PUBLIC NOTICE

Sub: DRAFT WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (OPEN ACCESS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2019

In exercise of power conferred under Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act), the Commission in supersession to its earlier draft notified vide public notice No WBERC/Regulations/49/16-17/2298 dated 23.02.2017 has prepared the draft notification of West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019. Draft notification is available on the Commission's website wberc.gov.in.

Notice is hereby given under sub-section (3) of Section 181 of the Act read with Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publication) Rules, 2005 inviting comments/suggestions/objections from the stakeholders and interested persons on the provisions of above draft notification. The comments/suggestions/objections may be sent to The Secretary, West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission, Plot No AH/5, Premises No MAR16-111, Action area -1A, New Town, Rajarhat, Kolkata - 700163 on or before 30.08.2019.

By Order of the Commission

Place: Kolkata
Dated: 6th August, 2019

Secretary
In exercise of the powers conferred by section 181 read with clause (d) of sub-section (2) of section 39, clause (c) of section 40, sub-sections (2), (3) and (4) of section 42 and section 66 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all powers enabling on that behalf the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (WBERC) hereby makes the following regulations to amend the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access) Regulations 2007 published vide Notification No. 35/WBERC dated 12.04.2007 along with subsequent amendment vide Notification No 45/WBERC dated 22.05.2009, collectively termed as principal regulations.

1. Short title and commencement.

1.1 These regulations may be called the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019.

1.2 They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. For regulation 14.3.1 of the Principal regulations, the following regulation shall be substituted

"14.3.1 Transmission Charges:

a) Transmission charge shall represent charges for conveyance of electricity through transmission lines and associated system of a transmission licensee and shall be recovered from transmission system users as per the provisions of Tariff Regulations.

b) Transmission charge shall be calculated on the basis of MW capacity allotted and shall be expressed in Rs/MW/month for Long Term Access and in Rs/MWh for Short Term Open Access."
c) The Commission shall determine the Annual Fixed Cost (Aggregate Revenue Requirement) of the Transmission Licensee in terms of Tariff Regulations and specify the transmission charges for long-term open access in the Tariff Order in terms of Rs./MW/month.

d) The rates for short-term open access shall be calculated as per the following formula and levied from each short-term open access consumer:

Transmission charge from STOA = \( \frac{AFC}{SCL \times 365 \times 24} \) Rs/MWh

Where:

i) "AFC" means the Annual Fixed Cost (Aggregate Revenue Requirement) as specified in the Tariff Regulations.

ii) "SCL" means sum of the allotted transmission capacities in MW to all the long-term transmission customers of the transmission system concerned.

e) The Transmission Licensee and SLDC shall in its website display the transmission charge payable for Long Term Open Access and Short-term open access.

f) Transmission charges in case of long-term open access transactions for part of a month (at the beginning or end of the transaction period) shall be computed on prorata basis for that month.

g) For using intervening transmission facility, the transmission charges for such facilities shall also be applicable for respective categories of Open Access Customers.

3. For regulation 14.3.2 of the Principal regulations, the following regulation shall be substituted

14.3.2 Wheeling Charges:
a) The wheeling charges shall represent the charges for the use of the distribution system and associated facilities of a Distribution Licensee for conveyance of electricity through such distribution system and associated facilities and shall be determined by the Commission from time to time in accordance with the Tariff Regulations.

b) Wheeling charges payable to the distribution licensee by the Open Access customers shall be such as decided by the Commission in the tariff order of the respective distribution licensee or through separate order in this respect.

c) Distribution licensee shall in its website display the wheeling charge payable by the Open Access Customer.

By order of the Commission

Place: Kolkata

Date: XX.XX.2019

Secretary of the Commission