
Service No. 284
and quash the
same and to
consequently
direct the
respondents
herein to
forbear from
demanding and
collecting
separate demand
charges and
energy charges
as tariff for
start-up power
and to charge
only energy
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				such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
10.	28952/2013	TCP Ltd.	Demand notice dated 25.09.2013 for the period September 2013. CC Bill dated 30.09.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and all consequential letters including the fourth respondent's Lr. No. SE/CEDC/N/AEE/De v/AE/D2/F CPP/D/438/13 dated 25.09.2013 in respect of billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and the current consumption bil dated 30.09.2013



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				for HT SC No. 1686 for the month of September, 2013 received from the 5th Respondent for an amount of Rs. 16,23,190 and quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents herein to forbear from demanding and collecting separate demand charges and energy charges as tariff for start-up power and to charge only energy charges and to refund the amount of Rs. 16,23,190 that has already been paid by the petitioner and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
11.	30502/2013	Rajshree Sugars and Chemicals	Demand notice dated 31.10.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ



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or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/ 13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential letter received from the 4th respondent Lr. No. SE/TEDC/TNI/DFC/ AS/HT/D.NO 292 dated 31.10.2013 billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents herein to collect payment for start-up power under Tariff III for non-crushing season and Tariff I for crushing season in terms of the Agreement and applicable Tariff Orders and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court



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				may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
12.	31160/2013	Madras Sugars Ltd	Demand notice dated 05.10.2013. Disconnection notice dated 07.11.2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential letters received from the 4th respondent Lr. No. SE/VEDC/VPM/DFC/AO/Rev/RCS/D.46/2013-14 dated 05.10.2013 billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and the disconnection notice issued by the 5th respondent vide Letter No. SE/...EDC/HT/Ass t.../ FHTSC.NO.84/D84/2013 dated



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				07.11.2013 and quash the same and refund any such amounts collected pursuant to such demand from the petitioner and consequently direct the Respondent to collect payment under HT-IA Tariff for drawal of power by the petitioner in terms of Agreement and applicable Tariff orders and pass such further or order (s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
13.	33113/2013	M/s. Kothari Sugars and	Demand notice dated 07.10.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No:



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6/13 dated
7.9.2013 and the
consequential
letters received
from the 4th
respondent Lr.
No.
SE/PEDC/PBLR/AO/
RCS/AS/F.HT.62/D
.297/13 dated
07.10.2013
billing start-up
power under HT
Tariff - V
temporary supply
under two part
tariff system
and levying MD
charges and to
quash the same
and consequently
direct the
Respondents to
refund the
amount paid by
the petitioner
under protest
and to collect
payment for
start-up power
under HT-IA for
drawal of power
during season
and offseason as
per the
applicable
Tariff Orders or
in the
alternates
direct that the
Petitioner be
liable to pay
the charges as
applicable for
Grid
Availability
Charges without



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				levying MD charges 2 Rs. 300 per KVA and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
14.	33151/2013	EID Parry (India) Ltd.	Demand notices dated 22.06.2013, 23.10.2013 & 22.11.2013. CC Bill dated 31.10.2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential demand notices received from the 4th respondent vide Lr. No. SE/CEDC/CUD/DFC/AO/Rev/RCS/A4 / Audit/13 dated 22.06.2013; Lr. No. SE/CEDC/CUD/DFC/AO/Rev/RCS/AS/F. HT.SC100-Tarrif/2013



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				dated 23.10.2013 and Lr. No. SE/CEDC/CUD/DFC/ AO/Rev/RCS/AS/F. HT.SC100- Tariff/2013 dated 22.11.2013 and the current consumption bill received from the 5th respondent dated 31.10.2013, towards non levy of temporary supply rate (tariff - V) for start up power of the co- generation plant thereby billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to refund an amount of Rs.35,58,450 paid by the petitioner under protest with interest @ 18% p.a. And to collect payment drawal of power during season and off season in terms of the PPA and applicable Tariff Orders or alternatively collect payment for drawal of power under HTIA both during
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				season and off season and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
15.	33150/2013	EID Parry (India) Ltd.	Demand notices dated 17.09.2013, 25.09.2013, 24.10.2013 & 18.11.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential letters received from the 4th respondent including Lr. No. SE/TEDC/M/TY/DFC /AS/HT/F.HT Sc.No. 197 (EID) / D.No 71/2013 dated 17.09.2013, SE/TE DC/M/TY/DFC/AS/H T/F.HT Sc.No. 197 (EID) /



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				D.No 80/2013 dated 25.09.2013, Lr. No SE/TEDC/M/TY/DFC /AS/HT/F.HT Sc.No. 197(EID) / D.No 94/2013 dated 24.10.2013 and LR.nOSE/TEDC/M/T Y/DFC/AS/HT/F.HT Sc.No. 197(EID) / D.No 112/2013 dated 18.11.2013 for billing start-up power under HT Tariff - V temporary supply under a two part tariff system and levying MD charges and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to refund the amount of Rs. 10,76,196/- paid by the petitioner under protest towards the MD Charges and to collect payment for start-up power under HT-IA for drawal of power during season and off-season as per the applicable Tariff Orders or in the alternate direct the petitioner be liable to pay
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				the charges as applicable for Grid Availability Charges without levying MD Charges as applicable for Grid availability Charges without levying MD Charges @ Rs.300 per KVA and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
16.	33210/2013	EID Parry (India) Ltd	Demand notice dated 23.09.2013. CC Bills dated 30.09.2013 & 31.10.2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential demand notices received



