

TAMIL NADU POWER DISRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED

ABSTRACT

TNPDCL – Establishment - Appointment of Advocates as Standing Counsels to represent the cases of the TNEB Limited, TNPDCL, TANTRANSCO, TNPGL, and TNGECL before the TNERC – Orders – Issued.

SECRETARIAT BRANCH

(Per.) CMD TNPDCL Proceedings No.214

Dated : 08.10.2026.

Purattasi 21, Parabava Varudam
Thiruvalluvar Aandu 2057.

READ:-

- Ref: 1. (Per) FB TANGEDCO Proc.No.26 (SB) dated 18.10.2022.
2. (Per) FB TANGEDCO Proc.No.27 (SB) dated 18.10.2022.
3. (Per) CMD TANGEDCO Proc.No.195 (SB) dated 16.11.2022.
4. (Per) FB TANGEDCO Proc.No.29 (SB) dated 09.12.2022.
5. From the learned Advocate General of Tamil Nadu Roc
No.419/ 2026/AGVN/ dated 28.09.2026

PROCEEDINGS:-

It is hereby ordered that the following Advocates be appointed as Standing Counsels to represent the cases of TNPDCL, TANTRANSCO, TNPGL, TNGECL, and TNEB Limited before the TNERC, Chennai, from the date of assumption of charge as per the work allocation mentioned against each :-

Sl.No	Name of the Standing Counsel	Allocation of work
1.	Ms. Ashwini Vaidialingam, B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), LL.M. Enrl.No.D/3069/2016 Mobile: 9585688571 Email: ashwinivaidialingam@gmail.com / ashwini@pnvlc.in	Cases pertaining to TNEB Ltd. & TNPDCL before the TNERC
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3.	Thiru. A.P.Balaji, B.A., LL.B. (Hons.), PGDCL Enrl.No. MS 1757/2020 Mobile: 9710413388 Email: balajiap1998@gmail.com	Cases pertaining to TNGECL & TNPGL before the TNERC

2.The appointment of the above said Counsels shall be subject to the terms and conditions of appointment as stipulated in the Annexure to these proceedings. A Proceedings on the fee structure including retainer fee will be issued separately in due course.

3. The Counsels appointed herein shall assume charge immediately.

(BY ORDER OF THE CHAIRMAN CUM MANAGING DIRECTOR)

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To

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The Principal Secretary to Government/Energy Dept., Secretariat, Chennai-600009.

The Advocate General of Tamil Nadu, High Court Buildings, Chennai -600104

The Managing Directors/TNGECL, TNPGL & TANTRANSCO.

The Additional Director General of Police, Vigilance, TNPDL.

The Joint Managing Director/TNPDL.

The Directors/TNPDL (Distribution & Finance).

The Directors/TNGECL (Technical & Finance)

The Directors/TNPGL (Generation, Projects & Finance)

The Directors/TANTRANSCO (Transmission Projects, Operation & Finance).

The Secretary/TNPDL.

The Legal Adviser/TNPDCL.

All Chief Engineers/TNPDCL, TNGECL, TNPGL & TANTRANSCO.

All Chief Financial Controllers/TNPDCL, TNGECL, TNPGL & TANTRANSCO.

The Chief Internal Audit Officer/TNPDCL, Chennai-600002.

The Company Secretaries/ TNEB Ltd., TNPDCL, TNPGL, TNGECL & TANTRANSCO.

All Deputy Secretaries/Secretariat Branch.

The Deputy Chief Engineer/Administrative Branch/TNPDCL.

The Senior Deputy Chief Internal Audit Officers/Audit Branch.

All Financial Controllers/TNPDCL, TNGECL, TNPGL & TANTRANSCO.

All Superintending Engineers/TNPDCL, TNGECL, TNPGL & TANTRANSCO.

All Senior Personnel Officers/ Administrative Branch.

All EA to Managing Directors & Directors/TNPDCL, TNGECL, TNPGL & TANTRANSCO.

The Private Secretaries to CMD, Directors, ADGP/Vig, Secretary & Legal Adviser.

All Under Secretary/ Secretariat Branch.

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ANNEXURE

TAMIL NADU POWER DISTRIBUTION CORPORATION LIMITED

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COUNSEL

1. Tenure of appointment

The Counsels shall hold office with effect from the date of assumption of charge until resignation is accepted or appointment is terminated by the CMD/TNPDC.

2. Duties and responsibilities

(1) To advise the TNEB Ltd. And its subsidiaries (hereinafter referred to as "Corporations") including its subordinate offices in all legal matters as and when required, whether within the allocation of work or specifically assigned.

