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**COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO.: 220**

**Sub:** Corrigendum to Commercial Circular No. 194 dated 09.04.2013 in the matter of Grant of Open Access to Consumers Sourcing power from **Renewable energy generators** (Such as **Wind, Solar, Small Hydro, Bagasse, Biomass etc.**) --- Procedure for Application, levy of Cross Subsidy Surcharge, Standby Charges & Additional Charge, Metering & Billing, etc.

**Ref:** 1. Commercial Circular No. 194 dated 09.04.2013  
2. Commercial Circular No. 174 dated 05.09.2012, No. 185 dated 01.02.2013, and No.190 dated 14.03.2013, No. 198 dated 12.06.2013, No. 199 dated 25.06.2013 and No. 216 dated 07.12.2013.

This office has issued the Commercial Circular No. 194 dated 09.04.2013 in the matter of Grant of Open Access to Consumers Sourcing power from Renewable Energy generators (Such as Wind, Solar, Small Hydro etc.) --- Procedure for Application, levy of Cross Subsidy Surcharge, Standby Charges & Additional Charge, Metering & Billing, etc.

In the said circular, the provision of grant of Open Access to Consumers sourcing power from Biomass and Bagasse based Cogeneration projects is specified at Clause No. 15 as under:

**"15 Grant of Open Access to Consumers sourcing power from Biomass and Bagasse based Co-generation Projects:**

*The Open Access to the consumers sourcing power from Biomass and Bagasse based Co-generation Projects shall be dealt in line with the Commercial Circular No. 169 dated 13.06.2012. The Concessional CSS (i.e 25%) of the corresponding consumer category will be applicable only upto 21.02.2013. Thereafter, the CSS will be applicable as per the Commercial Circular No.190 dated 14.03.2013."*

In this regards, various representations are received to this office from bagasse and biomass generators stating that all RE generators should be treated equally at par in line with MERC orders issued from time to time. Hence, the Competent Authority has re-considered the issue and has decided to withdraw the Clause No. 15 of the Commercial Circular No. 194 dated 09.04.2013.

Henceforth, all the provisions of the Commercial Circular No. 194 dated 09.04.2013 (except banking) shall be made equally applicable to all the Open Access consumers sourcing power from RE generators (inclusive of bagasse and biomass generators).

Considering the firm and schedulable nature of power generated from biomass and bagasse sources, the Competent Authority has decided to provide the seasonal banking facility to these generators. Accordingly, the clause 7 of the Commercial Circular No. 194 dated 09.04.2013 shall be modified as under:

**7. Banking Facility:**

- 7.1 The banking facility shall be provided on ToD Slot wise basis in line with directives issued by MERC vide order dated 24.11.2003 and 03.01.2013 for the Open Access consumers sourcing power from infirm RE sources such as Wind, Solar, Small Hydro.
- 7.2 Half yearly banking facility shall be provided on ToD Slot wise basis in line with directives issued by MERC vide order dated 24.11.2003 and 03.01.2013 for the Open Access consumers sourcing power from firm RE sources such as bagasse and biomass as below:
- 7.2.1 The renewable energy injected into the grid during the period from April to September shall be consumed till the end of September. The unadjusted units at the end of September shall be treated as lapsed.*
- 7.2.2 The renewable energy injected into the grid during the period from October to March shall be consumed till the end of March. The unadjusted units at the end of March shall be treated as lapsed.*
- 7.3 The directives of MERC regarding banking facility as amended from time to time shall be binding.

Also, the clause 10.2 of the Commercial Circular No. 194 dated 09.04.2013 specifying that, the open access consumer sourcing power from infirm RE source such as wind, solar & small hydro shall have the option of termination / reduction of contract demand shall be modified as under:

**10. Contract Demand:**

- 10.2 The open access consumer sourcing power from any RE source such as wind, solar, small hydro, bagasse, biomass etc shall have the option of termination / reduction of contract demand as above.

All other applicable charges like transmission charges, wheeling charges, Cross Subsidy Surcharge etc. as revised by MERC from time to time shall be applicable to all the Open Access consumers. All other terms and condition of Commercial Circular No. 194 dated 09.04.2013 shall remain unchanged.

This circular will come into effect from the date of issue. All the field officers are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

  
**Chief Engineer (Commercial)**

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