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PRE-PUBLICATION NOTIFICATION

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No. MSERC/Open Access-REG/2026/ : In exercise of the powers conferred by Sub-Section (2) of Section 181 read with clauses (2) (d) of Section 39 and clauses (2), (3), and (4) of Section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby **pre-publishes** the Regulation namely the ***Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Condition of Open Access) Regulation, 2026.***

1. PRELIMINARY

1.1. SHORT TITLE, SCOPE EXTENT AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1.1. These regulations shall be called the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Open Access) Regulations, 2026.
- 1.1.2. These regulations shall come into force on the date of Notification published in the Meghalaya Gazette replacing the existing Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Open Access) Regulations, 2012.

1.2. Scope

- 1.2.1. These regulations shall apply to open access for use of intra-State transmission system and distribution systems in the State, including when such system is used in conjunction with inter-State transmission system.

1.3. Definitions

- 1.3.1. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires

- i. "**Act**" means the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003);
- ii. "**Additional Surcharge**" means the charges payable to the Distribution Licensee by an Open Access consumer or class of consumers to meet the fixed cost of such distribution licensee arising out of his obligation to supply electricity. Such surcharge shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 5 of this Regulation.
- iii. "**Allotted Capacity**" means the power transfer in MW between the specified point(s) of injection and point(s) of drawal allowed to a long-term/medium-term customer on the intra-State transmission system and the expression "allotment of capacity" shall be construed accordingly;
- iv. "**Applicant**" means a consumer, trader, distribution licensee or a Generating company who has applied seeking connectivity or open access as the case may be;
- v. "**Appropriate Commission**" means the Central Regulatory Commission referred to in sub-Section (1) of Section 76 or State Regulatory Commission referred to in Section 82 or Joint Commission referred to in Section 83 of the Act, as the case may be.
- vi. "**CEA Connectivity Regulations**" means Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) Regulations, 2007 and as amended from time to time;
- vii. "**Central Commission**" means the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission referred to in Section 76 of the Act;
- viii. "**Commission**" means the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission referred to in Section 82 of the Act;
- ix. "**Consumer**" shall carry the same meaning as in the Act but shall be restricted to such consumers within the State of MEGHALAYA to whom these regulations will apply.
- x. "**Contracted load**" means the load in kW/HP/kVA (kilo Watt/Horse Power/kilo Volt Ampere) which the distribution licensee has agreed to

supply from time to time subject to the governing terms and conditions and is different from the connected load;

- xi. **“Cross-Subsidy Surcharge”** means the charges payable to Distribution Licensee by an Open Access consumer or class of consumers in accordance with Section 42(2) of the Act so as to meet the current level of cross subsidy within the area of supply of the distribution licensee. Such surcharge shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 5 of this Regulation.
- xii. **“Day”** means a day starting at 00.00 hours and ending at 24.00 hours;
- xiii. **“Distribution licensee”** means any person licensed under Part IV of the Act for distribution and retail supply of electricity in the State of Meghalaya;
- xiv. **“Embedded open access consumer”** means a consumer who has a supply agreement with the distribution licensee in whose area of supply the consumer is located and avails the option of drawing part or full of its demand from any other person under open access, in any one or more time slots during a day or more in any month or more during the year, without ceasing to be a consumer of the said distribution licensee and continues to pay monthly demand charges and other charges as per rate schedule applicable to relevant category;
- xv. **“Force Majeure Event”** for the purpose of these regulations shall mean the events or circumstances or a combination of events and/or circumstances stated below:
 - a) Act of God including lightning, drought, fire and explosion, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, flood, cyclone, typhoon, tornado, geological surprises, or exceptionally adverse weather conditions which are in excess of the statistical measures for the last hundred years; or
 - b) Any act of war, invasion, armed conflict or act of public enemy, blockade, embargo, revolution, riot, insurrection, terrorist or military action; or

- c) Fire, explosion, radioactive contamination and toxic dangerous chemical contamination;
- xvi. **"IEGC"** means Indian Electricity Grid Code Specified by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission under clause (h) of sub-section (1) of section 79 of the Act, and as amended from time to time;
- xvii. **"Imbalance"** in a time block for a generating station means its total actual generation minus its total scheduled generation and for a consumer or buyer means its total actual drawal minus its total scheduled drawal.
- xviii. **"Long-term access"** means the right to use the intra-State transmission system or distribution system for a period exceeding 12 years but not exceeding 25 years.
- xix. **"Medium-term open access"** means the open access for a period exceeding three months but not exceeding three years.
- xx. **"Month"** means a calendar month as per the Gregorian calendar;
- xxi. **"Nodal agency"** means the nodal agency defined in Regulation 4.1.3 of these regulations;
- xxii. **"Open access"** means the non-discriminatory provision for the use of transmission lines or distribution system or associated facilities with such lines or system by any licensee or consumer or a generating company in accordance with these regulations and includes long- term access, medium-term open access and short-term open access.
- xxiii. **"Open access customer"** means a consumer, trader, distribution licensee or a generating company who has been granted open access under these regulations.
- xxiv. **"Point of Drawal"** means a connection at which electricity is transferred from the electricity transmission network or the electricity distribution network (as the case may be).
- xxv. **"Point of Injection"** means a connection at which electricity is transferred to the electricity transmission network or the electricity

distribution network (as the case may be);

xxvi. "**Reactive Energy**" means the integral of the reactive power with respect to time measured in V Arh, or multiples thereof.

xxvii. "**Remote Terminal Unit (RTU)**" means a device suitable for measuring, recording and storing the consumption of electricity or any other quantity related with electrical system and status of the equipment in real time basis and exchanging such information with the data acquisition system for display and control and shall include, wherever applicable, other equipment such as Transducers, relays with necessary wiring and access ones;

xxviii. "**Reserved Capacity**" means the power transfer in MW between the specified point(s) of injection and point(s) of drawal allowed to a short-term customer on the transmission/distribution system depending on availability of transmission/distribution capacity and the expression "reservation of capacity" shall be construed accordingly;

xxix. "**Short-term open access**" means open access for a period up to one month at a time.

xxx. "**State**" means State of Meghalaya.

xxxi. "**SLDC**" means the State Load Dispatch Centre established under sub-section (1) of section 31 of the Act;

xxxii. "**Special Energy Meters**" means meters installed in accordance with the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006, as amended from time to time;

xxxiii. "**State Grid Code**" means the State Grid Code specified by the Commission under clause (h) of sub-section (1) of section 86 of the Act, applicable on the date of commencement of these regulations and as amended from time to time;

xxxiv. "**State Transmission Utility (STU)**" means the State Electricity Board or the Government Company notified by the State Government under sub-section (1) of section 39 of the Act;

xxxv. **"Transmission charges"** means the charges payable to Transmission Licensee(s) by an Open Access Consumer or class of consumers for the use of Transmission Network system for wheeling of electricity from the point of injection to the point of drawal, where such consumer/consumers is/are permitted to receive supply of electricity from a Generating Company or a Licensee other than the distribution licensee of his area of supply. Such Transmission Charge shall be determined by the Appropriate Commission in accordance with the applicable Regulations and the provisions of Chapter 5 of these Regulations.

xxxvi. **"Transmission licensee"** means any person licensed under Part IV of the Act for transmission of electricity.

xxxvii. **"Transmission System Segment"** means a part or whole of the transmission system from the point of injection to the point of drawal.

xxxviii. **"Wheeling"** means the operation whereby the distribution system and associated facilities of a Transmission Licensee or Distribution Licensee, as the case may be, are used by another person for the conveyance of electricity on payment of charges to be determined under section 62 of the Electricity Act 2003;

xxxix. **"Wheeling Charge"** means the charge payable by an Open Access Consumer for the use of the distribution system of a Distribution Licensee(s) for wheeling of electricity from the point of injection to the point of drawal, where such consumer/consumers is/are permitted to receive supply of electricity from a Generating Company or a Licensee other than the distribution licensee of his area of supply. Such Wheeling Charge shall be determined in accordance with Chapter 5 of this Regulation.

1.3.2. All words and expressions used and not defined in these regulations but defined in the Act or IEGC or the State Grid Code, Distribution code shall have the meaning assigned to them under the Act or the IEGC or the State Grid Code, Distribution Code as the case may be and these Regulations shall

be read in conjunction with provisions of the State Grid Code as amended from time to time.

- 1.3.3. The General Clauses Act, 1897(10 of 1897), as amended from time to time shall apply for the interpretation of these regulations as it applies for interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

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2. CONNECTIVITY

2.1. Connectivity

- 2.1.1. Only a consumer having load of 5 MW and above or a Generating Station having capacity of 5 MW and above shall be eligible to obtain connectivity to the intra-State transmission system, unless already connected, and shall apply for connectivity, in accordance with the provisions in this regulation.
- 2.1.2. A consumer having load of less than 5 MW or Generating Station having installed capacity less than 5 MW shall be eligible to obtain connectivity to the Distribution system and shall apply for connectivity as per the provisions of these regulations, unless already connected, in accordance with the provisions in this regulation.

2.2. Application procedure for Connectivity to intra-State transmission system

- 2.2.1. Applicant shall apply to the STU for connectivity in the Form prescribed in the detailed procedure to be laid down by the STU or the standard formats outlined in the State Grid Code.
- 2.2.2. The Application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of Rs. two lakhs through demand draft in favour of STU payable at Shillong.
- 2.2.3. The application for connectivity shall contain details such as proposed geographical location of the applicant, quantum of power to be interchanged, that is, the quantum of power to be injected in the case of a generating station, including a captive generating plant, and quantum of power to be drawn in the case of consumer, with the intra-State transmission system and such other details as may be laid down by the State Transmission Utility in the detailed procedure:

Provided that in cases where once an application has been filed and thereafter there has been any material change in the location of the applicant or change by more than 10 percent in the quantum of power to be interchanged with the intra-State transmission system, the applicant shall make a fresh application, which shall be considered in accordance with these regulations.