(2) To draw up, settle, revise and scrutinize draft agreements, deeds, contract documents, tenders, conveyance, lease, etc., as and when required.

(3) To appear before the TNERC as per the allocation of work or as may be specifically assigned.

(4) To prepare plaints, written statements, affidavits, counter affidavits, Grounds of Appeal, etc. and to do all other works incidental thereto in which he is to appear as per the allocation of work or such other cases specifically assigned. The officers concerned shall be advised suitably the requirement of filing documents (original or certified copy or photo copy) by way of typed set of papers or Proof Affidavit, as the case may be, and also the requirement of required/adequate witnesses to depose before the Court, wherever necessary.

(5) To perform such other duties of legal nature as may be instructed from time to time.

(6) If need be, the Standing Counsel may recommend the engagement of any Senior Law Officers of the GoTN (Learned AG/AAG) or Senior Advocate or Advocate having special knowledge, stating specific reason for such recommendation. In case of recommending any Senior Advocate/Advocate, other than the Senior Law Officers of the GoTN, the fee structure of such Senior Advocate/Advocate shall also be obtained and sent along with the recommendation so as to get prior approval of the Chairman.

(7) To settle the reply version to the private/other notices issued against the Corporations and its subordinate offices which fall within the allocation of work or specifically assigned.

(8) To ensure that the plaint, written statement, affidavit, counter affidavit, petition to vacate the Interim order, proof affidavit, appeal with petition for interim stay, etc., as the case may be, are filed in time and numbered by the registry. In all cases of urgency/importance, he shall take every necessary step and ensure that the case is listed before the Court for hearing.

(9) To ensure that the copy application to obtain the interim order, final order, judgment & decree, etc. are filed before the Court on the date of passing such orders by the Court and to ensure that such orders reach the officer concerned immediately on receipt from the registry.

(10) To offer his/her general opinion in writing on such interim/final order or judgement and decree, etc., as the case may be, duly mentioning the date within which the order is to be complied and/or the Court to which the appeal, if any will lie with due date within which the appeal to be filed within the limitation period prescribed in law for filing such appeal without filing any delay condonation petition, so that the competent authority concerned could consider to take a final decision as to whether to comply the order or to file appeal/review.

(11) Ensure presence at the time of hearing and shall make an entry in case bundles about the nature of disposal or specific instructions of the Court and to pass on the same to the officers concerned. In all important cases, written instructions to the officers shall be issued.

3. Special instructions

The Standing Counsels are debarred –

- (1) from advising or holding briefs/appearing against the Corporations.
- (2) from giving advise to private parties in cases in which the Standing Counsel may likely to be called on to advise the Corporations.

Note : The Standing Counsel will be the best Judge as to whether he can or cannot, under this terms and conditions, advise on a question of law to a private person who seeks his advise/opinion.

- (3) He should not accept appointment as Director in any Company/ Corporation without the prior approval of the CMD/TNPDCL.

4. Fees

The Fees including retainer fee shall be as may be prescribed from time to time.

Note : The Counsels shall raise fee claim strictly as per the orders in force.

5. Travelling Allowances

In case of necessity to appear before any other Court/Forum which is situated in any other far off place other than the place to which the Counsel has to attend the Court/Forum as per the allocation of work (i.e., Chennai to Madurai/Vellore/Mumbai/New Delhi, etc.), the Standing Counsel is eligible for Travelling Allowance at the rates applicable to the Officers in the rank of Superintending Engineer.

6. Distribution of work during emergent circumstances

In the event of resignation or termination of appointment of an existing Counsel or a set of Counsels or such other circumstances necessitates, the work of such Counsel(s) will be assigned/distributed to/among other Counsel(s) until further orders.

7. Consent in case of change of vakalat

In the event of any change in the allocation of work or re-arrangement of Standing Counsels, wherever necessary, the outgoing Standing Counsel or whose work allocation is revised shall hand over the case bundles with upto date endorsement as may be necessary indicating the stage of the case and also to give consent in the name of his/her successor and sign in change of vakalat without any demur so as to enable the successor counsel to enter appearance in those cases without any hassle.

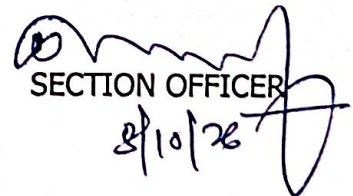
8. Co-ordination

The Counsel shall extent complete co-ordination with the officials and other Counsels.

9. Termination of the Appointments

The CMD/TNPDCL shall have the full power and authority to terminate the appointment of any Counsel or all Counsels or the entire arrangements of Counsels of the Corporation(s) without assigning any reason, after giving a month's notice in writing or paying a month's retainer fee in lieu thereof.

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