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from the 4th respondent vide Lr. No. SE/PEDC/PDKT/DFC/AO.HT/FBILL/D.N o. 601 dated 23.09.2013 and the current consumption bills from 5th respondent dated 30.09.2013 and 31.10.2013, deducting Rs11,63,750/- and Rs13,18,125/- being the amount towards HT-V Tariff to start up power / off season drawal of power for the co-generation plant and to quash the same and to consequently direct the respondent to refund the amount of Rs 24,81,875/- paid by the petitioner under protest and to collect payment for drawal of power during season and off-season in terms of PPA and applicable Tariff Orders or alternatively collect payment for drawal of power under HT



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				IA noth during season and off-season and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
17.	33115/2013	Terra Energy Ltd. (Under CIRP)	Demand notice dated 12.11.2013. CC Bill dated 31.10.2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential demand notice received from the 4th respondent including Lr. No. SE/CEDC/CUD/DFC/AO/Rev/RCS/AS/F.HT. SC 115/DNo._____/2013 dated 12.11.2013 received from the



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				4th respondent and the current consumption bill No.115 from the 5th respondent dated 31.10.2013 billing start up power under a two part tariff system and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to refund the amount of Rs. 4,00,125/- paid by the petitioner and collect payment for power availed under HT-IA for drawal of power during season and under HT-III for drawal of power off-season and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
18.	33116/2013	Terra Energy Ltd. (Under CIRP)	Demand notice dated 7.11.2013. CC Bill dated 31.10.2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified



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				Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential demand notice received from the 4th respondent including Lr. No. SE/TEDC/TJR/DFC/AO/R/RCS/AS/A1/F .HT.34/D.No.672/2013 dated 07.11.2013 and the current consumption bill No. 34 dated 31.10.2013 received from the 5th respondent including billing startup power under a two part tariff system and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to refund the amount of Rs2,20,255/- paid by the petitioner under protest and to collect payment for power availed under HT-IA for drawal
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				of power during season and off-season in terms of the Agreement and applicable Tariff Orders, or , alternatively collect payment for power availed under HT-IA for drawal of power during season and under HT-III for drawal of power off-season and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Courtmay deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
19.	33117/2013	Shree Ambika Sugars Ltd. (Under CIRP)	Demand notice dated 7.11.2013. CC Bill dated 31.10.2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential



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the current
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from the 5th
respondent dated
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				during season and under HT-III for drawal of power off-season and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
20.	33119/2013	Sakthi Sugars Ltd.	Demand notices dated 12.11.2013. CC Bill dated 31.10.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and all consequential letters including the fourth respondent's Lr. No. SE/SEDC/SVGA/DFC /AS/HTSC No.117/D.No.412/13 dated 19.09.2013,



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				Lr. No. SE/SEDC/SVGA/DFC /AS/HTSC No.117/D.No.547/ 13 DATED 11.11.2013 and Lr. No. SE/SEDC/SVGA/DFC /AS/HTSC No.117/D.No.576/ 13 dated 26.11.2013 directing the petitioner to pay the demand on or before 06.12.2013 for billing start-up power under HT Tariff - V temporary supply under a two part tariff system and levying MD charges and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to collect payment for start-up power under HT- IA for drawal of power during season and off- season as per the applicable Tariff Orders or in the alternate direct the petitioner be liable to pay the charges as applicable for Grid Availability Charges without levying MD Charges as
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				applicable for Grid availability Charges without levying MD Charges @ Rs.300 per KVA and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
21.	33118/2013	Shree Ambika Sugars Ltd. (Under CIRP)	Demand notice dated 23.10.2013. CC Bill dated 3.10.2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential demand notice received from the 4th respondent including Lr. No. SE/CEDC/CUD/DFC/AO/Rev/RCS/AS/F.HT.SC



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				114/D.No./2013 dated 23.10.2013 and the CC Bill No 114 dated 31.10.2013 received by the 5th respondent including billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and to quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents to refund the amount of Rs.13,41,375/- paid by the petitioner under protest and to collect payment for power availed under HT-IA for drawal of power during season and off-season in terms of the Agreement and applicable Tariff Orders, or alternatively to collect payment for power availed under HT-IA for drawal of power during season and under HT-III for drawal of power off-season and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the
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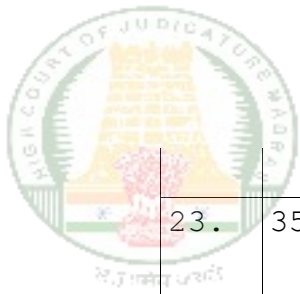
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				facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
22.	33114/2013	M/s. Kothari Sugars	Demand notices dated 23.10.2013 & 18.11.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and all consequential letters including the fourth respondent's Lr. No. SE/TEDC/M/TY/DFC /AS/HT/F.HT Sc No.158 Kothari/D. No. 95/2013 dated 23.10.2013 including the letter No. SE/TEDC/M/TY/DFC /AS/HT/F.HT Sc No 158 Kothari/D. No. 114/13 dated 18.11.2013 for billing of start-up/import power under HT



