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NOTIFICATION

Dated Aizawl, the 19th October, 2022

No.H.13011/36/16-JERC: In exercise of powers conferred under Section 50 read with Clause (x) of Sub-section (2) of Section 181 of the electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Metering for Grid Connected Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2016 (herein referred to as "Principal Regulations"), namely;

1. Short title and commencement:-

- 1) This Regulation may be called the draft Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for Manipur & Mizoram (Metering for Grid Connected Renewable Energy)(Second Amendments) Regulation, 2022.
- 2) This Regulation shall extend to the whole States of Manipur & Mizoram and shall apply in relation to all matters falling within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
- 3) This Regulation shall come into force from the date of their notification in the Official Gazette of the concerned States.

2. Amendments in Regulation 2.1 of the Principal Regulations:-

- 1) Sub-clause (21) shall be inserted just after the existing entry of sub-clause (20) as below:
'(21)"prosumer' means a person who consumes electricity from the grids and can also inject electricity into the grid for distribution licensee, using same point of supply.'
- 2) The following sub-clause numbers of the Principal Regulations shall be read and corrected respectively as below:
'(21) as (22), (22) as (23), (23) as (24), (24) as (25), (25) as (26), (26) as (27), (27) as (28), (28) as (29), (29) as (30) and (30) as (31).'

3. Amendments in Regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations:-

Clauses 4.2 and 4.3 shall be inserted just after Clause 4.1 as below:

- 4.2 The distribution licensee shall facilitate the process for setting up of RE generation systems at prosumers' premises. In this regard, the licensee shall –
- (1) create an online portal for receiving applications from prosumers for installation, interconnection and metering of distributed renewable energy systems or devices at their premises, and update the same on a regular basis;
 - (2) prominently display on its website and in all its offices, the following; namely:-
 - (i) detailed standardized procedure for installation and commissioning of roof top solar system;
 - (ii) a designated official to be contacted in order to facilitate the consumers in installation of roof top solar system from submission of application form upto commissioning.
 - (iii) address and telephone numbers of offices where filled-up application forms can be submitted;
 - (iv) complete list of documents required to be furnished along with such applications;
 - (v) applicable charges to be deposited by the applicant;
 - (vi) empanelled list of service providers for the benefit of consumers who want to install roof top solar PV system through service providers; and
 - (vii) financial incentives to the prosumers, as applicable under various schemes and programmes of the Central and State Governments;
- 4.3 The distribution licensees shall ensure that –
- (i) application forms shall be accepted online or through hard copy;
 - (ii) in case the application form submitted in hard copy form, the same shall be scanned and uploaded on the website as soon as it is received and acknowledgement with the registration number for that application shall be generated and intimated to the applicant;
 - (iii) in case the application form received online through web portal of the distribution licensee, the acknowledgement with the registration number shall be generated on submission of application;

- (iv) application shall be deemed to be received on the date of generation of acknowledgement with registration number; and
- (v) the application tracking mechanism based on the unique registration number shall be provided by the distribution licensee through web-based application or any other mode to monitor the status of processing of the application like receipt of application, site inspection, meter installation and commissioning, etc.'

4. Amendments in Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations:-

Clause 5.1 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted by the following:-

'5.1 The distribution licensee shall provide net or gross metering arrangement to any eligible consumer or third party owner as long as the total capacity (in MW) does not exceed the target capacity for meeting the annual Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) requirement determined by the Commission from time to time.

Provided that the cumulative capacity of distribution renewable energy systems allowed to be interconnected with the distribution network (feeder / distribution transformer) shall not exceed 100% of the feeder and/or distribution transformer capacity, as applicable.

Provided further that the feeder/transformer mentioned above, considered for the purpose of the hosting capacity, shall mean the feeder / transformer owned by the distribution licensee.

5. Amendments in Regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations:-

1) Clause 6.2 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted by the following:

'6.2 The maximum capacity of roof top solar PV system under net metering system shall not exceed 10 (ten) kW and there is no such capacity restriction under gross metering system:

Provided that the installed capacity in respect of roof top solar energy system shall not be less than 1 kWp and shall not exceed 1 MWp (AC side) for a single eligible consumer;

Provided further that the roof top solar projects of rating higher than 500 kWp can be considered by the distribution licensee only if the distribution system stays stable subject to approval by the appropriate authority after undertaking inspection and safety checks;

Provided further that a variation in the rated capacity of the system within a range of five percent shall be allowed.

2) Clause 6.3 shall be added after Clause 6.2 of the Principal Regulation as below:

'6.3 The prosumer is allowed to set up roof top solar PV system with battery storage.'

6. Amendments in Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations:-

1) Clause 7.6 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted by the following:

'7.6 During the inspection, the licensee shall assess the feasibility for grid connection of the renewable energy system and shall verify all particulars mentioned in the application form and the documents as required and intimate the eligible consumer accordingly;

(1) The details of additional documents to be submitted by the eligible consumer.

(2) Particulars of any deficiencies, if noticed, along with instructions to remove such defects.

Provided that if there is any requirement of upgradation of distribution infrastructure such as augmentation of service line, distribution transformer capacity, etc., for installation of the required capacity of solar PV system, the same shall be carried out by the distribution licensee or consumer, as the case may be.'

2) Clauses 7.10, 7.11, 7.12, 7.13 and 7.14 shall be added after Clause 7.9 as below:

'7.10 Consumer shall have the option of purchasing the requisite meter himself which shall be tested and installed by the distribution licensee.

7.11 The timelines as specified by the Commission shall be adhered to by the distribution licensee. In case of delay, the licensee shall take approval from the Commission in specific cases along with justification for the same.

7.12 In case of any delay on the part of the distribution licensee without any just cause, the licensee shall be liable to pay compensation to the consumer at a rate which shall not be less than five hundred rupees per day for each day of default.

7.13 The energy generated by prosumer shall be adjusted against energy consumed or the bill amount, depending on whether net metering or gross metering as applicable.

7.14 The distribution licensee shall pass on the financial incentives to the

Prosumers as applicable and as may be provided under various schemes and programmes of the Central and State Governments.’

7. Amendments in Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations:-

Clause 9.10 shall be substituted by the following:

‘9.10 Subject to sub-regulation 9.5 above, the distribution licensee may call upon the renewable energy generator to rectify the defect within a reasonable time.’

By Order of the Commission

Sd/- RICHARD ZOTHANKIMA
Secretary

Statement of Reason

Government of India notified the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 in the Gazette of India on 31st December, 2020. On issue of the above Rules, it is required to amend the relevant regulations to comply with the Rules. Therefore, the JERC for Manipur and Mizoram (Metering for Grid Connected Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2016 is hereby amended for compliance by all the stakeholders in Manipur and Mizoram.

Sd/- Secretary