

HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA
NOTIFICATION

No. HPERC-H(1)-11/2015.-

Shimla, the 12th June, 2024

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 181, read with Sections 61, 66 and 86(1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), read with Section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (10 of 1897) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf and after previous publications, hereby makes the further amendment in the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) Regulations, 2015, namely:-

REGULATIONS

- 1. Short title and commencement.** - (1) These Regulations may be called the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024.
(2) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh.
- 2. Amendment of Regulation 2 .-** In Regulation 2 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) Regulations, 2015 (hereinafter referred to as the “Principal Regulations”), after clause (22), the following new Clause (22 A) shall be inserted, namely.-
“22 A ‘State Nodal Agency’ for the purpose of these Regulations, means the Himachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency (HIMURJA) or the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (i.e. Distribution Licensee) designated to implement the Solar Rooftop Scheme(s) by the State/Central Government”.
- 3. Amendment of Regulation 5.-** In Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations,-
 - (i) In Sub-regulation (2), for the existing Table-1 and Table-2, the following new Table-1 and Table-2 shall respectively be substituted, namely:-

“Table-I

Sl. No	For consumers having sanctioned connected load	Maximum peak capacity of rooftop solar system
1.	10 kW or less	10 kW as per the provision of Sub-Regulation (4) of this Regulation
2.	Exceeding 10 kW	50% of sanctioned connected load or 10 kW; whichever is higher:

Table-2

Sl. No	Voltage at which consumer(s) gets supply	Maximum peak capacity of rooftop Solar PV System
1.	LT (1Ø)	10 kWp
2.	LT (3 Ø)	20kWp
3.	11 kV or higher voltage level	1 MWp: ” and

(ii) After Sub-regulation (3), the following Sub-regulation (4) shall be added, namely:-

“(4) In case a consumer wants to install Rooftop Solar PV System of capacity not exceeding 10 kW, the following additional provision shall be applicable, namely:-

- (a) No technical feasibility shall be required to be carried out;
- (b) If the sanctioned connected load is less than the capacity of plant which the consumer seeks to install, the sanctioned connected load shall be deemed to have been enhanced to such extent;
- (c) In case where the existing sanctioned load of the consumer is enhanced as per the deemed provision under Clause (b), the obligations of the consumer to bear the charges and that of the distribution licensee shall be governed as per the provisions of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012, amended from time to time; and
- (d) The consumer shall be required to deposit additional security as per the provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005 as amended from time to time.”.

4. Amendment of Regulation 7.- In Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations,-

- (i) In Sub-regulation (3), after the words “checking the feasibility” appearing in the first line, the words and signs “, where required,” shall be inserted;
- (ii) For Sub-regulation (6) the following Sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(6) The eligible consumer intending to avail financial assistance, available under the particular scheme(s), may get his Rooftop Solar System registered with the Himachal Pradesh Energy Development Agency (HIMURJA) or Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (i.e. Distribution Licensee), as the case may be, being a State Nodal Agency for such scheme(s), in online mode or otherwise and HIMURJA/Distribution Licensee shall acknowledge the same as per the timelines given in Table-4 from the date of receipt of such request and, thereafter, if considered eligible, shall accord, in principle, approval and also take further action to grant subsidy, as per the timelines given in Table-4”;

(iii) For Sub-regulation (9) the following Sub-regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“(9) The distribution licensee, the eligible consumers, State Nodal Agency and the Chief Electrical Inspector or any other competent authority shall adhere to the timelines for various activities pertaining to them as specified in the following Table-3 and Table-4:

Provided that if timelines for key activities specified under the Electricity (Right of Consumers) Rules, 2020, as amended from time to time, are lower than as given in the Table-3 and Table-4, such lower timelines shall be applicable for the purpose of these Regulations.”;

(iv) In Table-3, appearing under Sub-regulation (9), under column “Activity” in Item No.3, for the words and sign “Site Verification/Technical Feasibility”, the words and figures “Technical Feasibility above 10 kW capacity” shall be substituted.; and

(v) After Note 2, appearing below Table-3 to Sub-regulation (9), the following Note-3 shall be added, namely:-

“Note 3:-

(a) The applications for Rooftop Solar Photo Voltaic Systems upto 10 kW capacity, complete in all respects, shall be deemed to have been accepted without requiring technical feasibility; and

(b) For installation of Rooftop Solar Photo Voltaic Systems above 10 kW capacity, the technical feasibility study shall be completed within a period of fifteen (15) 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.”.

By order of the Commission

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Secretary