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23.	35041/2013	MMS Steel & power Pvt. Ltd.		Issue a Writ of Certiorari or any other order or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorari calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No SE/NEDC/NGT/AO/R CS/AS/F.HT SC-082/D.691/13 dated 09.12.2013 in as much as it seeks to assign a HT Service connection number and levy startup power charges from the petitioner and quash the same as being arbitrary and illegal and pass such other order that this Hon'ble Court may deem it fit under the facts and circumstances of the Case.
24.	35042/2013	MMS Steel & power Pvt. Ltd.		Issue a Writ of Certiorari or any other order or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorari calling for the



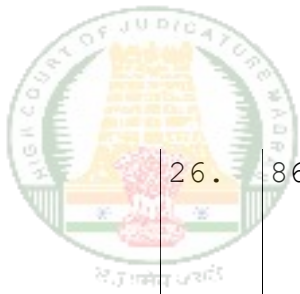
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				records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No SE/NEDC/NGT/AO/R CS/AS/F.HT SC-087/D.699/13 dated 11.12.2013 in as much as it seeks to assign a HT Service connection number and levy startup power charges from the petitioner and quash the same as being arbitrary and illegal and pass such other order that this Hon'ble Court may deem it fit under the facts and circumstances of the Case.
25.	848/2014	Sakthi Sugars Limited	Demand notice dated 27.12.2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No:



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				CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/ 13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential demand notice received from the 4th respondent including Lr. No. A/cs.Br/HT/A 1/F.HT SC 7/D.1012/2013 dated 27.12.2013 and to quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents to collect payment for drawal of power during season and off- season in terms of the PPA and applicable Tariff Orders or alternatively to collect payment for drawal of power under HT- IA for drawal of power during season and off- season and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
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26. 869/2014

Sakthi Sugars
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Demand notice
dated
30.12.2013

Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and all consequential letters including the fourth respondent's Lr. No.A/cs.Br/HT/A 1/F.HT SC 299/D.1022/2013 dated 30.12.2013 for billing start-up power under HT Tariff - V temporary supply under a two part tariff system and levying MD charges and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to collect payment for start-up power under HT-IA for drawal of power during season and off-season as per



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				the applicable Tariff Orders or in the alternate direct the petitioner be liable to pay Charges as applicable for Grid availability Charges without levying MD Charges @ Rs.300 per KVA and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
27.	4924/2014	Bannari Amman Sugars Ltd.	Demand notice dated 06.02.2014	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: / CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential letters received from the



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				4th respondent Lr. No. SE/GEDC/GOBI/DFC /HT/A2/F.HT Sc. No. 103/2014 dated 06.02.2014 and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondents to refund such amount collected pursuant to such demand and paid by the petitioner and collect payment for power under HT-IA for drawal of power by the Petitioner and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
28.	14952/2014	Seshasayee Paper and	Demand notices dated 17.05.2014 & 19.05.2014	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for records relating to the impugned proceedings 4th Respondent



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				in Lr. No. SEM/AEEDEV/AEG/F .HT start up power/PR 574- 1/14 dated 17.05.2014 and the consequential letter in Lr. No. SEM/DFC/AOR/AS/H T/F.HT SC No. 17/PR 55/14 dated 19.05.2014 in respect of demand of Rs. 4,62,61,647/- and quash the same and consequently forbear the respondents, their men, agents, servants, subordinates or any other person or persons claiming through them or authorised by them from, in any manner demanding or collecting Electricity Charges from the petitioner in respect of HTSC No. 17 under Tariff-V instead of Tariff 1A, and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and
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			circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
29.	17057/2014	OPG Energy Private Ltd	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus calling for the records of the Second Respondent in the impugned instruction in Letter No: CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and all consequential current consumption bills received from the 5th respondent for billing start-up power under a two part tariff system and quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents refund the amount already paid by the petitioner and to forbear from demanding and collecting separate demand charges and energy charges



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				as tariff for start-up power and to charge only energy charges and pass such further or order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
30.	7936/202	Nagai Power Private Ltd		Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus to call for the records contained in the Current Consumption Bills for the period October, 2019 to March, 2020 issued by the 4th Respondent and quash them for being against the provisions of the order passed in T.P.No. 1 of 2017 and Tamil Nadu Open Access Regulations 2014 and direct the Respondents to collect start up power charges strictly in accordance with the regulation and the tariff order issued by the Hon'ble Commission and



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				direct the respondents to charge start-up power charges only by taking into account the days when such start up power is actually allowed and consequently direct the respondents to refund any sums that are collected contrary to the regulation and the tariff orders passed by this Hon'ble Commission and thus render justice.
31.	26553/2013	Biomass Power Producers Association	Demand notice dated 12.9.2013	In the aforesaid circumstances, it is further prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of certiorari or any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ of certiorari calling for the records of the Second Respondent relating to the impugned instruction in Letter No:/CFC/FC/DFC/A AO.HT/AS.3/D.NO. 126/13



