

**BEFORE THE HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
PANCHKULA, HARYANA**

Case No. HERC/P.No.32 of 2024/Suo-Moto

**Date of Public Hearing : 10/07/2024
DATE of Order : 15/07/2024**

IN THE MATTER OF:

**Discussion Paper for inviting comments/objections from stakeholders/
general public for finalization of draft Haryana Electricity Regulatory
Commission (Rooftop Solar Grid Interactive Systems Based on Net
Metering/Gross Metering) Regulations, 2021 (1st Amendment) Regulation,
2024.**

QUORUM

**Shri Nand Lal Sharma, Chairman
Shri Mukesh Garg, Member**

PRESENT 1. Ms. Abha, XEN, UHBVN

ORDER

1. Background:

- 1.1 The Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission notified The Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar Grid Interactive Systems Based on Net Metering/Gross Metering), Regulations, 2021 on 19th July 2021.
- 1.2 Central Govt. through notification published (Rights of Consumer) Rules 2020 on 31.12.2020. Subsequently many amendments have been issued to these rules i.e. in June 2021, Dec. 2022, June 2023, July 2023, Jan. 2024 and Feb. 2024.

- 1.3 In the latest amendment to Electricity (Rights of Consumer) Rules published in Feb. 2024 at Sr. No. 5, Principal rule 11 Sub Rule (7) of Rights of consumer Rules 2020 has been substituted as under:

Sub Rule (7)

“(7) For installation of roof top solar photo voltaic systems, the technical feasibility study shall be completed within a period of fifteen days and the outcome of the study shall be intimated to the applicant, failing which it shall be presumed that the proposal is technically feasible.

(7A) The applications for roof top solar photo voltaic systems upto 10 kW capacity, complete in all respects shall be deemed to have been accepted without requiring technical feasibility study and any commensurate enhancement of the sanctioned load of the consumer, as may be required, shall be carried out by the distribution licensee.”;

- 1.4 Further, in meeting of Additional Secretary(Power), MOP with Secretaries of SERCs dated 07/05/24, it was reiterated to amend the regulations suitably to implement the above amendment to the rules.
- 1.5 Draft 1st amendment to “The Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar Grid Interactive Systems Based on Net Metering/Gross Metering), Regulations, 2021 was prepared on the lines of amended Principal rule 11 Sub Rule (7) of Rights of consumer Rules 2020 and guidelines of Ministry of Power Govt. of India issued from time to time.
- 1.6 The draft discussion paper was hosted on the Commission’s website alongwith publication of the notices in two newspapers (Hindi & English) and website also. The comments/ objections along with supporting documents, were invited on or before 03/07/2024 till 05:00 PM. and the public hearing was fixed on 10/07/2024 at 11:30 AM in the court room of the Commission.

2. Proceeding: -

- 2.1 A public hearing was held on 10.07.2024 wherein the representative of the DISCOM were present during the hearing.
- 2.2 During the meeting, none of the interveners submitted any comments on the proposed amendment. However, UHBVN has submitted in writing its consensus on the proposed amendment.
- 2.3 Sh. Anoop Singh, Professor, Deptt. of management studies, IIT Kanpur had requested for extension of the last date (03/07/2024) for 7 days for submission of comments. No comments have been received from him till date.

3. Commission's observation

The Commission agrees with the proposed amendments. As such;

- 3.1 The proviso under sub clause 14.2(c) shall be substituted with the following proviso
“Provided that the applications for roof top solar photo voltaic systems upto 10 kW capacity, complete in all respects shall be deemed to have been accepted without requiring technical feasibility study and any commensurate enhancement of the sanctioned load of the consumer, as may be required, shall be carried out by the distribution licensee.”
- 3.2 Sub clause 14.2. (d) shall be substituted with the following
“In case any deficiencies are found in the application, on account of rooftop system capacity and available D.T. Loading as specified in these Regulations, during technical feasibility study, the same shall be intimated by the distribution licensee to the applicant via Format 2(a) through email/SMS notification within 15 days from the date of issuance of acknowledgement of application failing which it shall be presumed that the proposal is technically feasible.”

In view of above, the Commission finalizes Amendment to Regulations as Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar Grid Interactive Systems Based on Net Metering/Gross Metering) Regulations, 2021 (1st Amendment) Regulation, 2024, as per annexure “A” attached to the present order.

This order is signed, dated and issued by the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission on 15/07/2024.

Date: 15/07/2024
Place: Panchkula

(Mukesh Garg)
Member

(Nand Lal Sharma)
Chairman

HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
BAYS NO.33-36, SECTOR-4, PANCHKULA-134113, HARYANA
Notification

The _____, 2024

Regulation No. HERC/54/2021/1st Amendment/2024

The Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-Section 2 (t, v) of Section 181 read with Section 43,46 & 47 of the Electricity Act 2003 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, after previous publication, makes the following regulations:

1. Short title, Commencement and Interpretation:

- 1.1. This Regulation shall become the part of the "The Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar Grid Interactive Systems Based on Net Metering/Gross Metering), Regulations, 2021. (1st Amendment) Regulation, 2024.
- 1.2. This amendment shall come into force with effect from the date of its publication in the Haryana Government Gazette.

2. Amendment to regulation 14 Clause 14.2. Application Processing sub clause 14.2.(c):

The proviso under sub clause 14.2(c) shall be substituted with the following proviso

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