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OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM

Sub:- Determination of tariff and other norms in respect of Grid connected Solar Rooftop Photo Voltaic plants (SRTPV) in GESCOM for FY 24-reg.

Ref:- 1) KERC Order for "Determination of tariff in respect of Solar Power Projects (Including Solar Rooftop Photo Voltaic plants (SRTPV) for FY-24" dated: 01.06.2023

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PREAMBLE:

Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 has mandated the State Electricity Regulatory Commission to promote generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy. Accordingly, the Karnataka Electricity regulatory Commission (KERC) has been promoting generation of power from renewable sources by determining the feed in tariff (generic tariff) periodically based on the normative operational and financial parameters for different control periods from the year 2005 onwards.

The Commission vide order cited under ref (1) has approved the timeline for various activities involved in implementation of SRTPV projects as detailed below:

Activity	Responsibility	Timeline
For 1kW-10kW(Domestic Consumers)		
Submission of Application which includes PPA. No separate PPA is required to be executed. The submission of application is deemed to be the approval to commence the work.	Consumer/ ESCOM	Zero Date
Directions: ESCOMs are directed to provide facilities for submission of online applications. The PPA and letter of approval to execute the work shall form part of the application. The application format shall be submitted to the Commission for approval within 7 days. The consumer will upload the work completion report within the timelines.		
Online uploading of Work Completion Report by the Consumer.	Consumer	150 (one hundred and fifty) days from the date of uploading/ submission of application.
Inspection by ESCOM officials for commissioning the project, after receipt of work completion report from the consumer.	ESCOM	Within 5 (five) working days from the receipt of work completion report, after ensuring satisfactory

		<p>completion of work.</p> <p>If the plant is not commissioned within 5 days from the date of work completion report, the concerned officer shall be liable to pay a penalty of Rs.1000 per day, till the date of commissioning, to the applicant.</p> <p>After five days of work completion, in case the plant is not commissioned, the consumers are entitled to deemed generation benefit.</p>
Commissioning of Rooftop Solar System in case work completion is delayed by the Consumer	Consumer/ ESCOM	Within six months from the date of uploading the application. In case of delay of more than six months, the tariff payable will be as per the terms of PPA.
Billing Process	ESCOM	30 days from the date of commissioning of the Solar plant.
For 1kW-2000kW (All other consumers excluding 1kW to 10kW domestic consumers)		
Submission of Application online	Consumer	Zero Date
Acknowledgment of Application by distribution licensee (ESCOM)	ESCOM	Within 03 (three) working days from zero date
Site verification / Technical Feasibility & issuance of Letter of Approval / Rejection of application.	ESCOM	Within 10 (ten) working days from the date of acknowledging the application.
Execution of PPA (including countersignature by the controlling officer, up to and inclusive of 1000 kW SRTPV projects)	ESCOM & Consumer	Within 5 (five) working days from the date of issuance of Letter of Approval.
Submission for approval of the PPA to the ESCOM, less than 1000kW and to the Commission, for more than 1000 kW.	ESCOM	Within 07 (Seven) working days from the date of execution of PPA.
Submission of Work Completion Report by the Consumer	Consumer	150 (one hundred and fifty) days from the date of execution of PPA.
Inspection by ESCOM officials for commissioning the project, after receipt of work completion report from the consumer.	ESCOM	Within 5 (five) working days from the receipt of work completion report, after ensuring satisfactory

		<p>completion of work.</p> <p>If the plant is not commissioned within 5 days from the date of work completion report, the concerned officer shall be liable to pay a penalty of Rs.1000 per day, till the date of commissioning, to the applicant.</p> <p>After five days of work completion, in case the plant is not commissioned, the consumers are entitled to deemed generation benefit.</p>
Commissioning of Rooftop Solar System	Consumer/ ESCOM	Within six months from the date of approval or deemed approval of PPA.
Billing Process	ESCOM	30 days from the date of commissioning of the Solar plant.

Further, the Commission vide order cited under ref (1) has determined the tariff rates of SRTPV projects for FY-24.

1. The Hon'ble KERC has determined the tariff of grid connected Solar rooftop photovoltaic plants as below:

Sl no	Capacity	Tariff Rs per unit		Capacity	PPA, Commissioning & Synchronizing Authority:
		Without Capital subsidy	With Capital Subsidy		
1	1 to 10kW Domestic consumer	Rs.4.50/-	Rs.2.97/-	Upto 50Kwp	Assistant Executive Engineer (Ele) O&M Sub-division.
				Above 50kWp upto 2000kWp	Executive Engineer (Ele) O&M Sub-division.
2	1kW to 2000kW Other than Domestic consumers	Rs.3.74/-	-		

2. The above tariff shall be applicable to all such new SRTPV projects for which PPAs are entered into on or after 01.04.2023.
3. The tenure of the PPA shall be for the life of the solar power projects i.e., Twenty-Five (25) years.
4. All the other issues not covered under this order, shall be governed by the respective Regulations and Orders issued by the Commission and PPAs/ other Agreements executed with the parties; and

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5. This Order shall be in force with effect from **1st of April 2023** and applicable to the control period FY 24.
 6. It may also be noted that, while execution of PPA, the tariff rates should be written and typed compulsorily in figures and words, both.
 7. In case of any ambiguity in GESCOM timelines, the KERC timelines specified in order dated: 01.06.2023 shall be preferred.

Yours sincerely,



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