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				dated 7.9.2013 and quash the same and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
32.	26554/2013	Cauvery Power Generation Chennai Pvt. Ltd. (Under CIRP		In the aforesaid circumstances, it is further prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of certiorari or any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ of certiorari calling for the records of the Second Respondent relating to the impugned instruction in Letter No:/CFC/FC/DFC/A AO.HT/AS.3/D.NO. 126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and quash the same and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances



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			of the case and thus render justice.
33.	27269/2013	Suryadev Alloys and Power Pvt. Ltd.	For the reasons stated in the accompanying affidavit, it is prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of certiorari or any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ of certiorari calling for the records of the Second Respondent relating to the impugned instruction in Letter No: :/ CFC/FC/DFC/AAO.H T/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and quash the same and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
34	27326/2013	Bhatia and Coke Ltd. (Under CIRP)	In the aforesaid circumstances, it is further prayed that this Hon'ble Court



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				may be pleased to issue a Writ of certiorari or any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ of certiorari calling for the records of the Second Respondent relating to the impugned instruction in Letter No:/CFC/FC/DFC/A AO.HT/AS.3/D.NO. 126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and quash the same and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
35.	34739/2013	Kaveri Gas Power Ltd.		In the aforesaid circumstances, it is further prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of certiorari or any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ of certiorari calling for the records of the Second



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				Respondent relating to the impugned instruction in Letter No:/CFC/FC/DFC/AO.HT/AS.3/D.NO.126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential impugned communication of the Fourth Respondent in Letter No:SE/NEDC/NGT/AO/RCS/AS/F.HTSC-084/D.693/13 dated 9.12.2013, quash the same and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
36. Mentioned to be listed	272/2014	Basudha Udyog Ltd		In the aforesaid circumstances, it is further prayed that this Hon'ble Court may be pleased to issue a Writ of certiorari or any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ of certiorari calling for the records of the Second Respondent



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				relating to the impugned instruction in Letter No:/CFC/FC/DFC/A AO.HT/AS.3/D.NO. 126/13 dated 7.9.2013 and the consequential impugned communication of the Fourth Respondent in Letter No:SE/CEDC/N/AEE /Dev/AE/D2/FCPPD /1438/13 dated 25.9.2013, quash the same and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
37.	28885/2013	M/s. Kamachi Sponge & Power Corporation Ltd (HT No. 1988)	CC Bill dated 30.09.2013 for the period September 2013.	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ calling for the records relating to the 1st respondent herein it item No. 6.8 (1) (c) High Tension -V applicable to



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				start up power in Para 6.A the Tariff Schedule in Tariff Order in T.P No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and the consequential Demand in Item No. 8 and 13 (c) of the Bill NO. dated 01.10.2013 relating to the H.T.S.C. No. 1988 of the petitioner under which demand charge and extra levy are claimed by the 3rd respondent from the petitioner Generation Plant and quash the same and consequently forbear the 3rd respondent , their men, agents, servant, subordinates or any other person or persons demanding and collecting separate demand charged based on item 6.8(1) (c) of para A.6 of the Tariff schedule in Tariff order in T.P. No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and pass such further or other
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				orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
38.	28886/2013	M/s. Kamachi Sponge & Power Corporation Ltd (HT No. 1989)	CC Bill dated 30.09.2013 for the period September 2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other appropriate Writ or order of direction in the nature of Writ calling for the records relating to the 1 st respondent herein it item No. 6.8 (1) (c) High Tension -V applicable to start up power in Para 6.A the Tariff Schedule in Tariff Order in T.P No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and the consequential Demand in Item No. 8 of the Bill NO. dated 01.10.2013 relating to the H.T.S.C. No. 1989 of the petitioner under which demand charge and extra levy are claimed by the



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				3rd respondent from the petitioner Generation Plant and quash the same and consequently forbear the 3rd respondent, their men, agents, servant, subordinates or any other person or persons demanding and collecting separate demand charged based on item 6.8(1) (c) of para A.6 of the Tariff schedule in Tariff order in T.P. No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and pass such further or other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
39.	2734/2013	SreeRengarajIsp atIndustries P Ltd		Issues a writ of certiorari calling or any other writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ of Certiorari calling for the the records of the second



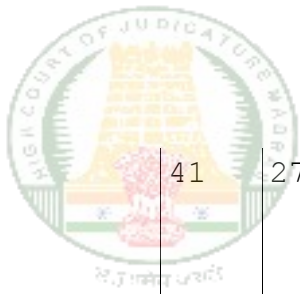
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				respondent relating to the impugned instruction in Letter No.CFC/FC/DFC/AA O.HT/AS.3/D.NO.1 26/13 dated 7.09.2013 and quash the same and pass such further or other order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and this render justice.
40.	27807/2013	Chettinad Cement	Demand notice dated 29.08.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified mandamus or any other writ or order or direction in the nature of writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records of the second respondent in the Impugned instruction in Letter No.CFC/FC/DFC/AA o.HT/AS.3/D.No.1 26/13 dated 07.09.2013 and all consequential demands in respect of demand charges for start-up power and the



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				impugned demand letter received from the fourth respondent in Lr No.SE/DGL/AO/REV /F.AUDIT/D.No 001-1/2013 dated 29.08.2013 and the current consumption bill received from the fifth respondent for the month of September, 2013 in dated 01.10.2013 in respect of HT SC NO.59094500345 and to quash the same and to consequently direct the respondents herein to forbear from demanding and collecting separate demand charges and energy charges as tariff for start-up power and to charge only energy charges and pass such further or other orders(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.