2.3. Processing of Application and Grant of connectivity to STU

- 2.3.1. On receipt of the application, the STU shall, in consultation and through coordination with other agencies involved in the intra-State transmission, process the application and carry out the necessary interconnection study as specified in the CEA Connectivity Regulations.
- 2.3.2. The STU shall, within thirty (30) days, from the receipt of an application under sub-regulation 2.3.1 above, and after considering all suggestions and comments received from State Load Despatch Centre:
- (a) accept the application with such modifications or such conditions as may be specified by SLDC;
 - (b) reject the application for reasons to be recorded in writing, if such application is not in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- 2.3.3. In case of acceptance of an application as per clause (a) of sub-regulation 2.3.2 above, the STU shall make a formal offer to the Applicant.
- 2.3.4. The STU shall, upon compliance of the required conditions by the Applicant, notify the concerned Applicant that it can be connected to the intra-State transmission system.
- 2.3.5. While granting connectivity, the STU shall specify the name of the sub-station or pooling station or switchyard where connectivity is to be granted. In case connectivity is to be granted by looping-in and looping-out of an existing or proposed line, the STU shall specify the point of connection and name of the line at which connectivity is to be granted. The STU shall indicate the broad design features of the dedicated transmission line and the timeframe for completion of the dedicated transmission line.
- 2.3.6. The STU shall indicate the broad design features of customer's facilities/equipment such as switchyard, interconnection equipment up to the point of injection/drawal on the sub-station of the STU and the timeframe for completion of the same. The cost of creation of these facilities shall be borne by the open access customer. In cases where connectivity is given at STU sub-station, the open access customer shall also bear the cost of

bay, breaker etc. in the STU sub-station and equipment required for transmission of real time data to SLDC.

Provided that for works, other than those to be carried out in STU substation, the open access customer shall have option to carry out these works under the supervision of STU.

2.3.7. The applicant and all intra-State transmission licensees including the State Transmission Utility shall comply with the provisions of CEA Connectivity Regulations.

2.3.8. The applicant shall sign a connection agreement with the State Transmission Utility or intra-State transmission licensee owning the sub-station or pooling station or switchyard or the transmission line as identified by the STU where connectivity is being granted, in line with the State Grid Code. The STU shall provide a copy of the Connection Agreement to the State Load Despatch Center;

Provided that in case connectivity of a generating station, including captive generating plant or consumer, is granted to the intra-State transmission system of an intra-State transmission licensee other than the STU, a tripartite agreement as provided in the CEA Connectivity Regulations shall be signed between the applicant, the STU and such intra-State transmission licensee.

2.3.9. The grant of connectivity shall not entitle an applicant to interchange any power with the grid unless it obtains long-term access, medium- term open access or short-term open access in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.

2.3.10. A unit of a generating station, including unit of a captive generating plant which has been granted connectivity to the grid shall be allowed to undertake testing including full load testing by injecting its infirm power into the grid before being put into commercial operation, even before availing any type of open access, after obtaining prior permission of the State Load Despatch Centre, which shall keep grid security in view while granting such permission. Commercial treatment of such infirm power from a generating station or a unit thereof, will be governed by the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) (5 of 2026) Regulations, 2026

and its subsequent amendments from time to time or any other relevant regulation or by a specific order of the Commission from time to time. The power injected into the grid from other generating stations as a result of such testing shall be charged at the charges determined by the Commission or as per Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Intra-State Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2025 and subsequent amendments from time to time notified by Commission.

- 2.3.11. An applicant may be required by the STU to construct a dedicated line to the point of connection to enable connectivity to the grid, unless exempted by the Commission for reasons to be recorded in writing.

2.4. Application procedure for Connectivity to distribution system by a generating station

- 2.4.1. All eligible generating stations including a captive generating plant, seeking connectivity to the distribution system, shall apply to the distribution licensee for connectivity in the Form prescribed in the Procedures to be laid down by the Distribution Licensee or the standard formats outlined in the State Grid Code.
- 2.4.2. The Application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of Rs. two lakhs through demand draft in favour of Distribution Licensee payable at Shillong.
- 2.4.3. The application for connectivity shall contain details such as, proposed geographical location of the generating station, quantum of power to be injected and such other details as may be laid down by the distribution licensee concerned in the procedure.

Provided that in cases where once an application has been filed and thereafter there has been any material change in the location of the Applicant or change by more than 10 percent in the quantum of power to be interchanged with the distribution system, the Applicant shall make a fresh application, which shall be considered in accordance with these regulations.

2.5. Processing of Application and Grant of connectivity to distribution system by a generating station

- 2.5.1. On receipt of the application, the distribution licensee shall, in consultation and through coordination with State Transmission Utility, process the application and carry out the necessary inter-connection study as specified in the CEA Connectivity Regulations.
- 2.5.2. The distribution licensee shall, within thirty (30) days, from the receipt of an application under sub-regulation 2.5.1 above:
- (a) accept the application;
 - (b) reject the application for reasons to be recorded in writing, if such application is not in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- 2.5.3. In case of acceptance of an application as per clause (a) of sub-regulation 2.5.2 above, the distribution licensee shall make a formal offer to the Applicant.
- 2.5.4. The distribution licensee shall upon compliance of the required conditions by the Applicant notify the concerned Applicant that it can be connected to the distribution system.
- 2.5.5. While granting connectivity, the distribution licensee shall specify the name of the sub-station or pooling station or switchyard where connectivity is to be granted. In case connectivity is to be given by looping-in and looping-out of an existing or proposed line, the distribution licensee shall specify the point of connection and name of such line.
- 2.5.6. The distribution licensee shall indicate the broad design features such as switchyard and interconnection facility up-to the point of injection into the Substation of the distribution licensee and the timeframe for completion of the same. The cost of creation of these facilities shall be borne by the Generating Company. In cases where augmentation of the distribution licensee's sub-station is involved, the generating station shall also bear the cost of bay, breaker in the distribution licensee's sub- station and equipment for inter-connection of real time data to SLDC.

Provided that for works other than those to be carried out in the Distribution

licensee's sub-station, the open access customer shall have option to carry out these works under the supervision of distribution licensee.

- 2.5.7. The applicant and the distribution licensee shall comply with the provisions of the MSERC (Electricity Supply Code) (1 of 2026) Regulations 2026 and CEA Connectivity Regulation and subsequent amendments or re-enactment.
- 2.5.8. The applicant shall sign a connection agreement with the distribution licensee where connectivity is being granted.
- 2.5.9. The grant of connectivity shall not entitle an applicant to interchange any power with the grid unless it obtains long-term access, medium-term open access or short-term open access in accordance with the provisions of these regulations.
- 2.5.10. A generating station, including captive generating plant which has been granted connectivity to the distribution system shall be allowed to undertake testing including full load testing by injecting its infirm power into the grid before being put into commercial operation, even before availing any type of open access, after obtaining permission of the State Load Despatch Centre and the distribution licensee, who shall keep grid security in view while granting such permission. Commercial treatment of such infirm power from a generating station or a unit thereof, will be governed by the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) (5 of 2026) Regulations, 2026 and its subsequent amendments from time to time or any other relevant regulation or by a specific order of the Commission from time to time. The power injected into the grid from other generating stations as a result of such testing shall be charged at the charges for imbalance determined by the Commission or at DSM charges where charges of imbalance have not been notified by the Commission.

3. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR OPEN ACCESS

3.1. Eligibility for Open Access and conditions to be satisfied

3.1.1. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, distribution licensee, generating companies, trading licensee, captive generating plants and consumers shall be eligible for open access to the intra-State transmission system of the State Transmission Utility or any transmission licensee on payment of transmission and other charges as may be determined by the Commission in accordance with these regulations.

3.1.2. Subject to the provisions of these regulations and technical constraints, the licensees, generating stations, captive generating plants and consumers shall be eligible for open access to distribution system of a distribution licensee on payment of the wheeling and other charges as may be determined by the Commission in accordance with these regulations.

3.1.3. Open access shall be permissible to the consumers seeking open access for a capacity of 1 MW and above;

Provided that the Commission may allow open access to consumers seeking open access for capacity less than 1 MW at such time as it may consider feasible having regard to operational constraints and other factors;

Provided further that when a person, who has established a captive generating plant, opts for open access for carrying the electricity to the destination of his own use, the limitation of 1 MW shall not be applicable.

Provided further that a Consumer located in the area of a Distribution Franchisee shall also be eligible for Open Access;

Provided also that a Distribution Franchisee shall not be eligible for Open Access, except in his capacity as a Consumer;

3.1.4. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, open access shall be permissible to the consumers seeking open access capacity up to which the Commission has introduced open access and are connected through an

independent feeder emanating from a substation of licensee or industrial feeder;

Provided that the consumers who are not on independent feeders, shall be allowed open access subject to the condition that they agree to rostering restrictions imposed by utility/STU/SLDC on the feeders serving them. The applicant seeking open access on a common feeder shall make upgradation of the existing metering system, wherever required, including for the other consumers sharing the feeders as per Open Access Regulation at its own cost;

Provided further that the duties of the distribution licensee with respect to such open access consumers shall be of a common carrier providing non-discriminatory open access as per section 42(3) of the Act.

- 3.1.5. A person having been declared insolvent or bankrupt or having outstanding dues/arrears against him for more than two months billing of distribution/transmission licensee at the time of application shall not be eligible for open access.
- 3.1.6. The open access customers connected to the intra state transmission system shall have to install Special Energy Meters at their place for energy accounting. Cost for Commissioning, Operation and maintenance of the Remote Terminal Unit (RTU) and requisite communication infrastructure, including protection system and all associated equipment as specified by SLDC for real time monitoring, shall be borne by the open access consumer. The OA customer shall ensure that such data is made available continuously, accurately and reliably in accordance with the applicable technical standards, communication protocols and directions issued by SLDC. Necessary infrastructure shall be developed for Energy Accounting by the transmission or distribution licensee, as the case may be, at the cost of the customer.

In case an existing customer has not availed Open Access for more than two (2) years, the system installed for Energy Accounting and real time monitoring at SLDC and grid substation (GSS) or distribution substation (DSS) may be decommissioned by the transmission or distribution licensee, as the case may be, at the cost of the customer.

The above system and associated infrastructure shall be duly validated prior to permitting the customer to avail/ resumed open access. The validation shall ensure that all necessary systems, metering arrangements, communication facilities, protection systems, operational interfaces and other applicable requirements are in place, functional and compliant with the prevailing rules, regulations and applicable procedures. Open Access shall be permitted only upon satisfactory completion of such validation and confirmation of system readiness by SLDC/RLDC.

