

COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO. :231

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

- Ref:**
1. Commercial Circular No. 174 dated 05.09.2012.
 2. Commercial Circular No. 185 dated 01.02.2013.
 3. Commercial Circular No. 198 dated 12.06.2013
 4. MERC order dated 13.05.2013 (Case No. 56 of 2013).
 5. MERC order dated 14.08.2014 (Case No. 123 of 2014).
 6. MERC Distribution Open access Regulation 2014.

MERC has approved the schedule of charges for the services provided to the Open Access consumers of MSEDCL while passing the Tariff order dated 16.08.2012 (Case No. 19 of 2012) for FY 2012-13 applicable with effect from 1st August 2012. The charges were communicated vide Commercial Circular No. 174 dated 05.09.2012.

Subsequently, the Commercial Circular No. 185 dated 01.02.2013 was issued regarding levy of transmission charges and losses for Open Access in line with MERC order dated 21.05.2012 (Case No. 51 of 2012). Further, the commission had determined the transmission charges and transmission loss from FY 2013-14 upto FY 2015-16 vide order dated 13.05.2013 (Case No. 56 of 2013), Subsequently, the Commercial Circular No. 198 dated 12.06.2013 was issued.

As per the MERC Distribution Open access Regulation 2014, the open access is categorised as under:

Sr. No.	Type of Open Access	Right to use Distribution system
1	Long Term	Exceeding twelve(12) years but not exceeding twenty-five (25) years.
2	Medium Term	Exceeding three (3) months but not exceeding three (3) years.
3	Short term	Not exceeding one (1) month at a time.

The Transmission charges and denominations (Rs/Kw/Month, Rs/Kwh) will be applicable from the date of notification of MERC Distribution Open access Regulation 2014.i.e dt.25.06.2014, the applicable charges and losses upto 31.08.2014 will be as per commercial circular No.198.dt.12.06.2013.

The State Commission vide order dated 14.08.2014 (Case No. 123 of 2014) has amended the transmission charges and transmission loss from FY 2013-14 upto FY 2015-16 determined vide order dated 13.05.2013 (Case No. 56 of 2013) and is **applicable with effect from 01st September 2014**, the rates are as under:

Sr. No.	Type of Open Access	Units	Transmission Tariff for FY 2014-15	Transmission Tariff for FY 2015-16
1	Long Term/ Medium Term	Rs/kW/Month	342.70	367.19
2	Short term/ Collective/ Renewable energy	Rs/kWh	0.46	0.49

The transmission loss as amended by the State Commission from FY 2013-14 to FY 2015-16 is **4.08 %**. The transmission charge and loss shall remain in force till revised by MERC from time to time.

Also, As per MERC Distribution Open access Regulation 9.2, where a consumer of Distribution Licensee is connected to the transmission system seeking Intra-State Transmission Open Access, the operating charges or any other charge as stipulated by the Commission for the concerned Distribution Licensee shall be payable by the Consumer to the Distribution Licensee in whose licence area that consumer is located.

The Competent Authority has considered the matter and accordingly it is to inform that:

1. The transmission charges shall be payable to MSEDCL in respect of all Open Access transactions 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, the transmission charges shall be payable to MSEDCL/SLDC/WRLDC as the case may be.
3. In respect of those open access consumers having BPTA with MSETCL, the transmission charges shall be payable to MSETCL.

The transmission charges as per above shall be levied on all open access transactions with effect from 1st September 2014.

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


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