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41	27808/2013	Chettinad Cement Corporation Limited	Demand notice dated 18.09.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified mandamus or any other writ or order or direction in the nature of writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records of the second respondent in the Impugned instruction in Letter No.CFC/FC/DFC/AA o.HT/AS.3/D.No.1 26/13 dated 07.09.2013 and all consequential demands in respect of demand charges for start-up power and the impugned demand letter received from the fourth respondent in Lr. No.SE/KEDC/KRR/D FC/AS/HT/F.101/2 013 dated 18.09.2013 and the current consumption bill received from the fifth respondent for the month of September, 2013 in dated 30.09.2013 in respect of HT SC NO.101 and to quash the same and to
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				consequently direct the respondents herein to forbear from demanding and collecting separate demand charges and energy charges as tariff for start-up power and to charge only energy charges and pass such further or other orders(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
42.	27841/2013	Chettinad Cement Corporation Limited	Demand notice dated 01.10.2013	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified mandamus or any other writ or order or direction in the nature of writ of certiorarified mandamus calling for the records of the second respondent in the Impugned instruction in Letter No.CFC/FC/DFC/AA o.HT/AS.3/D.No.1 26/13 dated 07.09.2013 and all consequential



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				demands in respect of demand charges for start-up power including the current consumption bill received from the fifth respondent for the month of September, 2013 in dated 01.10.2013 in respect of HT SC NO.70 and to quash the same and consequently direct the respondents herein to forbear from demanding and collecting separate demand charges and energy charges as tariff for start-up power and to charge only energy charges and pass such further or other orders(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
43.	30433/2013	Raghurama Renewable Energy Ltd	Item No.8 and No.15 of the Bill dated 29.10.2013 (Demand Charges at	Issue a Writ of Certiorarified Mandamus or any other Writ or order of direction in the



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		Rs 300/KVA amounting to a grand total of Rs.5,40,000/- in total and Add/Less adjustment charges (for arrears) of Rs.4,87,317/- amounting to a grand total of Rs.10,27,317/-	nature of Writ of Certiorari Mandamus calling for the records of relating to the proceedings of the 1st Respondent herein in item 6.8(1) (c) High Tension-V applicable to start up power in Para 6.A the Tariff Schedule in Tariff Order in T.P.No.1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and the consequential demand in items Nos.8 and 15 of the Bill dated 29.10.2013 under which demand charges is claimed by the 3rd Respondent from the petitioner generation Plant and Quash the same and consequently forbear the 3rd Respondent, their men, agents, servants, subordinates or any other person or persons demanding and collecting separate demand charges based on Item 6.8(1) (c)
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				of Para A.6 of the Tariff Schedule in Tariff order in T.P.No.1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and pass such or further or other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
44.	33026/2013	Raghurama Renewable Energy Ltd	Demand dated 20.11.2013 under which the demand charges are claimed retrospective ly from 01.08.2012 to 31.08.2013m for the period when the Tariff Order 1 dated 20.06.2013 was not even in force.	Issue a Writ of Certiorari or any other Writ or order or direction in the nature of Writ, calling for the records relating to the proceeding of the 1 st Respondent herein in item 6.8(1)(c) High Tension-V applicable to start up power in Para 6.A the Tartiff Schedule in Tariff Order in T.P.No.1 of 2013 dated 20.06.2013 and the consequential demand dated 20.11.2013 under which demand charges are claimed by the



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			3 rd Respondent retrospectively from 01.08.2012 to 31.08.2013 from the petitioner generation Plant and Quash the same as illegal arbitrary and untenable under law as the order dated 20.06.2013 was not in force on 01.08.2012 to 20.06.2013 to demand separate demand charges from the Petitioner generator and pass such or further or other orders as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in facts and circumstances of the case and thus render justice.
45.	30629/2013 & 30630/2013	Dharani Sugars & Chemicals Ltd	A memo has been filed to the effect of Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process ordered on 29 th July, 2021 by National Company Law Tribunal Chennai in IBA 976/2019 and the same is pending.

15. The learned Senior Counsel/Counsel appearing on behalf of the Petitioners made the following



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G. Even if there was an ambiguity in relation to the interpretation of the tariff order, TANGEDCO ought to have approached the TNERC for clarifications. The fact that 2 Circulars interpreting the order were issued differently shows that there is ambiguity. This requirement to approach TNERC for any clarification rather than taking an unilateral action has been clearly laid down by the TNERC in its order in S.M.P.No.1 of 2012 dated 02nd May 2012. The relevant portions relied upon are extracted hereunder:

"5.2. The above statement proceeds on the assumption that the orders of the Commission are not in very simple terms. Even assuming that the orders of the Commission are not in simple terms, the proper course of action is to approach the Commission by way of a clarification petition for clarifying the orders of the Commission or a Review Petition as contemplated in Clause 43 of Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission-Conduct of Business Regulations, 2004.

