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Sub: Schedule of charges along with applicable wheeling charges and losses for Open Access in the FY 2012-13.

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).

Open Access (OA) 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 EA 2003, Open Access may be allowed on payment of "Cross Subsidy Surcharge", "Additional Surcharge", "Wheeling Charges", etc. as may be determined by the State Commission.

The Open Access permissions are being granted by MSEDCL in accordance with the Electricity Act 2003, Rules and Regulations as specified by MERC from time to time.

Now, the State Commission vide order dated 16.08.2012 (Case No. 19 of 2012) has 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 applicable with effect from 01st August 2012 for Open Access are as under:

(A) Processing fee: The processing fee payable by the generator/ OA consumer shall be as under. The same shall be one time non refundable fee and shall be remitted along with the Application at Head Office, Mumbai.

Load Requisitioned	Processing fee per application (Rs.)
Upto 1 MW	10,000
More than 1 MW and up to 5 MW	15,000
More than 5 MW and up to 20 MW	30,000
More than 20 MW	50,000

(B) Operating charges: The generator/ OA consumer shall pay the following operating charges at the concerned circle office on monthly basis.

Load Requisitioned	Operating Charges per month (Rs.)
Upto 5 MW	10,000
More than 5 MW	20,000

(C) Administrative Charges: The administrative charges (in case of Open Access only) shall not be applicable for the OA permissions issued after 01st August 2012.

(D) Wheeling charges and Wheeling Loss :

Particular	Wheeling Charge (Rs./kWh)	Wheeling Loss (%)
33 KV	0.11	6%
22 KV/11 KV	0.60	9%
LT Level	1.03	12.5%

Wheeling charges shall be applicable on the total units to be wheeled prior to deduction of wheeling loss depending on the voltage level and shall be recovered at respective Circle office.

Wheeling loss is the percentage loss on the units wheeled.

- (E) **Cross Subsidy Surcharge (CSS):** The CSS shall be as specified in MERC order dated 09.09.2011 (Case No. 43 of 2010) – Applicable to all the OA consumers except Captive/self use consumers.
- (F) **Temporary Tariff:** The temporary tariff has been revised in the said tariff order dated 16.08.2012 and shall be applicable accordingly.
- (F) **Transmission tariff and Transmission Loss* (applicable w.e.f. 01.06.2012):** MERC vide order dated 21.05.2012 (Case No. 51 of 2012) has determined the transmission charges and transmission loss as specified under. The transmission charges, wherever applicable shall be recovered from all the Open Access Consumers not having Bulk Power Transmission Agreement (BPTA) with SLDC. The transmission loss wherever applicable shall be deducted while releasing the credit note along with relevant wheeling loss.

Particular	Transmission (Rs./kWh)	Tariff	Transmission Loss (%)
Short term/ Collective/ Renewable energy	0.29		4.24%

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


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