SLDC shall validate the data pertaining to real time monitoring and energy accounting before allowing Open access.

3.2. Special Provision for Existing Distribution Licensees and Generating Companies

3.2.1. The Distribution Licensees or Generating Companies, using intrastate transmission system and/or the distribution system in the State under an existing agreement or arrangement on the date of coming into force of these Regulations, shall be entitled to continue to avail open access to such transmission and distribution system on the terms and conditions as per these regulations.

3.3. Categories of Open Access Customers

3.3.1. The application procedure, application fee and the time frame of processing request by Applicant seeking Open Access shall be based on the following criteria:

- a. System to which connected
 - i. Intra-State transmission system
 - ii. Distribution system
- b. Inter-se location of drawal and injection points
 - i. Both within the same distribution system/ transmission system
 - ii. Within the State but in different distribution systems / transmission systems
 - iii. In different States
- c. Duration of Open Access
 - i. Long term open access as defined in this Regulation

- ii. Medium-term open access as defined in this Regulation
- iii. Short-term open access as defined in this Regulation

Provided that on expiry of granted STOA, if such Customer desires to avail the STOA for further period, it shall be required to file application for such period and such application shall be considered as fresh application and priority shall be fixed on basis of date of such application.

3.4. Criteria for granting long-term access or medium-term open access or short-term open access

3.4.1. LTOA shall be allowed in accordance with the transmission system planning criteria and the distribution system planning criteria stipulated in the Indian Electricity Grid Code and State Grid Code. Before awarding long-term access, the STU/ distribution licensee shall have due regard to the augmentation required for their respective intra-State transmission system/ distribution system.

3.4.2. Medium-term open access shall be granted if the resultant power flow can be accommodated in the existing transmission system or existing distribution system or the transmission system under execution:

Provided that no augmentation shall be carried out to the transmission system or distribution system for the sole purpose of granting medium-term open access:

Provided further that construction of a dedicated transmission line/ distribution line shall not be construed as augmentation of the transmission/ distribution system for the purpose of this regulation.

3.4.3. STOA shall be allowed if surplus capacity is available on the intrastate transmission system/ distribution system after use by LTOA Customers and MTOA Customers, by virtue of:

- a) Inherent Design Margins;
- b) Margins available due to variation in power flows; and
- c) Margins available due to in-built spare transmission/ distribution capacity created to cater to future load growth.

- 3.4.4. Where a consumer, generator, captive user or open access customer avails Short-Term Open Access continuously or cumulatively for a period exceeding three months within a rolling period of twelve months through one or more applications for the same source and drawal/injection point, such access shall be deemed to be Medium-Term Open Access from the date on which the cumulative period exceeds three months and the applicable charges, terms and conditions of Medium-Term Open Access shall apply.

Provided that where such continuous or cumulative period exceeds three years, the access shall be deemed to be Long-Term Access and the applicable charges, terms and conditions thereof shall apply.

- 3.4.5. The State Nodal Agency shall have the authority to examine successive applications for Short-Term Open Access and determine whether the same are intended to circumvent the provisions relating to Medium-Term Open Access or Long-Term Access.

3.5. Allotment Priority

- 3.5.1. The priority for allotment of Open Access in intra-State transmission shall be decided subject to availability of capacity, on the following criteria:
- a) A distribution Licensee shall have the highest priority in allotment of open access capacity irrespective of whether the open access request is for long-term, medium-term or short-term.
 - b) The long-term open access applicants shall have the priority next to the distribution licensee.
 - c) The medium-term open access applicants shall have the priority next to the long-term open access applicants.
 - d) The short-term open access applicants shall have the priority next to the medium-term open access applicants.
 - e) Allotment priority for short-term open access applicants shall be decided subject to capacity availability.
 - f) An existing open access customer shall have the priority higher than new open access applicants under respective category provided the former

applies for its renewal thirty days prior to the expiry of existing term of open access.

- g) When the requirement projected by an applicant is more than the available capacity and the said applicant is not able to limit his requirement to the available capacity, the request of applicant having next lower priority shall be taken up for consideration.

Provided in case there is no open access applicant in certain category mentioned above, the next category will be eligible for allotment.

- 3.5.2. All applications for LTOA, MTOA or STOA shall be processed on first-come-first-served basis, separately for each of the aforesaid types of open access.

Provided that applications received during a month or up to the date specified under these Regulations shall be construed to have arrived concurrently:

Provided further that while processing applications for MTOA received during a month, the Applicant seeking access for a comparatively longer period shall have higher priority.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND APPROVAL

4.1. Application procedure for Open Access

- 4.1.1. All applications for open access shall be made in the prescribed Form and submitted to the Nodal agency in accordance with these regulations.

Provided that the Nodal agency shall issue necessary guidelines, procedure and application forms, transmission/distribution access agreement formats after due consultation with all the distribution licensees operating within the State and necessary approval of the Commission.

- 4.1.2. All applicants seeking open access shall submit an undertaking of not having entered into Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) or any other bilateral agreement with more than one person for the same power (quantum of power) for which open access is sought.
- 4.1.3. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the Nodal agency, Application fee, Documents to accompany the application and time frame for disposal of application and charges applicable shall be as specified in Table 1 and 2 of the Annexure.

4.2. Procedure for Long Term Access

- 4.2.1. **Involving inter-State transmission system:** Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-regulations 4.2.2 and 4.2.3 herein below, procedure for inter-State long-term Access shall be as per Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grant of Connectivity, Long-term Access and Medium-term Open Access in inter-State Transmission and related matters) Regulations, 2009 or its statutory re-enactments as amended from time to time:

Provided that in respect of a consumer connected to a distribution system seeking inter-State long-term access, the SLDC, before giving its consent to the RLDC as required under the Central Commission's Regulations, shall require the consumer to submit the consent of the distribution licensee concerned.

- 4.2.2. **Involving only intra-State transmission system:** Subject to the provisions of sub-regulations 4.2.1 herein above, intra-State long-term Access involving

intra-State transmission system/ distribution system, shall be in accordance with the provisions of sub-clause (a) to (n) herein below.

- (a) The application for grant of long-term access shall contain details such as name of the entity or entities from whom electricity is proposed to be procured along with the quantum of power and such other details as may be laid down by the STU in the detailed procedure:

Provided that in case augmentation of transmission system is required, the applicant shall also have to bear the transmission charges/ wheeling charges for the same as per these regulations:

Provided further that in cases where there is any material change in location of the applicant or change by more than 10 percent in the quantum of power to be interchanged using the intra-State transmission system/ distribution system, a fresh application shall be made, which shall be considered in accordance with these regulations.

- (b) The applicant shall submit any other information sought by the nodal agency including the basis for assessment of power to be interchanged using the intra-State transmission system and power to be transmitted to or from various entities or regions to enable the nodal agency to plan the intra-State transmission system in a holistic manner.

- (c) The application shall be accompanied by a bank guarantee of Rs. 10,000/- (ten thousand) per MW of the total power to be transmitted. The bank guarantee shall be in favour of the nodal agency, in the manner laid down under the detailed procedure. The Commission may by special order bring about revision in these charges if it is necessitated.

- (d) The bank guarantee of Rs. 10,000 /- (ten thousand) per MW shall be kept valid and subsisting till

- the execution of the long-term access agreement, in the case when augmentation of transmission system is required, and
- operationalization of long-term access when augmentation of transmission system is not required.

- (e) The bank guarantee may be encashed by the nodal agency, if the

application is withdrawn by the applicant or the long-term access rights are relinquished prior to the operationalisation of such rights when augmentation of transmission system is not required.

Provided in case of force majeure event, the above rights shall not be enforced

(f) The aforesaid bank guarantee will stand discharged with the submission of bank guarantee required to be given by the applicant to the State Transmission Utility during construction phase when augmentation of transmission system is required, in accordance with the provisions in the detailed procedure.

(g) On receipt of the application, the nodal agency shall, in consultation and through coordination with other agencies involved in intra-State transmission system to be used, process the application and carry out the necessary system studies as expeditiously as possible so as to ensure that the decision to grant or refuse long-term access is arrived at within the timeframe specified in clause 4.1.3 of Regulation 4.1 herein above:

Provided that in case the nodal agency faces any difficulty in the process of consultation or coordination, it may approach the Commission for appropriate directions.

(h) Based on the system studies, the nodal agency shall specify the intra-State transmission system that would be required to give long-term access. In case augmentation to the existing intra-State transmission system is required, the same will be intimated to the applicant. The cost of system study done for long term open access has to be borne by the long-term open access customer.

(i) While intimating long-term access, the nodal agency shall communicate to the applicant, the date from which long-term access shall be granted and an estimate of the transmission charges likely to be payable based on the prevailing costs, prices and methodology of sharing of transmission charges specified by the Commission.

(j) The applicant shall accordingly deposit the estimated amount for

works to the nodal agency, STU / the concerned Transmission Licensee and the concerned Distribution Licensee as the case may be.

Provided that in case the applicant does not agree to avail open access with system strengthening, his application shall be rejected, and the Bank Guarantee shall be released.

- (k) Applicant shall sign an agreement for long-term access with the State Transmission Utility in case long-term access is granted by the State Transmission Utility, in accordance with the provision as may be made in the detailed procedure. While seeking long-term access to an intra-State transmission licensee, other than the State Transmission Utility, the applicant shall sign a tripartite long-term access agreement with the State Transmission Utility and the intra-State transmission licensee. The long-term access agreement shall contain the date of commencement of long-term access, the point of injection of power into the grid and point of drawal from the grid and the details of dedicated transmission lines, if any, required. In case augmentation of transmission system is required, the long-term access agreement shall contain the timeline for construction of the facilities of the applicant and the transmission licensee, the bank guarantee required to be given by the applicant and other details in accordance with the detailed procedure.
- (l) Immediately after grant of long-term access, the nodal agency shall inform the State Load Despatch Centre so that it can consider the same while processing requests for grant of short-term open access, received under these regulations.
- (m) In cases where more than one long term open access customer applies for capacity allocation during the same period, and if the capacity sought to be allocated to the customers is more than the available capacity during that period of time, the State Nodal Agency concerned may offer to allocate the capacity in the ratio of capacity sought by the customers.