5.3. The Commission is of the view that the procedure as laid down in the Act / Regulations should be fully complied with and such practices should be completely avoided in future. As a special case the clarification and the apology tendered are accepted and the proceedings are closed. A copy of this order may be forwarded to the Chairman and Managing Director, TANGEDCO and the Chairman, TANTRANSCO for advising all concerned to take note of the directions of the Commission for future actions."

H. There is no rational basis for altering the practice followed in accordance with the Tariff Orders of the TNERC. Even TANGEDCO in its own tariff petition for FY 2013-14 has proposed start-up power to be charged based on a single part tariff. Therefore, having even proposed the continuance of existing methodology for billing of start-up power, TANGEDCO cannot change the manner of charging start-up power on its own.

I. For such a change to be implemented, the TNERC has to give its approval, for which it is mandatory to follow the principles of natural justice wherein the consumers who are affected by such a move will have to be given an opportunity to voice their objections and concerns. TANGEDCO has not sought the approval of the TNERC and the views of the generators, nor have they been given any intimation of the change. TANGEDCO's



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tariff petition itself stated that the start-up power will be charged based on "Grid availability Charges equivalent to energy charges plus energy equated demand charges applicable to HT Temporary supply". Therefore, on this ground itself the circular of TANGEDCO dated 07th September 2013 is liable to be set aside.

J. The earlier circulars and instruction dated 09th July 2013 had correctly interpreted the Tariff Order and had issued working instructions to the Superintending Engineers to give effect to the orders. The latest circular dated 07th September 2013 is clearly contrary to the earlier instructions dated 09th July 2013 under which it has specifically been stipulated that based on the various tariff orders, power plants availing start up power is liable to pay only the energy and energy equated demand charges. Therefore, TANGEDCO is estopped from taking a completely opposite stand in the circular dated 07th September 2013.

K. Start-up power is drawn only occasionally whenever there is a specific requirement owing to complete shut-down of the station. Therefore, unlike other tariff categories, the maximum supply to be availed in terms of quantum and number of days in a year has been prescribed for start-up power in the tariff order. Under such circumstances, start-up power cannot be treated similar to other tariff categories wherein demand charges can be billed for the entire month. The instructions in the circular dated 07th September, 2013 and actions of TANGEDCO with respect to billing of start-up power are clearly contrary to the tariff order as it directs fixation of sanctioned demand in respect of all generators and billing of demand charges for the entire month thereby treating start-up power as similar to any other tariff category.

L. If the instructions in the circular dated 07th September 2013 are given effect to, even if a power plant does not draw any start-up power in a given month, it will have to pay the demand charges based on its sanctioned demand. This will be contrary to the very purpose of availing start-up power under HT-V category. In fact, if demand charges are billed for the entire month, the generators will be better off by applying for connection under HT-IA (industrial) tariff category.

M. Regulation 25 of the Tamil Nadu Electricity



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Regulatory Commission (Intra State Open Access Regulations, 2014) dated 13.03.2014 reads as follows:

"25. Charges for Start-up Power Supplied by the Distribution Licensee:

The generators connected with the state grid are eligible to get start up power after declaration of CoD. The demand shall be limited to 10% of the highest capacity of the generating unit of the generating station or the percentage of auxiliary consumption as specified in the Commission's Tariff Regulations, whichever is less. The supply shall be restricted to 42 days in a financial year. Drawal of power for a day or part thereof shall be accounted as a day for this purpose. Power factor compensation charges are not applicable for start-up power. The generator shall pay the Distribution Licensee for the supply of startup power at the rates as specified by the Commission in its Tariff Order issued from time to time. Start up supply beyond 42 days in a financial year may be provided by the Distribution Licensee at the rate of one and half times of the normal rate as specified by the Commission. However, no start up supply shall be provided beyond 120 days in a financial year. In case of new and renewable energy based generator, the Commission may add/vary/delete certain criteria in the specific order issued for that category of new and renewable energy based generation. In case of Independent Power Producer (IPP), start-up power transactions shall be governed by this regulation only if it is not covered by the Power Purchase Agreement."

N. Upon a reading of the provisions of the Tariff Order and the Regulations, it is clear that start-up power must be levied only on days it is actually consumed. Further, such charges will be levied at 10% of the highest capacity of the generating unit or such auxiliary demand whichever is lesser. Therefore, it is clear that start up power is treated differently from normal power consumption for the reason that such power consumption is for a limited period of time only and is sporadic in the sense that such power is consumed only on days when the power plant is started. The issuance of the Regulations and its application has thereafter clarified the issue substantially.

O. The 2017 Tariff Order issued in compliance with the 2014 Intra State Open Access Regulations finally set out in clear terms the issue of Start-up power in view of the differing stand and essentially aligned with the stand of the generators and it provided as follows:



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j) Classification of Start-up Power

5.2.2.25 TANGEDCO submitted that Regulation 25 of the TNERC (Grid Connectivity and Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2014 provides for classification of the supply of electricity for Start-up power under HT Tariff V (Temporary Supply). Accordingly, it is proposed to continue to classify Start-up power under HT Tariff V.

