



**ORDER
OF THE
WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
IN CASE NO. WBERC/A-82/2**

IN REGARD TO THE ORDER OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO REMOVE THE DIFFICULTY FACED BY THE INTENDING CONSUMERS FALLING UNDER NET BILLING AS PER PROVISIONS OF THE WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (CO-GENERATION AND GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES OF ENERGY) REGULATIONS, 2013, AS AMENDED

PRESENT:

**SRI SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA, CHAIRPERSON
SRI DURGADAS GOSWAMI, MEMBER
SRI PULAK KUMAR TEWARI, MEMBER**

DATE: 25.10.2021



Order of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission to remove the difficulty faced by the intending consumers falling under net billing as per provisions of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Co-generation and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy) Regulations, 2013, as amended



FACTS IN BRIEF

- 1.0 The Commission has notified the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2020 [hereinafter referred to as 'RE First Amendment Regulations'] on 22.12.2020 vide Notification No. 71/WBERC dated 21.12.2020 with revised RPO targets, increasing numbers of obligated entities and promoting roof-top solar by way of net-metering and net-billing. As a follow up of the above regulations, WBERC has floated a discussion paper on determination of generic tariff for grid connected roof-top solar PV. Further, as per provisions of regulation 16.9 of the RE First Amendment Regulations, the distribution licensees have submitted a detailed procedure for implementation of roof-top solar under net metering and net billing arrangement.
- 2.0 Thereafter, in view of the time required to notify the feed-in tariff and detailed procedure, the Commission under difficulty removal clause directed to continue with the net-metering arrangement as per provisions that prevailed in the Principal Regulations upto 30.06.2021. The order of the Commission dated 19.03.2021 in Case No. WBERC/A-82/1 has been reproduced below:

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- (i) *The consumers who will install their Solar PV system and notify the same to the concerned licensee within 30.06.2021 subject to verification by the distribution licensee concerned shall be considered under net-metering as per provisions that prevailed in the Principal Regulations prior to notification of RE First Amendment Regulations.*
- (ii) *The distribution licensee concerned shall verify and confirm the date of installation of the solar PV system before effecting the system under net metering.*

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OBSERVATIONS OF THE COMMISSION

- 3.0 The Commission observes that, licensees have submitted detailed procedure regarding net-billing and net-metering for which suggestions/objections were sought from the stakeholders. The detailed procedure in light of suggestion/objections received are being analysed by the Commission. The generic tariff required for net-billing purpose is yet to be finalised.



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- 4.0 Furthermore, the Commission observes that WBSEDCL, in their application for approval of the detailed connection procedures for Solar PV Generating System under Net Metering or Net Billing Arrangement, has sought two (2) months additional time for modification of their software after the approval of the procedure and implement the same.

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- 5.0 In view of the above, the Commission decides to extend the date for continuation of net metering arrangement as allowed in the order dated 19.03.2021 in Case No. WBERC/A-82/1 till 31.12.2021. All other conditions as given in the aforesaid order shall continue.
- 6.0 Let a copy of this order be served upon all the Distributions Licensees under this Commission and a copy of this order be posted in the website of the Commission.

Sd/-

(PULAK KUMAR TEWARI)
MEMBER

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(DURGADAS GOSWAMI)
MEMBER

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(SUTIRTHA BHATTACHARYA)
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Dated: 25.10.2021