Provided that the costs of system augmentation, if such augmentation becomes necessary, shall also be apportioned among the customers.

- (n) On the expiry of the period of long-term access, the same shall stand extended on a written request by the consumer, to the State Transmission Utility, submitted at least six months prior to such expiry, mentioning the period for which extension is required:

Provided that in case no written request is received from the consumer within the timeline specified above, the said long-term access shall stand terminated on the date up to which it was initially granted.

- 4.2.3. **Within same distribution system:** The procedure specified in clause 4.2 above shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to cases of long-term access when the point of injection and the point of drawal are located in the same distribution system.

4.3. Procedure for medium-term open access

- 4.3.1. **Involving inter-State transmission system:** Notwithstanding anything contained in clauses (4.3.2) and (4.3.3) herein below, procedure for inter-State medium-term open access shall be as per Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grant of Connectivity, Long-term Access and Medium-term Open Access in inter-State Transmission and related matters) Regulations, 2009 or its statutory re-enactment as amended from time to time:

Provided that in respect of a consumer connected to a distribution system seeking inter-State medium-term open access, the SLDC, before giving its consent to the RLDC as required under the Central Commission's regulations, shall require the consumer to submit the consent of the distribution licensee concerned.

- 4.3.2. **Involving intra-State transmission system:** Subject to the provisions of sub-regulations 4.3.1 herein above, intra-State medium-term open access involving intra-State transmission system shall be in accordance with the provisions of clauses (i) to (vi) herein below.

- i. The application for grant of medium-term open access shall contain such details as may be laid down under the detailed procedure and

shall, in particular, include the point of injection into the grid, point of drawal from the grid and the quantum of power for which medium-term open access has been applied for.

Provided that in cases where there is any material change in location or change by more than 10 percent in the quantum of power, to be interchanged using the intra-State transmission system/ distribution system, a fresh application shall be made, which shall be considered in accordance with these Regulations.

- ii. The start date of the medium-term open access shall not be earlier than 5 months and not later than 1 year from the last day of the month in which application has been made.
- iii. On receipt of the application, the nodal agency shall, in consultation and through coordination with other agencies involved in intra-State transmission, process the application and carry out the necessary system studies as expeditiously as possible so as to ensure that the decision to grant or refuse medium-term open access is made within the timeframe specified in clause 4.1.3 of Regulation 4.1 herein above:

Provided that in case the nodal agency faces any difficulty in the process of consultation or coordination, it may approach the Commission for appropriate directions.

- iv. On being satisfied that the requirements specified under clause 3.1.2 of Regulation 3.1 are met, the nodal agency shall grant medium-term open access for the period stated in the application:

Provided that for reasons to be recorded in writing, the nodal agency may grant medium-term open access for a period less than that sought for by the applicant:

Provided further that the applicant shall sign an agreement for medium term open access with the State Transmission Utility, in accordance with the provision as may be made in the detailed procedure. While seeking medium-term open access to an intra-State transmission licensee, other than the State Transmission Utility, the applicant shall

sign a tripartite medium-term open access agreement with the State Transmission Utility and the intra-State transmission licensee. The medium-term open access agreement shall contain the date of commencement and end of medium-term open access, the point of injection of power into the grid and point of drawal from the grid, the details of dedicated transmission lines required, if any, the bank guarantee required to be given by the applicant and other details in accordance with the detailed procedure.

- v. Immediately after grant of medium-term open access, the nodal agency shall inform the State Load Despatch Centre so that it can consider the same while processing requests for short-term open access received under these regulations.
- vi. On expiry of the period of the medium-term open access, the medium-term consumer shall not be entitled to any overriding preference for renewal of the term.

4.3.3. **Within same distribution system:** The procedure specified in sub-regulations 4.3.2 above shall, mutatis mutandis, apply to cases of medium-term open access when the point of injection and the point of drawal are located in the same distribution system.

4.4. Procedure for short-term Open Access

4.4.1. **Involving inter-State transmission system:** Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-regulations 4.4.2 to 4.4.3 herein below, procedure for inter-State short-term Open Access shall be as per Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access in inter-State Transmission) Regulations, 2008, or its statutory re-enactments, as amended from time to time:

Provided that in respect of a consumer connected to a distribution system seeking inter-State short-term open access, the SLDC, before giving its consent to the RLDC as required under the Central Commission's regulations, shall require the consumer to submit the consent of the distribution licensee concerned.

4.4.2. Involving intra-State transmission system: Subject to the provisions of sub-regulations 4.4.1 herein above, intra-State short-term Open Access shall be in accordance with the provisions of sub clause (a) to (g) herein below:

(a) Open Access in advance

- (i) Applications may be submitted to the Nodal Agency seeking short-term open access up-to the fourth month, considering the month in which an application is made being the first month.
- (ii) Separate application shall be made for each month and for each transaction in a month.
- (iii) The application to the Nodal agency shall be on the prescribed containing such details as capacity needed, generation planned or power purchase contracted, point of injection, point of drawal, duration of availing open access, peak load, average load and such other additional information as may be required by the Nodal agency. The application shall be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee in cash or proof of payment by electronic mode or by demand draft in favour of the officer so notified by Nodal agency.
- (iv) An application for grant of open access commencing in any month may be submitted in a cover marked "Application for Short-Term Open Access – in advance" up to 15th day of the preceding month.
For example, application for grant of open access commencing in the month of July shall be received up to 15th day of June.
- (v) Nodal agency shall acknowledge receipt of the application by indicating time and date on "ACKNOWLEDGEMENT" to the applicant.
- (vi) A consumer of distribution licensee intending to avail open access shall also furnish a copy of his application to the distribution licensee of his area of supply.
- (vii) Based on the type of transactions Nodal agency shall take a decision on the applications for short-term open access in the manner provided herein below.

- (viii) All applications received under sub-sub-clause (iv) above shall be taken up for consideration together and processed as per allotment priority criteria specified under Regulation 3.5 of these regulations.
- (ix) Nodal agency shall check transaction for congestion of any element (line and transformer) of transmission and distribution system involved in transaction.
- (x) Nodal agency shall convey grant of open access or otherwise in format along with schedule of payments to the consumer latest by 19th day of such preceding month.
- (xi) Nodal agency shall assign specific reasons if open access is denied under sub-sub clause (x).

(b) Day-Ahead Open Access

- (i) An application for grant of day ahead open access may be received by Nodal agency within three (3) days prior to the date of scheduling but not later than 1300 Hours of the day immediately preceding the day of scheduling for day-ahead transaction.

For example, application for day-ahead transaction on 25th day of July shall be received on 22nd day or 23rd day or up to 1300 hours on 24th day of that month.

- (ii) The State Nodal Agency shall check for resultant congestion due to the proposed STOA and convey grant of approval or otherwise in prescribed format at the earliest.

(c) Open Access in contingency

In the event of a contingency, the Open Access customer may locate a source of power to meet short-term contingency requirement even after the cut-off time of 13:00 hrs of the preceding day and apply to the State Nodal Agency for Open Access and scheduling and in that event, the State Nodal Agency shall endeavour to accommodate such request as soon as possible and to the extent practically feasible, in accordance with the detailed procedure.

(d) Bidding Procedure

- (i) If the capacity sought by the consumers for Open Access in Advance for the following month is more than the available capacity or State Nodal Agency perceives congestion of any element of transmission and distribution system involved in the transaction, the allocation shall be made through electronic bidding procedure.
- (ii) The decision of State Nodal Agency in respect of an expected congestion shall be final and binding.
- (iii) State Nodal Agency shall convey information of congestion and decision for invitation of bidding indicating floor price in prescribed formats to the applicants.
- (iv) State Nodal Agency shall also display bidding information on its website.
- (v) The floor price of transmission and wheeling charges determined on the basis of relevant order of the Commission shall be indicated in prescribed format.
- (vi) The Bids shall be accepted in prescribed format up to the “bid closing time” as indicated in bidding invitation notice. Modification / amendment to a bid, once submitted shall not be entertained.
- (vii) If any consumer does not participate in bidding process, his application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn and shall not be processed.
- (viii) State Nodal Agency shall not entertain any request for extension of time/date for submission of bids.
- (ix) The bidders shall quote price (rounded-off to whole number) in denomination in which floor price has been determined.
- (x) The quoted price shall be arranged in descending order and allocation of available capacities shall be accorded in such descending order until the available capacity is exhausted.
- (xi) In case of equal price quoted by two or more consumers, the allocation from the residual available capacity at any stage under

sub-clause(x) above shall be made in proportion to capacity being sought by such consumers.

- (xii) All consumers, in favour of whom full capacities have been allotted, shall pay the highest price obtained from bids.
 - (xiii) The consumers, who are allotted less capacity, shall pay the price as quoted by them.
 - (xiv) State Nodal Agency shall reject bid which are incomplete, vague in any manner or not found in conformity with bidding procedure.
 - (xv) The successful bidder, in favour of whom the capacities have been allocated, shall pay transmission charges, wheeling charges, as the case may be, determined by bidding under sub clause (xii) or (xiii) of this clause.
- (e) The reserved capacity by a short-term open access consumer is not transferable to others.
 - (f) The capacity available as a result of surrender or reduction or cancellation of the reserved capacity, may be reserved for any other short-term open access consumer in accordance with these regulations.
 - (g) On expiry of the period of the short-term open access, the short-term consumer shall not be entitled to any overriding preference for renewal of the term.

4.4.3. Within same distribution system: The procedure specified in sub-regulation 4.4.2 above, mutatis mutandis, shall apply to cases of short-term open access when the point of injection and the point of drawl are located in the same distribution system.

4.4.4. The concerned Nodal agency shall issue necessary guidelines, detailed procedure and prepare all requisite formats, after due consultation with all the distribution / transmission licensees operating within the State and take necessary prior approval of the Commission before the same is brought into effect.

4.5. Consent by STU, SLDC or Distribution Licensee

4.5.1. Inter-State open access: STU in the case of application for grant of long-term access and SLDC in the case of grant of medium-term open access and short-term open access shall convey its consent or otherwise as per the provisions of Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grant of Connectivity, Long-term Access and Medium-term Open Access in inter-State Transmission and related matters) Regulations, 2009 and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access in inter-State Transmission) Regulations, 2008, respectively or their statutory re-enactments, as amended from time to time. In case of applicant connected to the distribution licensee, the said distribution licensee shall convey its consent or otherwise within 3 days of receipt of the request of the applicant.