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5. The existing provisions classify supply of electricity for Start-up power under HT Tariff V (Temporary Supply). The tariff for supply of electricity for Start-up power was equated to HT Temporary Supply, in accordance with the stipulations of the Tariff Policy. The supply of electricity for Start-up power was restricted to 42 days in a year and 10% of the highest capacity of the generating unit of the generating station or the percentage auxiliary consumption as specified in the regulation, whichever is less.

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5.2.2.27 APTEL has ruled that a separate dispensation has to be provided for Start-up power. The linkage to HT Temporary Supply coupled with the restrictions of load and days of usage has resulted in high effective tariff for such usage. Hence, the Commission has decided that the supply of electricity for Start-up power shall be classified under HT IA industrial category, with the restriction of 42 days in a year and 10% of the highest capacity of the generating unit of the generating station or the percentage auxiliary consumption, whichever is less. However, Power Factor compensation charges shall not be applicable for Start-up Power.

16. The learned standing counsel appearing on behalf of TANGEDCO submitted that the impugned circular issued by the TANGEDCO is in line with the tariff order issued by the TNERC in TP No 1 of 2013, dated 20.06.2013 and the same provided for two-part tariff. Since it is brought under HT Tariff- V, TANGEDCO is entitled to include both demand charges and energy charges. Therefore, there is absolutely no ground to interfere with the demand made by TANGEDCO. The learned counsel further submitted that presently the TNERC is actively functioning and a similar issue on the interpretation of the tariff order by TNERC is under consideration. Therefore, the learned counsel submitted



that if this court deems it fit to get more clarity, these Writ Petitions can also be transferred to the file of TNERC and appropriate directions may be given to pass orders within a stipulated time.

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17. This court has carefully considered the submissions made on either side and the materials available on record.

18. It is clear from the submissions made on either side and from the issues raised before this court that the entire problem revolves around the interpretation of the tariff order passed by TNERC in TP No 1 of 2013, dated 20.06.2013. The period of controversy confines itself only from 2013 to 2017 and from the year 2017, the stand off came to an end by virtue of the tariff order passed by TNERC in 2017. This order was in line with 2014 Intra State Open Access Regulations.

19. While implementing the orders of TNERC and circulars are issued by TANGEDCO, if only those implementation circulars are placed before TNERC for approval, all these controversies can be avoided. The TANGEDCO must adopt such best practices at least in future to avoid unwanted litigations. In fact, in one of the orders passed by TNERC in SMP No 1 of 2012, dated 25 2012, TNERC had made it clear that the proper course of action is to approach the commission by way of a clarification petition as contemplated under the TNERC Conduct of Business Regulations, 2004.

20. Under normal circumstances, the Petitioners should have approached TNERC questioning the impugned circular and bills raised by TANGEDCO adopting the circular. However, the petitioners were not able to adopt this course since the commission was not functioning due to lack of quorum. Now that the commission is effectively functioning, there is no requirement for this court to answer all the queries raised by the petitioners and it will be more appropriate if all these writ petitions are transferred to the file of TNERC by setting out the issues that requires clarification. This is more so since these issues directly arise out of the interpretation of the tariff order passed by the commission. Before setting out the issues, this court wants to take note of some of the legal provisions and also lay down some best practices that has to be followed by TANGEDCO in future.



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21. The TNERC is exercising its regulatory jurisdiction while issuing clarification regarding the interpretation of the tariff order passed by the commission. The Electricity Act, 2003 made a huge shift towards a more transparent environment in the arena of electricity and the preamble of the Act makes it very clear and the same is extracted hereunder:

An Act to consolidate the laws relating to generation, transmission, distribution, trading and use of electricity and generally for taking measures conducive to development of electricity industry, promoting competition therein, protecting interest of consumers and supply of electricity to all areas, rationalization of electricity tariff, ensuring transparent policies regarding subsidies, promotion of efficient and environmentally benign policies, constitution of Central Electricity Authority, Regulatory Commissions and establishment of Appellate Tribunal and for matters connected therewith or incidental thereto,

22. The Act mandates that for passing a Tariff Order, public participation is a sine qua non. Section 64 of the Act provides for the procedure and the same is extracted hereunder:

Section 64. (Procedure for tariff order): ---

(1) An application for determination of tariff under section 62 shall be made by a generating company or licensee in such manner and accompanied by such fee, as may be determined by regulations.

(2) Every applicant shall publish the application, in such abridged form and manner, as may be specified by the Appropriate Commission.

(3) The Appropriate Commission shall, within one hundred and twenty days from receipt of an application under sub-section (1) and after considering all suggestions and objections received from the public,-

(a) issue a tariff order accepting the application with such modifications or such conditions as may be specified in that order;

(b) reject the application for reasons to be recorded in writing if such application is not in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations made thereunder or the provisions of any other law for the time being in force:

Provided that an applicant shall be given a reasonable opportunity of being heard before rejecting his application.

