

NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

Publication of Draft amendments to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Wheeling of Electric Power) Regulations, 2016 For eliciting public opinion

The National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) seeks to amend the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Wheeling of Electric Power) Regulations, 2016, in exercise of powers conferred under section 47 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electricity Power Act, 1997 (XL of 1997). In this regard, the following notification is hereby published for eliciting public opinion. Comments may be sent to the Registrar (NEPRA) within 30 days of this publication.

NOTIFICATION

S.R.O. . – In exercise of the powers conferred by section 47 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electricity Power Act, 1997 (XL of 1997), the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority hereby makes the following amendment(s) to the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Wheeling of Electric Power) Regulations, 2016, notified vide S.R.O. 549 (I)/2020, namely:—

In the said Regulations –

- 1. A new regulation 9A shall be inserted, namely: -
 - "Firm Capacity of Renewable Energy Power Plant. _ Wheeler of Power generating electricity from a renewable energy source shall provide a firm capacity certificate from an independent expert to meet its Committed Capacity obligations, under its bilateral power purchase contract with the Bulk Power Consumer";
- 2. A new regulation 9B shall be inserted, namely:-
 - "Hybrid Bulk Power Consumer _ (1) A Bulk Power Consumer which receives supply of electric power through wheeling arrangement and also uses DISCO as a deemed supplier for alternate source of supply, shall pay fixed charges to such DISCO as determined by the Authority from time to time for using such alternate source even if it does not receive energy from that source.

 (2) In case the Hybrid Bulk Power Consumer receives energy from DISCO as a deemed supplier, it shall be billed as per the applicable notified tariff for the relevant category of consumers of such DISCO";
- 3. In regulation 11: -
 - Heading of regulation 11 shall be renamed as "Excess Energy by Wheeler of Power".
 - (ii) For sub regulation (1), following shall be substituted, namely;
 - "(1) Where Transmission Licensee or DISCO fails, except in case of a Force Majeure Event, to transport Input Energy to an Exit Point of Transmission Licensee or DISCO in terms of wheeling instructions or a Bulk Power Consumer is unable to accept delivery of Output Energy at Exit Point of Transmission Licensee or DISCO, settlement of such energy shall be made at the energy charge part of the Wheeler of Power, as approved by the Authority";
 - (iii) In sub regulation (2) after the words "Input Energy" words "under sub regulation (1)" shall be inserted;
 - (ii) Sub-regulation (3) shall be omitted;

- 4. Regulation 12 shall be omitted;
- 5. In regulation 13:-
 - (i) Heading of regulation 13 shall be renamed as "Shortfall in Energy":
 - (ii) For sub regulation (2), following shall be substituted namely;
 "(2) For any shortfall in energy that the Wheeler of Power is unable to deliver to Transmission Licensee or DISCO, the Transmission Licensee or DISCO shall continue to deliver energy to Bulk Power Consumer at its request"
 - (iii) A new sub regulation (3) shall be inserted, namely;
 "The Bulk Power Consumer shall be billed for supply of energy in sub regulation (2) by the DISCO as a deemed supplier at the applicable tariff of comparable category of its consumers in terms of peak or off peak hours as the case may be";
- 6. Regulation 14 shall be substituted with the following:

"Energy Overdraw

Where a Bulk Power Consumer draws electrical energy in excess of Output Energy at Exit Point(s) of the Transmission Licensee or DISCO, the Bulk Power Consumer shall be billed for such over draw of energy by the DISCO as a deemed supplier at the applicable tariff of comparable category of its consumers in terms of peak or off peak hours as the case may be";

7. A new Regulation 22 shall be inserted, namely;

"Power to amend or grant dispensation

The Authority may amend, delete, supplement or dispense with the provisions of these regulations, in whole or in part, in their application in respect of wheeling arrangement, pursuant to different stages implemented under the competitive trading bilateral contract market";

8. In Schedule III of the regulations, "Wheeling Charges" shall be substituted with the following:

"Wheeling Charges shall include the following costs:

- a) Use of system charges for using Transmission Licensee or/and DISCO network proportionate to the energy wheeled
- b) Technical losses at different voltage levels of DISCO(s) involved in the wheeling arrangement
- c) Technical losses of the Transmission Licensee where its network is used for wheeling
- d) Stranded cost which could not be recovered by DISCO as a deemed supplier due to advent of competition.

as approved by the Authority in the tariff petition of relevant Transmission Licensee/DISCO and notified".