

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Notification

The -----, 2023

No. PSERC/Secy/Regu. - In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 42 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all powers enabling the Commission in this behalf and after previous publication, the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Regulations to amend the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 including the first to tenth amendments thereof (hereinafter referred as “the Principal Regulations”) namely:-

1. Short Title and Commencement:

(1) These regulations shall be called the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for intra-State Open Access) (11th Amendment) Regulations, 2023.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their notification in the official gazette of the State.

2. Amendments in Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations – Definitions

a) In Regulation 3(1) of the Principal Regulations, following definition shall be substituted as under:

III) **“Green Energy Open Access Consumer”** means any consumer who has sanctioned contracted demand of 100kVA or more either through single connection or through multiple connections aggregating to 100 kVA or more located in same electricity division of a distribution licensee or such other limit as may be specified by Commission from time to time, except for captive consumers, who are supplied with electricity from green energy sources for their own use by a licensee or the Government or by any other person engaged in the business of supplying electricity to the public under this Act or any other law for the time being in force and includes any person whose

premises are for the time being connected for the purpose of receiving green energy with the works of a licensee, the Government or such person, as the case may be.

3. Amendment in Regulation 10 of the Principal Regulations- Eligibility for Open Access and conditions to be satisfied

2nd proviso of Regulation 10 (3) of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

“Provided further that only consumers having sanctioned contracted demand of 100kVA and above, either through single connection or through multiple connections aggregating to 100 kVA or above located in same electricity division of a distribution licensee, shall be eligible to take power through Green Energy Open Access as per Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2022.”

Provided that in case, if the Green Energy Open Access consumers availing open access through multiple connections and having no sanctioned contract demand with the distribution licensee for either one or more connections, in such cases, the sanctioned contract demand shall be worked out based on the sanctioned load and power factor as specified in the Procedure for LTA/MTOA and Procedure for STOA respectively.

4. Amendment in Regulation 27 of the Principal Regulations- Additional Surcharge

Fourth proviso of Regulation 27 (2) of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

“Provided also that additional surcharge shall not be applicable in case electricity produced from offshore wind projects, which are commissioned upto December, 2032 and supplied to the Open Access Consumers.”

5. Amendment in Regulation 42 of the Principal Regulations- Quantum of Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO)

Regulation 42(1) of the Principal Regulations, shall be substituted as under:

“42(1) Each Open Access customer shall ensure compliance of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) Regulations, 2022 as amended from time to time.”