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Tripura Electricity Regulatory Commission (Group Net Metering and Virtual Net Metering for Renewable Energy) Guidelines, 2023

No.F/25/TERC/09/ 711 Dt 24.04.2023 In exercise of powers conferred under TERC (Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016. and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Tripura Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Guidelines for implementation of Group Net Metering and Virtual Net Metering framework under TERC (Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016.

1. Short title and commencement

- (1) These Guidelines may be called the Tripura Electricity Regulatory Commission (Group Net Metering and Virtual Net Metering for Renewable Energy) Guidelines, 2023.
- (2) These Guidelines shall come into force from the date of issue.

2. Definition

In these Guidelines, unless the context otherwise requires,-

- (1) "Group Net Metering" means an arrangement whereby surplus energy generated/injected from a Renewable Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) charged through Renewable Energy System is exported to the grid through Net Meter and the exported energy is adjusted in more than one electricity service connection(s) of the same consumer located within the same distribution licensee's area of supply;
- (2) "Virtual Net Metering" means an arrangement whereby entire energy generated/injected from a Renewable Energy System or Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) charged through Renewable Energy System is exported to the grid from renewable energy meter/ gross meter and the energy exported is adjusted in more than one electricity service connection(s) of participating consumers located within the same distribution licensee's area of supply;

TERC (Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016 means the Regulation issued by the TERC in FY 2015-16 for implementation of Net Metering framework under TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016.

All other words and expressions used in these guidelines although not specifically defined herein shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Tripura Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016, as amended from time to time.



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3. General & Applicability

- (1) Group Net Metering Framework shall be applicable for all consumers of Tripura.
- (2) Virtual Net Metering Framework shall be applicable for consumers under domestic category and also consumers like Group Housing Societies, offices of Government /Local Authorities , Hospitals, Colleges, Schools, other Institutions run or managed by Charitable Institutions, non-profit Organizations/Trust, which are not covered under the category of domestic consumers and Renewable Energy Generators .
- (3) The annual generation of Renewable Energy System or Renewable Energy System with Battery Energy Storage System may be capped as per the normative CUF or PLF as decided by the Commission from time to time for the respective Renewable Energy Technology.
- (4) The enhancement of line capacity in terms of Regulation 5.4 of the Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016, for Renewable Energy System of capacity higher than the sanctioned load of the consumer shall be used only for calculation of Service Line cum Development (SLD) charges and not for levying corresponding additional fixed charges.

The distribution licensee shall carry out network augmentation as per the provisions of TERC Supply Code Regulations 2011 as amended from time to time and orders issued there under.

- (5) The distribution licensee shall facilitate and bear the capital expenditure on account of Service Line cum Development (SLD) and network augmentation towards Renewable Energy projects. and the same shall be pass through in Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) for the schemes implemented subject to prudence check by the Commission.
- (6) The provision for providing land space shall be governed as per provisions of TERC Supply Code Regulations 2011 and Standard Of Performance Regulations, 2004, as amended from time to time and Orders issued there under.
- (7) The capacity of the Renewable Energy System under Group Net Metering or Virtual Net Metering framework to be installed by any Renewable Energy

Generator shall not be less than **1 kilo Watt and more than 1 MW.**

- (8) The Distribution licensee shall carry out detailed technical study for impact of renewable energy system installed under TERC (Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016, on distribution system in respect of grid



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voltage & frequency imbalance, harmonics and technical losses etc. in its area of supply and submit the report to the Commission within four months from the date of issue of these guidelines.

4. Available Capacity at Distribution Transformer level

Distribution Transformer level capacity to be offered for connecting Renewable Energy System for Group Net Metering or Virtual Net Metering shall be as per clause Part C (6) of TERC (Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016

5. Procedure for Application and Registration

- (1) The consumer(s)/ applicant(s) shall submit an application for Group Net Metering or Virtual Net Metering in the format prescribed by the Distribution Licensee along with a non refundable fee of Rs.1000/- (Rupees one Thousand) to the concerned Distribution Licensee for feasibility analysis. The consumer can download the application form from the website of the distribution licensee.
- (2) The Distribution Licensees shall allow connectivity of Renewable Energy System with the distribution system and process the application under Group Net metering or Virtual Net Metering as per the provisions laid down in Annexure I of TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016.and the procedure for connectivity of Renewable Energy System for Group Net Metering and Virtual Net Metering shall be three tier process, which is as follows:
 - i) Feasibility Analysis,
 - ii) Registration
 - iii) Connection Agreement.
- (3) The procedure for connectivity for Group Net Metering and Virtual Net Metering shall be as per Annexure I of TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016

6. Interconnectivity ,Standard and Safety

- (1) The right of the Distribution Licensee to disconnect the Renewable Energy System shall be as per Regulation Clause PART- D ,8(4) of TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016

7. Metering Arrangement

- (1) Distribution Licensee shall install Renewable Energy meter(s) at Generation point(s)



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which shall facilitate remote meter reading as per Regulation 9 of TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016

- (2) Cost of the Net Meter, which is capable of recording both import and export of electricity, shall mean the differential cost between existing consumer meter, if removed and such a new Net Meter is installed to be borne by the consumer.