4.5.2. Intra-State open access:

- a) In respect of a consumer connected to a distribution system seeking Open access, such consumer shall be required to submit the consent of the distribution licensee concerned. The distribution licensee shall convey its consent to the applicant by e-mail or fax or by any other usually recognised mode of communication, within three (3) working days of receipt of the application.
- b) While processing the application from a generating station seeking consent for open access, the distribution licensee shall verify the following, namely-
 - (i) Existence of infrastructure necessary for time-block-wise energy metering and accounting in accordance with the provisions of the State Grid Code in force, and
 - (ii) Availability of capacity in the distribution network.
 - (iii) Availability of RTU and communication facility to transmit real time data to SLDC.
- c) Where existence of necessary infrastructure and availability of capacity in the distribution network has been established, the distribution licensee shall convey its consent to the applicant by e-mail or fax or by

any other usually recognised mode of communication, within three (3) working days of receipt of the application.

- d) In case the distribution licensee finds that the application for consent is incomplete or defective in any respect, it shall communicate the deficiency or defect to the applicant by e-mail or fax or by any other usually recognised mode of communication, within two (2) working days of receipt of the application:
- e) In case the application has been found to be in order but the distribution licensee refuses to give consent on the grounds of non- existence of necessary infrastructure or unavailability of surplus capacity in the distribution network, such refusal shall be communicated to the applicant by e-mail or fax or by any other usually recognized mode of communication, within the period of three (3) working days from the date of receipt of the application, along with reasons for such refusal:
- f) Where the distribution licensee has not communicated any deficiency or defect in the application within two (2) days from the date of receipt of application, or refusal or consent within the specified period of three (3) working days from the date of receipt of the application consent shall be deemed to have been granted.

4.6. Consideration of applications from defaulters

- 4.6.1. Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations, the Nodal Agency shall be at liberty to summarily reject an application for Open Access on the ground of non-compliance of the provisions of these regulations, more specifically the provisions relating to timely payment of the charges to be levied hereunder. The information of such non-compliance or earlier default in payments can be collected by State Nodal Agency from concerned SLDC, transmission or distribution licensee, as applicable through process to be provided in Detailed Procedure by State Nodal Agency.

4.7. Application by eligible entities other than consumers and generating stations connected to distribution system:

- 4.7.1. The procedure for submission of the application and processing the same as laid down in this chapter in respect of the consumers shall, *mutatis mutandis*, be applicable to the electricity trading licensees, distribution licensees and the generating companies connected to the STU as well. The procedure for submission and processing of Open Access application by a generating company in respect of a generating station connected to distribution system has been specified in this regulation.

4.8. Submission of detailed procedure:

- 4.8.1. Subject to the provisions of these Regulations, the concerned State Nodal Agency shall submit the detailed procedure within 30 days of notification of these Regulations in the Official Gazette to the Commission for approval.

Provided that prior to submitting the detailed procedure to the Commission for approval, the concerned State Nodal Agency shall make the same available to the public and invite comments by putting the draft detailed procedure on its website and giving a period of 21 days to submit comments;

- 4.8.2. The detailed procedure submitted by the concerned State Nodal Agency shall, in particular, include-
- a) The proforma for application of LTOA and MTOA and LTOA/ MTOA standard agreements,
 - b) Any other issues, including Bank Guarantee for construction, payment mechanisms for application fee, etc. necessary for implementation of these Regulations.
 - c) Detailed procedures, process and steps for application processing along with timelines and Process Flowchart
 - d) Formats for STOA transactions such as
 - i. Application for STOA,
 - ii. Approval of STOA,
 - iii. Schedule of Payments,
 - iv. Congestion Information and Invitation of bidding, etc.

- e) Any other information and formats as may be required to ensure and ease compliance of these Regulations by all relevant agencies and open access customers.

PRE-PUBLICATION

5. OPEN ACCESS CHARGES

5.1. Transmission Charges

5.1.1. Open Access customer using transmission system shall pay the charges as stated hereunder:

- a. **For use of inter-State transmission system** – As specified by the Central Commission from time to time.
- b. **For use of intra-State transmission system and associated facilities**–Transmission charges payable to State Transmission Utility/ transmission licensees by an open access customer for usage of their system shall be determined as under:

$$\text{Transmission Charges} = \text{ATC} / (\text{ALS}_T / 365) \text{ (in Rs. / MW / day)}$$

Where,

ATC= Annual Transmission Charges determined by the Commission for the State transmission system & associated facilities for the concerned year.

ALS_T= Average load projected to be served by the State transmission system in concerned year.

Provided that transmission charges shall be payable on the basis of Contracted capacity/ Scheduled Load / Actual power flow whichever is higher. For Open Access for a part of a day, the transmission charges shall be payable on pro-rata basis;

Provided further that where a dedicated transmission system used for open access has been constructed for exclusive use of an open access customer, the transmission charges for such dedicated system shall be worked out by transmission licensee for their respective systems and obtain approval by the Commission and shall be borne entirely by such open access customer till such time the surplus capacity is allotted and used for by other persons or purposes.

5.2. Scheduling and System Operation Charges

5.2.1. Scheduling and system operation charges shall be payable by the Open Access customers at the following rates:

1. In respect of inter-State open access

(a) Long-term access and Medium-term open access

- i. Regional Load Despatch Centre fees and charges including charges for the Unified Load Despatch and Communication Scheme as specified by the appropriate Commission under section 28(4) of the Act.
- ii. State Load Despatch Centre charges as specified by this Commission under sub-section (3) of section 32 of the Act.

(b) Short-term open access

- i. Regional Load Despatch Centre and State Load Dispatch Centre charges as specified by the appropriate Commission.

2. In respect of intra-State open access

(a) Long-term access and Medium-term open access

1. Long-term access and medium-term open access customers shall be liable to pay SLDC fees and charges as determined by the Commission under sub-section (3) of Section 32 of the Act.
2. This charge includes fee for scheduling and system operation, energy accounting, fee for affecting revisions in schedule on Bonafide grounds and collection and disbursement of charges.

(b) Short-term open access

1. A composite operating charge @ Rs.5,000/- per day or part of the day shall be payable by a short-term open access customer for each transaction to the SLDC or as determined by the Commission from time to time.
2. The SLDC fees and charges includes fee for scheduling and system operation, energy accounting including infrastructure support system,

fee for affecting revisions in schedule on bonafide grounds and collection and disbursement of charges.

5.3. Wheeling Charges:

- 5.3.1. Wheeling charges payable to distribution licensee, by an open access customer for usage of its system and associated facilities shall be in line with Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) (5 of 2026) Regulations, 2026 and its amendments from time to time and the subsequent Tariff Orders published by Commission.

Provided further that where a dedicated distribution system used for open access has been constructed for exclusive use of an open access customer, the wheeling charges for such dedicated system shall be worked out by distribution licensee for their respective systems and obtain approval by the Commission and shall be borne entirely by such open access customer till such time the surplus capacity is allotted and used for by other persons or purposes.

5.4. Cross Subsidy Surcharge

- 5.4.1. In addition to transmission charges and wheeling charges, a consumer availing open access to the transmission system/distribution system shall pay a Cross-Subsidy Surcharge determined on Per Unit basis, on monthly basis, by the open access consumers based on the scheduled energy during the month through open access according to section 42 (2) of the Act and in accordance with the clause 8.5 of National Tariff policy notified by Ministry of Power Resolution dated 28th January 2016. The Commission will determine annually this surcharge payable by the open access consumers in line with Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) (5 of 2026) Regulations, 2026 and its amendments from time to time and the subsequent Tariff Orders published by the Commission.

The Open access users, except those availing open access facility to transfer power from their captive generating plants to the destination of their own use, shall pay the cross-subsidy surcharge to the distribution licensee of their area, as determined by the Commission from time to time. The amount of surcharge shall be so calculated as to meet the current level of cross subsidy

from the consumers and shall be paid to the distribution licensee of area of supply where the consumer is located.

Provided that the cross-subsidy surcharge shall not exceed 20% of the tariff applicable to the category of the consumers seeking open access.

5.5. Additional Surcharge

5.5.1. A consumer availing open access and receiving supply of electricity from a person other than the distribution licensee of his area of supply shall pay to the distribution licensee an additional surcharge, in addition to Transmission charges, Wheeling charges and Cross subsidy surcharge, in line with Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) (5 of 2026) Regulations, 2026 and its amendments from time to time and the subsequent Tariff Orders published by Commission, to meet the fixed cost of such distribution licensee arising out of his obligation to supply as provided under sub-section (4) of Section 42 of the Act.

5.5.2. The additional surcharge for obligation to supply shall become payable only if it is conclusively demonstrated that the obligation of a licensee, in terms of existing power purchase commitments, has been and continues to be stranded, or there is an unavoidable obligation and incidence to bear fixed costs corresponding to power procurement and transmission services as per such contract.

Note: Fixed costs related to network assets would be recovered through wheeling charges.

5.5.3. Additional surcharge determined on Per Unit basis shall be payable, on monthly basis.

5.6. Standby charges for drawal of power by open access customer from distribution licensee

5.6.1. If an Open Access Customer requires power from the distribution licensee in case of outage of the generator or the source supplying power to such Open Access Customer, or a generator connected to distribution system injecting power through Open Access, requires start-up power from the distribution licensee, then such Open Access Customer or generator may make an

application to the distribution licensee seeking standby power. The application shall be made in prescribed format and in the manner as may be prescribed in the detailed procedure. The concerned Nodal Agency shall develop and notify the requisite formats and Detailed Procedure and shall obtain the prior approval of the Commission before the same is brought into effect.

- 5.6.2. The licensee shall be entitled to collect tariff under Temporary rate of charge for that category of consumer in the prevailing rate schedule.

Provided further that if a generator connected to the distribution system injecting power through open access requires startup power, the rate of such power shall be the same as that of infirm power provided in sub-regulation 2.3.10 above of these Regulations.

