

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
AMENDMENTS IN PSERC OPEN ACCESS REGULATIONS, 2011

Explanatory Memorandum

1. In exercise of powers conferred under Section 42 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling the Commission in this behalf the Commission finalized the “Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Intra-state Open Access) Regulations, 2011” (PSERC OA Regulations, 2011) and were notified in the Punjab Government Gazette Extraordinary on 1st July, 2011. The Regulations have been subsequently amended/ modified vide notifications dated 04.05.2012 (1st Amendment), 13.12.2021 (2nd Amendment), 02.09.2013 (3rd Amendment), 17.09.2014 (4th Amendment), 01.06.2015 (5th Amendment), 21.01.2016 (6th Amendment), 03.02.2016 (7th Amendment), 15.02.2019 (8th Amendment), 17.10.2019 (9th Amendment) and 02.06.2023 (10th Amendment).
2. Vide the PSERC Open Access (10th Amendment) Regulations, 2023, the Commission incorporated the provisions of the Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2022 and the Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) Amendment Rules, 2023.
3. Further, Ministry of Power vide notification dated 23rd May, 2023 issued the Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023 wherein the Ministry of Power has allowed consumers having contract demand/sanction load of 100kW or more either through single connection or through multiple connections aggregating to 100kW or more to take power through Green Energy Open Access and further additional surcharge has been exempted in case electricity produced from offshore wind projects which are commissioned upto December, 2032 and supplied to the Open Access consumers.
4. The Commission issued Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its compliance) Regulations, 2022 vide notification dated 12.12.2022.
5. In view of the above, the Commission intends to amend certain provisions of Open Access Regulations to incorporate the provisions of the Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Open Access) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023 and to be in

line with other relevant PSERC Regulations. Accordingly, the draft Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for intra-State Open Access) (11th Amendment) Regulations, 2023 are enclosed as Annexure-A. The comments/suggestions/objections from all the stakeholders are solicited under Sub-section (3) of Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Rule 3 of the Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publication) Rules, 2005 on the draft regulations.