8. Procedure for billing and energy accounting under Group Net Metering Framework:-

- (1) The procedure for billing and Energy accounting of electricity connection(s) under Group Net Metering shall be as per TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016
- (2) In addition to the provision under Regulation 12.2 of TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016 , it is further provided that –
 - a. Where the export of units during any billing period exceeds the import of units at the connection where Renewable Energy system is located, such surplus units injected into the grid shall be adjusted against the energy consumed in the monthly bill of service connection(s) in a sequence indicated in the priority list provided by the consumer. The sequence of priority for adjustment shall be deemed to begin with the service connection where the Renewable Energy System is located :
 - b. The priority list for adjustment of the balance surplus energy against other electricity connection(s) may be revised by the consumer once in every financial year with an advance notice of two months
 - c. The electricity consumption in any time block (e.g., peak hours, off-peak hours, etc.) shall be first compensated with the electricity generation in the similar time blocks in the same billing cycle of the consumer where the Renewable Energy System is located and any surplus units injected shall be adjusted against the energy consumed in the monthly bill of service connection(s) in a sequence indicated in the priority list provided by the consumer as if the surplus generation/ Energy Credits occurred during the off peak time block for Time of Day (ToD) consumers and normal time block for Non-ToD consumer.
 - d. Where during any billing period the export of units either in Non-ToD Tariff or ToD Tariff exceeds the import of units by the electricity service connection(s), such surplus units injected by the consumer shall be carried forward to the next billing period as energy credit and shown as energy exported by the consumer for adjustment against the energy consumed in subsequent billing periods within the settlement period in the sequence indicated in the priority list.



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- e. For the purpose of carry forward of surplus or set off of energy credits, the energy units shall be moderated as per the relevant rebate/surcharge percentage of ToD tariff applicable for the relevant year. Any surplus generation over consumption in any time block in a billing cycle shall be accounted as if the surplus generation/ Energy Credits occurred during the off-peak time block for ToD consumers and normal time block for Non ToD consumer.

9. Procedure for billing and energy accounting under Virtual Net Metering Framework:-

- (1) The procedure for billing and Energy accounting of electricity connection(s) under Group Net Metering shall be as per TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016
- (2) In addition to the provision under Regulation Regulation 12.2 of TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016 , it is further provided that – it is further provided that –
 - a. The energy generated from Renewable Energy System shall be credited in the monthly electricity bill of each participating consumer(s) as per the ratio of procurement from Renewable Energy System indicated under the agreement/ MoU entered by the consumer(s)
 - b. The consumer(s) shall have the option to change the share of credit of electricity from Renewable Energy System subject to the ratio of procurement from Renewable Energy System indicated under the agreement/ MoU entered by the consumer(s) once in the financial year with an advance notice of two months
 - c. Where the service connection of any participating consumer(s) is disconnected due to any reason under any law for the time being in force, the unadjusted units/ remaining credits of that consumer shall be paid by the distribution licensee at the end of the financial year.
 - d. The electricity consumption in any time block (e.g., peak hours, off-peak hours, etc.) shall be first compensated with the electricity generation in the similar time blocks in the same billing cycle of the participating consumer(s). Any surplus generation over consumption in any time block in a billing cycle shall be accounted as if the surplus generation/ Energy Credits occurred during the off-peak time block.
 - e. Where the units credited during any billing period of any participating consumer exceeds the import of units by that consumer, such surplus credited units shall



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be carried forward in the next billing period as energy credits for adjustment against the energy consumed in subsequent billing periods within the settlement period of each participating consumer(s).

- f. For the purpose of carry forward of surplus or set off of energy credits, the energy units shall be moderated as per the relevant rebate/surcharge percentage of ToD tariff applicable for the relevant year.

10. Tariff at the end of financial year for surplus energy

- (1) Tariff at the end of financial year for surplus energy shall be as per TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016

11. Theft and Tempering of Meter(s)

12. TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016 Dispute Resolution

- (1) Any dispute in billing shall be as per the TERC (Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016 as amended from time to time.

13. Applicability of other charges

- (1) The Renewable Energy System commissioned till 31st march 2022 under TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016 shall be exempted during its useful life from payment of wheeling charge, banking charge, cross subsidy charge and any other charge(s), as decided by the Commission by an order.

14. Renewable Purchase Obligation

- (1) The quantum of electricity generated under TERC (Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016 shall qualify towards compliance of Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) for the distribution licensee if Renewable Energy Generator is not an obligated entity.

15. Eligibility to Participate under Renewable Energy Certificate Mechanism.

Eligibility to Participate under Renewable Energy Certificate Mechanism shall be as per TERC(Net Metering for Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar System) Regulations, 2016

16. Powers to relax

The Commission may by general or special order, for reasons to be recorded in writing



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may relax any of the provisions of these Guidelines on its own motion or on an application made before it by an interested person.

17. Powers to amend

The Commission may from time to time add, vary, alter, suspend, modify, amend or repeal any provision of these Guidelines.

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By order of the Commission
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24.04.2023
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