Provided also that open access customers would have the option to arrange stand-by power from any other source subject to the conditions that such power shall be drawn through the same system for which Open Access has been granted.

6. SCHEDULING, METERING, REVISION AND LOSSES

6.1. Scheduling

- 6.1.1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the succeeding clauses of this regulation, scheduling of inter-State open access transactions shall be as specified by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission.
- 6.1.2. Subject to the foregoing clause, intra-State open access transactions in respect of all consumers of load 5 MW and above and generating stations irrespective of the capacity shall be scheduled by SLDC in accordance with the provisions of the State Grid Code.
- 6.1.3. There shall be no scheduling required in respect of open access consumer having load of less than 5 MW.

Provided that the generating station from which such consumer has contracted power shall be subjected to scheduling requirements as per the applicable grid code.

6.2. Metering

- 6.2.1. In case of open access consumer having load of 5 MW and above and all generating stations irrespective of capacity, Special Energy Meters shall be installed by the State Transmission Utility or the distribution licensee as the case may be, for and at the cost of the customer.
- 6.2.2. Special Energy Meters installed shall be capable of time-differentiated measurements for time-block-wise active/reactive energy and voltage differentiated measurement of reactive energy in accordance with the State Grid Code.
- 6.2.3. Special Energy Meters shall always be maintained in good condition. Also, necessary infrastructure shall be developed for real time monitoring which might involve installation of RTU and necessary communication infrastructure by the transmission or distribution licensee, as the case may be, at the cost of the customer.
- 6.2.4. Special Energy Meters shall be open for inspection by any person authorized by the State Transmission Utility or the State Load Dispatch Centre. The

Meters shall be periodically tested and calibrated by STU / distribution licensee as per State Grid Code and norms of Central Electricity Authority and State Grid Code, IEGC and MSERC (Electricity Supply Code) (1 of 2026) Regulations 2026, as amended from time to time.

- 6.2.5. As regards open access consumers having load less than 5 MW, the meter shall be installed by the distribution licensee concerned.
- 6.2.6. In case the meter is provided by the transmission/distribution licensee, the open access customer shall pay for its rent and also provide security deposit.
- 6.2.7. The meter shall be capable of communicating its reading to SLDC on real time basis and protocol for real time monitoring and power flow system shall be adopted by consumers of open access. Metering shall be compatible and can be integrated with SCADA/ EMS of SLDC.
- 6.2.8. The metering code prevailing in the state shall be applicable to the open access customers also.
- 6.2.9. All the open access customers shall abide by the metering standards of CEA.

6.3. Revision

- 6.3.1. Revision of scheduled energy shall be permitted in accordance with the provisions of IEGC or the State Grid Code as the case may be.

6.4. Energy Losses:

6.4.1. Transmission losses:

(a) Inter-State transmission:

- (i) Long-term access and medium-term open access: The buyers shall bear apportioned energy losses in the transmission system in accordance with the provisions specified by the appropriate Commission.
- (ii) Short-term Open Access: The buyers and sellers shall absorb apportioned energy losses in the transmission system in accordance with the provisions specified by the Central Commission.

(b) Intra-State transmission:

- (i) The transmission losses for the intra-State system determined by this Commission in their tariff orders for the relevant year, shall be payable in kind by the open access customers.

6.4.2. **Distribution losses:** System distribution losses, as determined by the Commission in its tariff order for the relevant year, shall be payable in kind by the open access customers.

6.5. Energy Accounting

6.5.1. SLDC shall be responsible for energy accounting for all open access customers.

6.5.2. SLDC shall maintain the time block wise consumption record of the special energy meters installed against each open access customer on weekly basis and upload the same in their website.

6.5.3. Energy accounting statement on monthly basis should also be sent to the Central Nodal Agency/ State Nodal Agency(s) as applicable, open access customers and transmission and distribution licensees via e-mail and published in their website.

6.5.4. For Inter-state Open Access Transactions, SLDC shall co-ordinate with the respective RLDC, as necessary, for the purpose of energy accounting. Energy accounting shall be as per the applicable CERC Regulations.

7. IMBALANCE AND REACTIVE ENERGY CHARGES

7.1. Imbalance Charge

- 7.1.1. Scheduling of all transactions pursuant to grant of long-term access or medium-term open access or short-term open access shall be carried out on day-ahead basis in accordance with the relevant provisions of IEGC for inter-State transactions and in accordance with State Grid Code/ Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Intra-State Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2025 and its amendments from time to time/ Commission's order for intra-State transactions.
- 7.1.2. In case of deviation by open access consumers with load of less than 5 MW, the difference between the applicable sanctioned Open Access load and the actual drawal shall be accounted through the Time of Day (TOD) Meters on monthly basis and settled at the rate of the imbalance charge as determined by the Commission or where imbalance charge has not been determined by the Commission, DSM charges as specified by the Central Commission shall be applicable. Unless specified otherwise by the Commission, DSM rate for intra-State entity shall be 105% (for over-drawals or under generation) and 95% (for under-drawals or over generation) of DSM rate at the periphery of regional entity.
- 7.1.3. Deviations between the schedule and the actual injection/drawal in respect of open access consumers with load of 5 MW and above and the Generating Stations irrespective of the capacity, shall be settled based on the composite accounts for imbalance transactions issued by SLDC on a weekly cycle based on net metering in accordance with the charges specified by the Commission or as specified by the Central Commission. Unless specified otherwise by the Commission, DSM rate for intra-State entity shall be 105% (for over-drawals or under generation) and 95% (for under-drawals or over generation) of DSM rate at the periphery of regional entity.
- 7.1.4. Payment of imbalance charges shall have a high priority, and the concerned constituents shall pay the indicated amounts within 10 (ten) days of the issue of the statement, into a State imbalance pool account operated by the

SLDC. The person who has to receive the money on account of imbalance charges would then be paid out from the State imbalance pool account, within three (3) working days.

- 7.1.5. If payments against the above imbalance charges are delayed by more than two days, i.e., beyond twelve (12) days from the date of issue of statement, the defaulting party shall have to pay simple interest @ 0.04% for each day of delay. The interest so collected shall be paid to the person who had to receive the amount, payment of which got delayed. Persistent payment defaults, if any, shall be reported by the SLDC to the Commission, for initiating remedial action.

Provided that billing, collection and disbursement of imbalance charges under sub-regulations 7.1.4 and 7.1.5 shall be in accordance with the Commission's orders on Intra-state Deviation Settlement Mechanism, as may be applicable from time to time.

7.2. Reactive Energy Charge

- 7.2.1. In respect of open access consumer having a load of 5 MW or above, the payment for the reactive energy charges by open access consumers shall be in accordance with provisions stipulated in the State Grid Code or if not mentioned in the state grid code, the provision of IEGC will apply.
- 7.2.2. In respect of open access consumers of load less than 5 MW, reactive energy charges shall be calculated on Power Factor basis as specified by the Commission.

8. COMMERCIAL MATTERS

8.1. Billing, collection and disbursement

8.1.1. Billing in respect of the charges payable under these regulations shall be made as per the following procedure:

1. Inter-State transactions:

(a) Short-term Open Access

- (i) Collection and disbursement of transmission charges for use of CTU and STU systems and operating charges payable to RLDCs and SLDCs towards short-term open access shall be made by the nodal RLDC in accordance with the procedure specified by the Central Commission.
- (ii) The short-term open access customer connected to distribution system of a distribution licensee shall pay to such distribution licensee the charges payable to the distribution licensee within 3 days from the grant of the short-term open access by the nodal agency.

(b) Long-term access and medium-term open access

- (i) Billing, collection and disbursement of charges payable to CTU & RLDC including Unified Load Despatch and Communication Scheme shall be in accordance with the procedure specified by the Central Commission.
- (ii) Bills towards the charges payable to SLDC shall be raised by the STU/SLDC directly to the open access customer connected to STU and to the distribution licensee in respect of the customers connected to the distribution system, before the 3rd working day of the succeeding calendar month.
- (iii) Distribution licensee shall raise the bill with the open access customer connected to it within 3 days of receipt of bill from SLDC.
- (iv) Open access customer connected to the distribution licensee shall pay the charges within five days of receipt of bill from distribution licensee. The distribution licensee shall disburse the

amount payable to STU/SLDC on a monthly basis.

- (v) Open access customer connected to the STU shall pay the bills within five working days of receipt of the bill.

2. Intra-State transactions:

a) Short-term Open Access

- i. The short-term open access customer shall deposit with SLDC the transmission charges and operating charges within 3 working days of grant of the short-term open access by SLDC.
- ii. In addition to the above, the short-term open access customer connected to distribution system of a distribution licensee shall also pay to SLDC, the charges payable to the distribution licensee within 3 days from the grant of the short-term open access by the nodal agency. Such charges would be disbursed to the distribution licensee on a weekly basis.

b) Long-term and Medium-Term open access

SLDC, transmission licensees and distribution licensee, where applicable, shall communicate to STU the details of the bills due to them by the 3rd day of the succeeding calendar month. STU shall separately indicate the above charges and raise the bill with the open access customer, together with the charges receivable by it, if any, before the 5th day of the above month. The open access customer shall pay the charges within 7 days from the date of receipt of the bill. STU shall disburse the charges payable to SLDC, transmission licensee and distribution licensee on a monthly basis.

8.2. Late payment surcharge

- 8.2.1. In case the payment of any bill for charges payable under these regulations is delayed by an open access customer beyond the due date, without prejudice to any action under the Act or any other regulation there-under, a late payment surcharge at the rate of 1.25% per month shall be levied.

8.3. Default in payment

- 8.3.1. Non-payment of any charge or sum of money payable by the open access customer under these regulations (including imbalance charges) shall be considered non-compliance of these regulations and shall be liable for action under section 142 of the Act in addition to action under section 56 of the Act. The STU or any other transmission licensee or a distribution licensee may discontinue open access after giving customer an advance notice of fifteen days without prejudice to its right to recover such charges by suit.
- 8.3.2. In case of default in payment of charges due to the Load Dispatch Centre, the Load Dispatch Centre concerned may refuse to schedule power to the defaulting open access customer and direct the licensee concerned to disconnect such customer from the grid.

