

Comm/SOC/OA/Tr. Charges/3357

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Sub: Levy of transmission charges and losses for Open Access.

Ref: 1. MERC order dated 21.05.2012 (Case No. 51 of 2012).
2. MERC order dated 16.08.2012 (Case No. 19 of 2012).
3. Commercial Circular No. 174 dated 05.09.2012.

Open Access is one of the most important features of the Electricity Act 2003, wherein, Distribution Companies and eligible consumers have the freedom to buy electricity directly from generating companies or Trading Licensees of their choice and correspondingly the generating companies have the freedom to sell it to any Licensee or to any eligible consumer.

As per Regulation 66.1 of MYT Regulations, 2011, for the purpose of use of intra-State transmission system within Maharashtra, the open access transactions may be classified as under:

- a) Long term access: For period exceeding twelve (12) years but not exceeding twenty five (25) years.
- b) Medium term access: For period exceeding three (3) month but not exceeding three (3) years.
- c) Short term access: For period up to one (1) month at one time.

The relevant orders of MERC specifying the applicable charges and losses for providing such Open Access are as under:

I. MERC Order dated 16.08.2012 (Case No. 19 of 2012):

The State Commission vide order dated 16.08.2012 (Case No. 19 of 2012) approved the Tariff of MSEDCL for FY 2012-13. In the said order, MERC has approved the schedule of charges for the services provided to the consumers of MSEDCL. The charges are applicable with effect from 1st August 2012.

II. MERC Order dated 21.05.2012 (Case No. 51 of 2012):

The MERC vide order dated 21.05.2012 (Case No. 51 of 2012) has determined the transmission charges and transmission loss as under:

Sr. No.	Type of Open Access	Units	Transmission Tariff	Transmission Loss (%)
A	Long Term/ Medium Term	Rs/kW/Month	213.39	4.24%
B	Short term/ Collective/ Renewable energy	Rs/kWh	0.29	4.24%

Accordingly, the Commercial Circular No. 174 dated 05.09.2012 was issued for implementation of the abovesaid orders.

However, it was observed that, there was double recovery of the transmission charges from the Open Access consumers connected at EHV level. i.e. SLDC as well as MSEDCL were levying the transmission charges. The matter was put up before the Competent Authority for decision.

The Open Access transactions referred with levy of transmission charges are categorized as under:

- i. Above 33 KV level and
- ii. Below 33 KV level.

i. Above 33 KV level:

The Open Access generator/ consumer who is injecting/ sourcing power from the transmission network is covered under the Base TCR of MSEDCL and is covered under the definition of Medium term/ Long term access. Accordingly, the transmission charges shall be levied on Rs/Kw/Month basis i.e Rs. 213.39 per KW/Month.

ii. Below 33 KV level:

The transmission charges shall be levied on Rs/Kwh basis i.e Rs. 0.29 per unit as per existing practice.

The Competent Authority has accorded approval for levy of transmission charges as under:

1. MSEDCL shall recover the transmission charges from all Open Access transactions including EHV Open Access under its area of supply except those having Bulk Power Transmission Agreement (BPTA) with MSETCL or involving interstate Open Access.
2. In respect of interstate Open Access transactions and for those having BPTA with MSETCL, the recovery of transmission charges from MSETCL shall be dealt separately.
3. The transmission charges shall be levied on Rs/Kw/Month basis for EHV transactions with effect from 01st June 2012. i.e. For transactions where either injection or drawal point is at EHV level.
4. The transmission charges shall be levied on Rs/Kwh basis for transactions below 33 KV level.
5. The transmission charges shall be levied on Rs/Kwh basis for short term bilateral open access transactions, short term collective transactions over power exchange and for renewable energy transactions.
6. The refund of transmission charges to the consumers in case of double recovery shall be dealt separately at Head Office.

All the field officers are requested to take necessary action accordingly.


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