

**No. 23/12/2016-R&R
Government of India
Ministry of Power**

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, 15th January, 2021

ORDER

Subject: Waiver of Inter-State Transmission charges and losses on transmission of electricity generated from solar and wind sources of energy.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tariff Policy, Government have issued revised orders on the 5th of August 2020 providing that the inter-state transmission charges and losses will not be levied on the transmission of electricity generated from power plants using solar and wind sources of energy including solar-wind hybrid power plant with or without storage which have been commissioned on or before the 30th June 2023; provided that the sale of power is to entities having Renewable Purchase Obligations, irrespective of whether the power is within RPO or not - and provided that in case of distribution licensees, the power has been procured competitively in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Central Government.

2.0 It has been brought to the notice of the Central Government that there may be renewable power projects which are eligible for waiver of inter-state transmission charges and losses and having their scheduled commissioning date on or before the 30th June 2023 which are granted extension of the scheduled commissioning date by the Solar Energy Corporation of India/NTPC Limited or other Project Implementing Agencies on behalf of Government of India for reasons of Force Majeure or delays on the part of the transmission provider or inaction / delays on the part of Government Agency; and it had been represented that in such cases the eligible renewable power projects should not be deprived of the waiver of inter-state transmission charges and losses. It was also considered that provisions related to applicability of ISTS charges and losses waiver to all obligated entities needs a relook.

3.0 Government have examined this issue and have decided that there is merit in the contention. Government of India have therefore decided that *in supersession of Ministry of Power's earlier order No 23/12/2016-R&R dated 13.2.2018, Order No. 23/12/2016-R&R dated 6th November, 2019 and 5th August 2020 no inter-state transmission charges will be levied on transmission of the electricity generated from following power plants for a period of 25 years from the date of commissioning of the power plants which meet the following criteria:*

a) Power plants using solar and wind sources of energy, including solar-wind hybrid power plants with or without storage commissioned upto 30th June, 2023 for sale to distribution licensees, irrespective of whether this power is within RPO or not, provided that the power has been procured competitively under the guidelines issued by the Central Government. Power from such solar and wind plants may also be used for charging of storage including Hydro pumped storage plants:

Provided that where any renewable power project which is eligible for waiver of inter-state transmission charges and is having its scheduled date of commissioning on or before 30th June 2023 is granted extension of time from the commissioning on account of Force Majeure or for delay on the part of the transmission provider in providing the transmission even after having taken the requisite steps in time; or on account of delays on the part of any Government Agency, and the power plant is commissioned before the extended date; it will get benefit of waiver of inter-state transmission charges on the transmission of electricity generated by the power plant as if the said plant had been commissioned on or before 30th June 2023:

Provided also that where a Renewable Energy generation capacity which is eligible for ISTS waiver in terms of the extant orders, is granted extension in COD by the competent authority, the commencement and the period of the LTA shall also get extended accordingly, and it will be deemed that the period of ISTS waiver is extended by the said period.

b) Solar PV power plants commissioned under "MNRE's Central Public Sector Undertaking (CPSU) Scheme Phase-II (Government Producer Scheme) dated 5.3.2019", and

c) Solar PV power plants commissioned under SECI Tender for manufacturing linked capacity scheme (RFS No SECI/C&P/RfS/2GW Manufacturing/P-3/R1/062019 dated 25.06.2019) for sale to entities having RPO, irrespective of whether this power is within RPO or not.

4.0 This Order shall be applied prospectively i.e. from the date of issue of Order.

5.0 This issues with the approval of Minister of State (I/C) for Power and NRE.

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1. Secretary, MNRE, New Delhi.

2. Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority, New Delhi.

3. Secretary in charge, Power/Energy Department, State Governments/UTs.

4. Secretary, State Electricity Regulatory Commissions/Joint Electricity Regulatory Commissions.

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1. All Joint Secretaries/Economic Adviser, Ministry of Power.

2. PS to MoS(I/C) for Power and NRE.

3. Sr. PPS to Secretary (Power), Sr. PPS to AS(R&R), Sr. PPS to AS (SKGR), Sr. PPS to JS (R&R) and PS to Director (R&R).