8.4. Payment Security Mechanism

- 8.4.1. In case of long-term access and medium-term open access, the Applicant for open access will open an unconditional, revolving and irrevocable Letter of Credit (L/C) equivalent to the estimated amount of applicable open access charges for a period of two months in favour of the agency responsible for collection of such charges.

8.5. Dispute Resolution

- 8.5.1. All disputes and complaints relating to open access shall be made to the SLDC, which may investigate and endeavour to resolve the grievance.
- 8.5.2. If the SLDC is unable to redress the grievance, it may be referred to the Commission.

9. INFORMATION SYSTEM

9.1. Information system

9.1.1. The State Load Dispatch Centre shall post following information on its website in a separate web page titled “Open access information” and also issue a monthly and annual report containing such information.

- a) A status report on long-term access or medium-term open access or short-term open access customers indicating:
 - ii. Name of customer;
 - iii. Period of open access granted (date of commencement and date of termination);
 - iv. Point of injection;
 - v. Point of drawal;
 - vi. Transmission system / distribution system used, and
 - vii. Open access capacity used.
- b) Peak load flows and capacity available including the reserve capacity on all EHV lines and HV lines emanating from EHV sub- stations.
- c) The information regarding average loss in transmission and distribution system as determined by respective licensees.
- d) The Transmission/ distribution licensee shall submit a quarterly report every calendar year within one month of the end of the quarter to the Commission indicating consumer wise details of open access, load contracted and actual drawl, Injection point etc.

9.1.2. A generating station connected to a distribution system seeking open access shall have to follow, except in respect of the case covered under regulation 9.1.3, the same procedure as applicable for a consumer seeking open access under different scenarios, namely long-term access, medium-term open access and short-term open access. Such generating station shall also be liable to pay the same application fee, and other open access charges except the cross-subsidy surcharge and additional surcharge as are applicable to a consumer seeking open access.

- 9.1.3. A generating station seeking open access only within the area of the same distribution licensee, shall make an application in the prescribed format to the distribution licensee.
- 9.1.4. The distribution licensee, while processing the application of such a generating station, shall follow the following procedure.
1. While processing the application from a generating station seeking open access, the distribution licensee shall verify the following, namely-
 - a) Existence of infrastructure necessary for time-block-wise energy metering and accounting in accordance with the provisions of the State Grid Code in force, and
 - b) Availability of capacity in the distribution network.
 2. Where existence of necessary infrastructure and availability of capacity in the distribution network has been established, the distribution licensee shall convey its approval within the timelines indicated in clause 4.2.3 of Regulation 4 herein above as applicable to a consumer.
 3. In case the distribution licensee finds that the application is incomplete or defective in any respect, it shall communicate the deficiency or defect to the applicant by e-mail or fax or by any other usually recognised mode of communication, within two (2) working days of receipt of the application:
 4. In case the application has been found to be in order but the distribution licensee refuses to give approval for open access on the grounds of non-existence of necessary infrastructure or unavailability of surplus capacity in the distribution network, such refusal shall be communicated to the applicant by e-mail or fax or by any other usually recognized mode of communication, within the period of three (3) working days from the date of receipt of the application, along with reasons for such refusal.
 5. The Generating station shall pay the wheeling charge to the distribution licensee as determined by the Commission.

6. In case of non-availability of distribution system except for force majeure conditions, the generator shall be compensated at UI charges or average power purchase cost of the distribution licensee for the relevant year, whichever is lower.

PRE-PUBLICATION

10. MISCELLANEOUS

10.1. Under-Utilisation or Non-Utilisation of open access capacity in intra-State transmission system

10.1.1. **Long-term access:** A long-term customer may relinquish the long-term access rights fully or partly before the expiry of the full term of long-term access, by making payment of compensation for stranded capacity as follows:

a) Long-term customer who has availed access rights for at least 12 years

- (i) Notice of one (1) year – If such a customer submits an application to the State Transmission Utility at least 1 (one) year prior to the date from which such customer desires to relinquish the access rights, there shall be no charges.
- (ii) Notice of less than one (1) year – If such a customer submits an application to the State Transmission Utility at any time lesser than a period of 1 (one) year prior to the date from which such customer desires to relinquish the access rights, such customer shall pay an amount equal to 66% of the transmission charges for the stranded transmission capacity for the period falling short of a notice period of one (1) year.

b) Long-term customer who has not availed access rights for at least 12 (twelve) years – such customer shall pay an amount equal to 66% of the estimated transmission charges (net present value) for the stranded transmission capacity for the period falling short of 12 (twelve) years of access rights:

Provided that such a customer shall submit an application to the State Transmission Utility at least 1 (one) year prior to the date from which such customer desires to relinquish the access rights:

Provided further that in case a customer submits an application for relinquishment of long-term access rights at any time at a notice period of less than one year, then such customer shall pay an amount equal to 66% of the estimated transmission charges (net present value) for the

period falling short of a notice period of one (1) year, in addition to 66% of the estimated transmission charges (net present value) for the stranded transmission capacity for the period falling short of 12 (twelve) years of access rights.

- (c) The discount rate that shall be applicable for computing the net present value as referred to in sub-clause (a) and (b) of sub-regulations 10.1.1 above shall be the discount rate to be used for bid evaluation in the Central Commission's Notification issued from time to time in accordance with the Guidelines for Determination of Tariff by Bidding Process for Procurement of Power by distribution Licensees issued by the Ministry of Power.
- (d) The compensation paid by the long-term customer for the stranded transmission capacity shall be used for reducing transmission charges payable by other long-term customers and medium-term customers in the year in which such compensation payment is due in the ratio of transmission charges payable for that year by such long-term customers and medium-term customers.

10.1.2. Medium-term Open Access customers: A medium-term open access customer may relinquish rights, fully or partly, by giving at least 30 days prior notice to the nodal agency:

Provided that the medium-term open access customer relinquishing its rights shall pay applicable transmission charges for the period of relinquishment or 30 days whichever is lesser.

10.1.3. Short-term open access customer

- a) The short-term open access schedules accepted by the nodal agency in advance or on first-come-first-served basis may be cancelled or revised downwards on an application to that effect made to the nodal agency by the short-term open access customer:

Provided that such cancellation or downward revision of the short-term open access schedules shall not be effective before expiry of a minimum period of two (2) days:

Provided further that the day on which notice for cancellation or downward revision of schedule is served on the nodal agency and the day from which such cancellation or downward revision is to be implemented, shall be excluded for computing the period of two (2) days.

- b) The person seeking cancellation or downward revision of short- term open access schedule shall pay the transmission charges for the first two (2) days of the period for which the cancellation or downward revision of schedule, as the case may be, has been sought, in accordance with the schedule originally approved by the nodal agency, and thereafter in accordance with the revised schedule prepared by the nodal agency during the period of such cancellation or downward revision.
- c) In case of cancellation, operating charges specified in Regulations 5.2.1 of these regulations shall be payable for two (2) days or the period of cancellation in days, whichever is less.

10.2. Computation of capacity availability for open access

10.2.1. STU/Distribution Licensees shall conduct the System Studies annually or as often as directed by the Commission to provide open access to long-term customers. The System data including the additional loading capacity of lines shall be updated on a continuous basis and shall be made available to the public. Such data shall also be hosted on the licensees' website.

The capacity available for the open access shall be computed based on (i) CERC (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) Regulations, 2023 alongside the CERC-approved Detailed Procedure for Allocation of Transmission Corridor for Scheduling of General Network Access (GNA) and Temporary General Network Access (T-GNA) (ii) Indian Electricity Grid Code (IEGC), 2023 (iii) CERC (Measures to Relieve Congestion in Real-Time Operation) Regulations and (iv) CEA Manual on Transmission Planning Criteria.

The STU shall update these values on monthly basis on the first calendar day of the month and publish it in their website.

10.2.2. The appropriate distribution licensee shall determine the available capacity for allotment for the portion of the distribution system over which open access has been requested for.

10.3. Curtailment Priority

10.3.1. When, because of constraints or otherwise, it becomes necessary to curtail the open access service of the customers, subject to the requirements of State Grid Code, the open access to a distribution licensee shall be the last to be curtailed. Among others, short-term open access customers shall be curtailed first, followed by the medium-term open access customers followed by long-term open access customers. SLDC shall frame guidelines for curtailment of open access customers.

10.4. Powers to Remove Difficulties

10.4.1. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of these regulations, the Commission may by general or special order, direct the State Transmission Utility, State Load Dispatch Centre, intra-State licensees and the open access customer, to take such action, as may appear to the Commission to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing difficulties. The Open Access Customers, generators and the licensees may make an application to the Commission and seek suitable orders to remove any difficulties that may arise in implementation of these regulations.

10.5. Issue of orders and directions

10.5.1. Subject to the provisions of the Act and these regulations, the Commission may, from time to time, issue orders and directions with regard to the implementation of the regulations and procedures to be followed.

10.6. Repeal and Savings

10.6.1. Save as otherwise provided in these regulations, the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Open Access) Regulations 2012 shall stand repealed from the date of commencement of these regulations.

10.6.2. Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or purported to have been done under the repealed regulations shall be deemed to have been done or purported to have been done under these regulations.

10.6.3. Provisions on the Open Access given in this regulation shall prevail over the provisions given elsewhere in other Regulations of Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission as and where applicable till such time the Commission issues separate orders.

10.6.4. All Open access customers to the intra-State transmission system and the distribution system in the State on the date of coming into force of these regulations shall execute fresh agreements in accordance with this regulation to avail access to the transmission and distribution system on the terms, conditions and charges, as stipulated under this regulation.

10.7. Power to amend

10.7.1. The Commission may from time to time add, alter, modify or amend any provisions of these regulations after following the necessary procedures.

Sd/-
Secretary
Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission
Shillong

Annexure

Table 1

Consumer connected to Distribution System

S. No.	Periods	Inter-se Location of Drawal & Injection Point	Nodal Agency	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity of 5 MW and above	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity less than 5 MW	Documents to Accompany the Application	Time frame for Disposal of application (days from the receipt of application)	Applicable Charges	Applicable Losses
1	Short-Term Open Access (STOA)	Both within the same Distribution Licensee	Concerned Distribution Licensee	50,000	20,000	• Proof of payment of application fee	• 7 working days in case STOA applied for first time. • 3 working days on subsequent STOA applications.	• Wheeling Charge as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges as applicable	• Distribution loss in kind.

