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Sub: Procedure for purchase of 10% banked Wind/Solar energy by MSEDCL

Ref: 1. MERC Order dated 04.02.2022 in Case Nos. 100, 101, 121, 122 & 131 of 2021.

2. MERC Distribution Open Access Regulations-2016 & 1st Amendment dated 08.06.2019.

In connection with the above subject, it is to inform that the Hon'ble Commission has notified the MERC (Distribution Open Access) Regulation, 2016 on 30.03.2016. As per Regulation 20 of Distribution Open Access (DOA) Regulations, 2016 the balanced surplus energy after setting off the energy against the Open Access (OA) consumer's consumptions at the end of the financial year is to be purchased by the Distribution Licensee from the renewable Energy Generator subject to 10% of actual generation or surplus energy whichever is lower.

As per the 1st Amendment dated 08.06.2019 to DOA-2016, Banking of energy shall be permitted only on monthly basis, provided that provision relating to Banking of the Principal Regulations shall continue to apply for existing Open Access Agreements or contracts as on date of notification of the first amendment of the Principal Regulations, till the expiry of the approved period for such OA transactions, beyond which provision relating to Banking under Regulation 20 of the first amendment of the Principal Regulations shall apply. Accordingly the claim for 10% surplus units has to be raised on monthly basis.

Further, Hon'ble Commission vide order dated 04.02.2022 in Case No. 100, 101, 121 & 131 of 2021 directed MSEDCL to streamline the process through a transparent mechanism and develop an online portal for purchase of Overinjected units. Accordingly, MSEDCL has developed the online portal for purchase of the said surplus energy/over injected units and which shall be operational w.e.f. 01.07.2022. Following points to be scrumptiously followed by the generators while claiming for payment against the 10% surplus energy injected into the system as per MERC Open Access Regulations 2016 and its amendment/s thereon.

- 1. The claims for sale of surplus power shall be submitted to Renewable Energy Section, MSEDCL, through online portal only. MSEDCL shall claim such surplus energy in fulfillment of its RPO target.
- 2. Only wind & solar generators availing open access can claim for 10% surplus energy.

- 3. The open access permission shall be for at least one month period.
- 4. The generator is required to open an account in NCE portal. To register on said portal, the RE open access generator shall send a request email to nceportalmsedcl@gmail.com, with details of project along with circle name in which it is connected.
- 5. In response MSEDCL will provide login credential by email and the generator can start using its login credential immediately and can avail service.
- 6. The surplus energy to be purchased by MSEDCL will be available on the online portal alongwith the applicable rates.
- 7. The generator shall submit its claim in the form of invoice, towards sell of surplus power through online portal only. Submission of invoice through any other mode will not be accepted by MSEDCL.
- 8. The user manual will be available on the online portal.
- 9. Generators shall preferably claim the bills of 10% surplus energy within 60 days from availability of surplus injected energy on the portal.
- 10. Failing to submit the claim by Generators within stipulated time limit, the claims may be considered as lapsed and no further claim will be entertained by MSEDCL.

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