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23. Even while exercising the power to recover charges by the Distribution Licensee, the same requires adequate publicity. Sec 45 of the Act is extracted hereunder:

Section 45. (Power to recover charges): --- (1) Subject to the provisions of this section, the prices to be charged by a distribution licensee for the supply of electricity by him in pursuance of section 43 shall be in accordance with such tariffs fixed from time to time and conditions of his licence.

(2) The charges for electricity supplied by a distribution licensee shall be -

(a) fixed in accordance with the methods and the principles as may be specified by the concerned State Commission ;

(b) published in such manner so as to give adequate publicity for such charges and prices.

(3) The charges for electricity supplied by a distribution licensee may include

(a) a fixed charge in addition to the charge for the actual electricity supplied;

(b) a rent or other charges in respect of any electric meter or electrical plant provided by the distribution licensee.

(4) Subject to the provisions of section 62, in fixing charges under this section a distribution licensee shall not show undue preference to any person or class of persons or discrimination against any person or class of persons.

(5) The charges fixed by the distribution licensee shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Act and the regulations made in this behalf by the concerned State Commission.

24. The aim of the TANGEDCO should be to implement tariff and other orders within a reasonable time after passing of orders. This would be in the interest of the Licensee which has to recover charges on time after it has been determined. Further, unilateral interpretation or proceeding further even when there are doubts or clarification is deemed fit, is not in the interest of the Licensee or the stake-holders as it leads to avoidable litigation before various forums.

25. Having taken note of the relevant provisions which have been extracted supra, this court will now proceed to set out certain best practices in line with the spirit behind the Electricity Act, 2003 and this



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court expects TANGEDCO to scrupulously follow the same in future and avoid unnecessary litigations and consequent loss of revenue.

I. TANGEDCO should establish clear policies for immediate implementation of orders issued by the TNERC and the Implementation should commence immediately after the tariff orders are issued.

II. Such implementation should take place by way of appropriate Implementation Circulars for adherence by the jurisdictional officers and the consumers/public.

III. Prior to issuance of such implementation Circulars, the draft should be placed before the TNERC for approval and on its website for any public comments to be provided directly to the TNERC.

IV. The TNERC shall within a strict timeline, approve such circulars with such modifications or changes as it deems fit after considering all aspects/inputs.

V. The approval of the implementation Circular in as much as it is done on the administrative and regulatory side by the TNERC would not by itself affect the rights of stakeholders, since it is only the orders issued under the Statute and Regulations, which would cover the field and be paramount. However, such best practice is advisable for reasons of transparency and avoiding unnecessary litigation.

VI. In terms of mandate of S.45(2)(b), the implementation circulars or instructions issued by the TANGEDCO to its field officers should mandatorily be made available on the website of the TANGEDCO and be easily accessible to all. This would ensure that all stakeholders are fully aware of the orders and the manner of their implementation.

26. The above discussion leads to the final phase of the order. This court is inclined to transfer all these Writ Petitions to the file of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chennai by setting out the following issues which requires clarification from TNERC in line with the tariff order passed by TNERC in TP No. 1 of 2013 dated 20.06. 2013.

a. Clarify whether, in case of drawal of start-up power by generators, whether the same should be charged at the rate of energy and energy equated demand charges or whether it should be charged on the basis of two-part tariff and how the charges are to be raised and recovered.

b. Whether, if the drawl of start-up power by generators are to be billed on the basis of two part



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tariff of 300 Rs./KVA/Month and 9.50 Rs./kWh, the demand charges should be pro-rated to actual hours of usage instead of calculating it for the entire month.

c. Whether, if the drawl of start-up power by generators are to be billed on the basis of two part tariff of 300 Rs./KVA/Month and 9.50 Rs./kWh, the demand charges are to be based on actual percentage of maximum demand or on the demand being fixed by TANGEDCO.

d. How different categories of generators are to be treated while determining the startup charges and ;

e. To issue appropriate orders under S.62(6) of the Act, in case of payments to be made to the generators/consumers since the petitioners have deposited charges in compliance with the conditional orders passed by this court.

The TNERC is directed to pass final orders within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of copy of this order after issuing adequate publicity in line with the provisions extracted supra. This will enable all the stakeholders to give their inputs and it need not be confined only to the petitioners. The interim orders passed by this court during the pendency of these Writ Petitions, shall continue to be in force till final orders are passed by TNERC.

28. All the Writ Petitions are accordingly disposed of. The registry is directed to transfer all the Writ Petitions to the file of TNERC, Chennai forthwith. No costs. Consequently, all the connected miscellaneous petitions are closed."

4. In view of the judgment cited supra, the TNERC is directed to pass final orders within a period of 3 months from the date of receipt of copy of this order after issuing adequate publicity in line with the provisions extracted supra. This will enable all the stakeholders to give their inputs and it need not be confined only to the petitioners. The interim order passed by this Court during the pendency of the Writ Petition, shall continue to be in force till final orders are passed by TNERC. Accordingly the Writ Petition stands disposed of. The Registry is directed to transfer the Writ Petition to the file of TNERC, Chennai forthwith. No costs. Consequently, connected miscellaneous petitions are closed.

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