



BEFORE TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, CHENNAI.

Order No. T.O. I-114, dated 22-01-2009

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| Present: Thiru S. Kabilan, | Chairman |
| Thiru B. Jeyaraman, | Member |
| Thiru R. Rajupandi. | Member |

In the matter of: Tariff to Isha Foundation, Coimbatore .

Isha Foundation, in their letter dated 21-07-2008 , have represented as follows :

1. They have converted their LT Services (I A, I C, II C) into HT Service vide HT Sc.No. 484 / Coimbatore EDC / North with effect from 12-06-2008.

2. It is a non-profit organisation dedicated to the well- being of the individual and the world at large and is engaged in initiating multitudes into the science of inner well-being . It has also set up several social outreach projects for holistic living and charitable services benefiting lakhs of individuals. The residents are involved in maintenance and catering to the needs of the center.

3. It offers free meditation initiations to the visitors and conducts various yoga programs at the center's meditation hall with food and accommodation promoting holistic living and allied activities, and also provides thereby treatment for chronic ailments through the ancient yogic science.

4. The centre houses the unique ' Dhyanalinga ' a multi- religious meditation shrine which attracts millions of visitors and devotees from all walks of life. The centre residents are involved in maintenance of temple and catering to the needs of devotees, meditators and the public.

5. Now, the newly effected HT service is billed under HT tariff III (Commercial) from the date of HT supply. As the electricity is being utilized for the above said purposes only and not for any commercial purposes, they have requested to adopt HT tariff II B for the above HT service from the date of service.

The TNEB in their letter dated 05-11-2008, have commented as follows.

- a) The HT Service No.484/Coimbatore EDC/North has been effected under HT Tariff III to Isha Foundation, Coimbatore on 12.06.2008 for a demand of 130 KVA by converting the following LT services with Tariff noted against each.

| Sl No. | SC No. | Tariff Adopted | Load | Distribution |
|--------|--------|-----------------|-----------|--------------|
| 1 | 133 | LT Tariff IC | 17.870 KW | Poondy |
| 2 | 266 | LT Tariff I (a) | 4.980 KW | Poondy |
| 3 | 272 | LT Tariff IIC | 12.060 KW | Poondy |
| 4 | 273 | LT Tariff I (a) | 10.270 KW | Poondy |
| 5 | 274 | LT Tariff I (a) | 4.380 KW | Poondy |
| 6 | 275 | LT Tariff I (a) | 6.900 KW | Poondy |
| 7 | 296 | LT Tariff IC | 50.720 KW | Poondy |
| 8 | 305 | LT Tariff I (a) | 14.060 KW | Poondy |

b. Isha Foundation has requested to adopt the HT Tariff II B for the above HT Service No.484 from the date of effecting service connection due to the following reasons.

i) Isha Foundation, is a non-profit organization dedicated to the well being of the individual and the world and offers free meditation to the visitors and conducts various yoga programs at the center's meditation hall with food and accommodation.

ii) The center houses the unique "DHYANALINGA" multi-religious meditation shrine, which attracts millions of visitors and devotees from all walks of life.

c) As per tariff order dated 15.03.03, HT Tariff IIB is applicable to actual places of worship and specially notified places of public interest, mutts, religious institutions etc., declared by the Commission from time to time.

d) TNERC has issued T.O.1-98 dated 06.12.2006 for adoption of LT tariff IC for LT Service No.133 and 296/Poondy (now converted to HT service) based on Tamilnadu Electricity Board recommendation.

e) The LT Service No.133 and 296/Poondy of the Isha Foundation were used for meditation etc., and the balance 6 services were used for place of worship and domestic activities, subsequently the same have been converted to HT service.

f) In as much as HTSC No. 484 of Isha Foundation is used for Mutt and religious Institution, it is submitted for consideration for adoption of HT Tariff II B to HTSC No. 484 of Isha Foundation as a special case.

In this connection the Commission considered the following.

i) As stated by the TNEB, the Commission had already notified LT tariff I C for the LT service numbers 133 and 296/Poondi of Isha Foundation, in view of its charitable activities, in its Order No. 1-98 dated 06.12.2006.

ii) These services along with five LT I A services and one LT II C service were converted from LT to HT with effect from 12.06.2008. None of the above services was under Commercial.

iii) This is only a conversion of Commission notified LT I C along with some other LT I A and LT II C service to HT supply .

iv) On an analysis of the consumption and payments made under LT Services, by Isha Foundation, Coimbatore for the past one year, prior to their conversion to HT Category, it is seen that they have been paying in the range of Rs. 3.05 to Rs. 3.18 per unit except for Feb.2008(BM) where the rate paid was at Rs.4.16 per unit. Even after taking this higher rate of payment into account, the weighted average rate of payment in the said period of one year was Rs.3.21/unit. If this high rate is excluded, the weighted average rate will come down to Rs.3.08 /unit only.

v) Isha Foundation have sought for tariff change from HT III to HT II B, under which the tariff for HT II B is Rs.2.80/unit towards Energy charges and Rs.125/KVA towards Demand charges and the overall rate of realization is Rs.3.30/unit. Therefore, there is no loss to the TNEB by the proposed tariff change with reference to their status quo ante, since Rate of Realisation (ROR) in the revised tariff (Rs.3.30/unit) is more than what they have been paying under their LT Services (Rs.3.21/unit) prior to conversion of the LT Services to HT Service.

Therefore accepting the recommendations of the TNEB, the Commission declares that HT service no. 484 connected to Isha Foundation, Coimbatore be classified under HT Tariff II B prospectively.

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