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2		Both within the same State but in areas of different Distribution Licensees	SLDC	50,000	20,000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • Consent from concerned Distribution licensees.	• 7 working days in case STOA applied for first time. • 3 working days on subsequent STOA applications.	• Wheeling Charge as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges as applicable. • Transmission charge (Intra-State)	• Distribution loss in kind • Transmission loss in kind. (Intra-State)

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3		Injection point in the intra-State transmission system within the State	SLDC	50,000	20,000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • Consent from concerned Distribution licensees.	• 7 working days in case STOA applied for first time. • 3 working days on subsequent STOA applications.	• Wheeling Charge, as applicable as per this Regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable. • Transmission charge (Intra-State)	• Distribution loss in kind. • Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State)

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4		In different States	RLDC of the region where consumer is located	As determined by RLDC	As determined by RLDC	• Proof of payment of Application fee • Consent from concerned SLDCs and Distribution licensees as applicable,	As per Central Commission's Regulation	• Wheeling Charges as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable • Transmission Charge (Intra-State and Inter State).	• Distribution loss in kind. • Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State and Inter State).

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5	Medium-Term Open Access (MTOA)	Both within the same Distribution licensee	Concerned Distribution Licensee	100000	50000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power, • In case of generating station not already connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of	20 Working Days	• Wheeling Charge as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges as applicable	• Distribution loss in kind.

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						MTOA.			
6		Both within the same State but different Distribution Licensees	STU	100000	50000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power, • In case of generating station not already connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the	40 Working Days	• Wheeling Charge as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges as applicable. • Transmission charge	• Distribution loss in kind in respect of both Distribution Licensees • Transmission loss in kind. (Intra-State)

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						same shall be completed before intending date of MTOA. • Consent from concerned distribution licensees		(Intra-State)	
7		Injection point in the intra-State transmission system within the State	STU	100000	50000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power, • In case of generating station not already	40 Working Days	• Wheeling Charge as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy	• Distribution loss in kind in respect of both Distribution Licensees • Transmission loss in kind. (Intra-State)

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8		In different States	CTU	As determined by CTU	As determined by CTU	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. • In case of generating station not already connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of	As per Central Commission's Regulation	• Wheeling Charges as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable • Transmission Charge (Intra-State and Inter State).	• Distribution loss in kind in respect of both Distribution Licensees • Transmission loss in kind. (Intra-State and Inter-state)

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						MTOA. • Consent from concerned SLDCs and Distribution licensees, as applicable.			
9	Long Term Access	Both within the same Distribution licensee	Concerned Distribution Licensee	50000	25000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. • In case of generating station not already connected to grid,	20 working days	• Wheeling Charge as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable.	• Distribution loss in kind.

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						documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of LTA		Scheduling and system Operating Charges as applicable.	
10		Both within the same State but different Distribution Licensees	STU	100000	50000	- Proof of payment of Application fee. - PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. - In case of generating station not already	120 working days where augmentation of trans-mission/ distribution system is not required 150 working days or actual number of days as may be required,	- Wheeling Charge as applicable as per this regulation - Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any - Stand-by charges, if any - Imbalance and Reactive Energy	- Distribution loss in kind. - Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State).

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						connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of LTA. • Consent from concerned distribution licensees	whichever is earlier, where augmentation of trans-mission/ distribution system is required.	Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges as applicable. • Transmission charge (Intra-State)	

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11		Injection point in the intra-State transmission system within the State	STU	100000	50000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. • In case of generating station not already connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before	• 120 working days where augmentation of trans-mission/ distribution system is not required • 150 working days or actual number of days as may be required, whichever is earlier, where augmentation of trans-mission/ distribution system is required.	• Wheeling Charge as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges as applicable. • Transmission charge (Intra-State)	• Distribution loss in kind. • Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State).

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						intending date of LTA. • Consent from concerned Distribution licensee			
12		In different States	CTU	As determined by CTU	As determined by CTU	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. • In case of generating station not already	As per Central Commission's Regulation	• Wheeling Charges as applicable as per this regulation • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Stand-by charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy	• Distribution loss in kind. • Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State and Inter State).

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Consumer connected to Distribution System

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						connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of LTA. • Consent from concerned SLDCs and Distribution licensees as applicable		Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable • Transmission Charge (Intra-State and Inter State).	

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Consumer connected to intra-State Transmission System									
S. No.	Periods	Inter-se Location of Drawal & Injection Point	Nodal Agency	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity of 5 MW and above	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity less than 5 MW	Documents to Accompany the Application	Time frame for Disposal of application (days from the receipt of application)	Applicable Charges	Applicable Losses
1	Short-Term Open Access (STOA)	Both within the same State (in the intra State transmission system)	SLDC	50,000	20,000	• Proof of payment of Application fee.	• 7 working days in case STOA applied for first time. • 3 working days on subsequent STOA applications.	• Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Standby charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable • Transmission Charge (Intra-State).	• Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State).
2		Injection point in the distribution system within the State	SLDC	50,000	20,000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • Consent from concerned Distribution	• 7 working days in case STOA applied for first time. • 3 working days on subsequent STOA	• Wheeling Charges, as applicable as per this regulation. • Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any	• Distribution loss in kind. • Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State).

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						licensee.		• Standby charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable • Transmission Charge (Intra-State).	
3		In different States	RLDC of the region where consumer is located	As determined by RLDC	As determined by RLDC	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • Consent from concerned SLDCs and Distribution licensee as applicable.	As per Central Commission's Regulation	• Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Standby charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as	• Transmission Loss in kind (Intra-State and Inter-State).

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S. No.	Periods	Inter-se Location of Drawal & Injection Point	Nodal Agency	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity of 5 MW and above	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity less than 5 MW	Documents to Accompany the Application	Time frame for Disposal of application (days from the receipt of application)	Applicable Charges	Applicable Losses
								applicable. • Transmission Charge (Intra-State and inter-State).	
4	Medium-Term Open Access (MTOA)	Both within the same State (in the intra-State transmission system)	STU	50,000	20,000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. • In case of generating station or consumer not already connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the	• 20 Working Days	• Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Standby charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable • Transmission Charge (Intra-State).	• Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State).

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Consumer connected to intra-State Transmission System									
S. No.	Periods	Inter-se Location of Drawal & Injection Point	Nodal Agency	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity of 5 MW and above	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity less than 5 MW	Documents to Accompany the Application	Time frame for Disposal of application (days from the receipt of application)	Applicable Charges	Applicable Losses
						connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before Intending date of MTOA.			
5		Injection point in the distribution system within the State	STU	50,000	20,000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. • In case of generating station or consumer not already connected to grid, documentary	20 working days	• Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Standby charges, if any • Wheeling Charges, as applicable as per this regulation, • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable	• Distribution loss in kind. • Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State).

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Consumer connected to intra-State Transmission System									
S. No.	Periods	Inter-se Location of Drawal & Injection Point	Nodal Agency	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity of 5 MW and above	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity less than 5 MW	Documents to Accompany the Application	Time frame for Disposal of application (days from the receipt of application)	Applicable Charges	Applicable Losses
						- evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of MTOA • Consent from concerned Distribution licensee.		• Transmission Charge (Intra-State).	
6		In different States	CTU	As determined by CTU	As determined by CTU	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power.	As per Central Commission's Regulation	• Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Standby charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable.	• Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State and Inter-state).

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S. No.	Periods	Inter-se Location of Drawal & Injection Point	Nodal Agency	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity of 5 MW and above	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity less than 5 MW	Documents to Accompany the Application	Time frame for Disposal of application (days from the receipt of application)	Applicable Charges	Applicable Losses
						• In case of generating station or consumer not already connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of MTOA • Consent from concerned SLDCs and Distribution licensee, as applicable.		• Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable. • Transmission Charge (Intra-State and inter-State).	

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7	Long Term Access	Both within the same State (in the intra-State transmission system)	STU	200000	100000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • Bank Guarantee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. • In case of generating station or consumer not already connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the	• 120 working days where augmentation of trans-mission/ distribution system is not required • 150 working days or actual number of days as may be required, whichever is earlier, where augmentation of trans-mission/ distribution system is required.	• Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Standby charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable. • Transmission Charge (Intra-State).	• Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State).

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Consumer connected to intra-State Transmission System									
S. No.	Periods	Inter-se Location of Drawal & Injection Point	Nodal Agency	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity of 5 MW and above	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity less than 5 MW	Documents to Accompany the Application	Time frame for Disposal of application (days from the receipt of application)	Applicable Charges	Applicable Losses
						same shall be completed before intending date of LTA.			
8		Injection point in the distribution system within the State	STU	200000	100000	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • Bank Guarantee, • PPA or Sale-purchase agreement of power. • In case of generating station or consumer not already connected to grid, documentary	• 120 working days where augmentation of trans-mission/ distribution system is not required • 150 working days or actual number of days as may be required, whichever is earlier, where augmentation of trans-mission/ distribution system is required.	• Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Standby charges, if any • Wheeling Charges, as applicable as per this regulation. • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable. • Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable	• Distribution loss in kind. • Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State).

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S. No.	Periods	Inter-se Location of Drawal & Injection Point	Nodal Agency	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity of 5 MW and above	Application fee (Rs.) For capacity less than 5 MW	Documents to Accompany the Application	Time frame for Disposal of application (days from the receipt of application)	Applicable Charges	Applicable Losses
						evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of LTA, • Consent from concerned Distribution licensee.		• Transmission Charge (Intra-State).	
9		In different States	CTU	As determined by CTU	As determined by CTU	• Proof of payment of Application fee, • Bank Guarantee. • PPA or Sale-purchase	As per Central Commission's Regulation	• Cross Subsidy surcharge, Additional surcharge, if any • Standby charges, if any • Imbalance and Reactive Energy Charges, as applicable.	• Transmission Loss in kind. (Intra-State and Inter-state).

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						agreement of power. • In case of generating station or consumer not already connected to grid, documentary evidence for completion of the connectivity showing that the same shall be completed before intending date of LTA. • Consent from concerned STU and Distribution licensee, as		• Scheduling and system Operating Charges, as applicable. • Transmission Charge (Intra-State and inter-State).	

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