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PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION

The 20th February, 2025

No. PSERC/Secy./Regu. 193.—In exercise of powers conferred under Section 181 read with Section 61, 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following regulations to further amend the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar Photo Voltaic Systems) Regulations, 2021 including the first amendment thereof (hereinafter referred to as “the Principal Regulations”) namely:

1. Short title & commencement

- 1.1 These Regulations may be called the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar Photo Voltaic Systems) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2025.
- 1.2 These Regulations shall extend to the whole of the State of Punjab.
- 1.3 These Regulations shall come into force from the date of publication in the official Gazette of the State.

2. Amendment of Regulation 11.5 of the Principal Regulations

The Regulation 11.5 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

“The distribution licensee shall complete technical feasibility study within 15 days of the date of acknowledgment issued to the applicant.

Provided that the application for rooftop Solar Photovoltaic system upto 10 kW capacity, complete in all respect shall be deemed to have been accepted without requiring technical feasibility study. Any commensurate enhancement of the sanctioned load of the consumer, as may be required, shall be carried out by the distribution licensee for which the consumer shall be liable to pay requisite charges for extension in load as per the provisions of Supply Code, 2024.”

3. Amendment of Regulation 11.9 of the Principal Regulations

The Regulation 11.9 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

“During the time period from the feasibility study or deemed acceptance of the application as per

proviso to Regulation 11.5 till the completion of the installation, in case there is any requirement of upgradation of distribution infrastructure like augmentation of service line, distribution transformer capacity, etc., for installation of the required capacity of Rooftop SPV system, the same shall be carried out by the distribution licensee and the cost shall be included in the Annual Revenue Requirement of the distribution licensee.”

4. Amendment of Regulation 11.13 of the Principal Regulation:

The Regulation 11.13 of the Principal Regulation shall be substituted as under:

After submission of the installation certificate and site verification, the distribution licensee shall complete the signing of connection agreement for a period of upto 25 years, installation and sealing of the Bi-directional energy meter/unidirectional generation meter and successful commissioning of the SPV system within 15 days of the submission of installation certificate.

5. Amendment of Regulation 14 of the Principal Regulation:

The Regulation 14 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

“14. Gross Metering Arrangement- Energy Accounting and Settlement

14.1 The energy consumed by the prosumer during the billing cycle shall be billed at the retail tariff applicable for the relevant category as determined by the Commission in the tariff order whereas energy generated during the billing cycle shall be billed at feed-in-tariff approved by the Commission. A single invoice may be raised by the distribution licensee for the net bill amount.

14.2 In case, for a billing cycle, any amount is payable by the prosumer to the distribution licensee as per Regulation 14.1, the same shall be paid by the prosumer to the distribution licensee within the due date of the bill for that billing cycle.

14.3 In case, for a billing cycle, any amount is payable by the distribution licensee to prosumer as per Regulation 14.1, the same shall be carried forward to the next billing cycle and may be accounted for in the subsequent billing cycle(s) without any interest till the end of settlement period. At the end of the settlement period, if any, net amount is payable to the prosumer the same shall be paid by the distribution licensee within 30 days of the last date of the settlement period. In case of any delay, an interest at marginal cost of funds based lending rate (MCLR) for one year of SBI as applicable on 1st April on the financial year shall be payable.”

6. Amendment of Regulation 15 of the Principal Regulation:

The Regulation 15 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

“15. Energy Accounting during meter defect/failure/burnt

15.1 In case of defective/failure/burnt condition of any meter, the prosumer shall report the failure to the Distribution Licensee.

15.2 Distribution Licensee shall replace the meter as specified in the Supply Code, 2024.

15.3 The electricity generated by the Rooftop SPV system during the period in which the generation meter is defective shall be determined based on the readings of the Check Meter.

Provided that if the Check meter is not installed, then the electricity generated shall be considered equal to the generation of the corresponding period of the last year or average of the monthly generation in the last one year.

15.4 During the period in which the consumer meter or the bi-directional meter is defective, the account of the prosumer shall be overhauled as per Supply Code, 2024.”

Sd/-

Secretary to the Commission

- Note: 1. The Principal Regulations were issued vide Notification No. PSERC/Secy./Regu.158 dated 18.08.2021 published in Punjab Govt. Gaz.(Extra) dated 18.08.2021.
2. The First Amendment to the Principal Regulations was issued vide Notification No. PSERC/Secy./Regu.186 dated 11.03.2024 published in Punjab Govt. Gaz.(Extra) dated 11.03.2024.