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Government of India  
Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,  
New Delhi, 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2025

To,

1. Secretary, MNRE, New Delhi
2. Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority, SewaBhavan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi
3. Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC), New Delhi
4. Principal Secretaries/Secretaries (Power/Energy) of all State Governments/UTs
5. Secretaries of All State Electricity Regulatory Commissions/JERCs.
6. Chairman/CMDs of all PSUs under administrative control of Ministry of Power
7. CMD, SECI, New Delhi
8. CMDs/MDs of Discoms/Gencos of all State Governments
9. CMD, IEX LTD New Delhi & MD/CEO, PXIL , Mumbai
10. DG, Association of Power Producers, New Delhi.
11. President, FICCI, House No. 1, Tansen Marg New Delhi
12. President, CII, New Delhi
13. President, PHDCCI, New Delhi
14. ASSOCHAM, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
15. Member, PRAYAS Energy Group, Pune
16. DG, Electric Power Transmission Association (EPTA), New Delhi
17. Chairman Indian Wind Power Association, New Delhi
18. Chairman, Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association, New Delhi
19. Director General, National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI), New Delhi
20. DG, Solar Power Developers Association.

**Subject: Draft Amendment to the Gazette Notification on Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) notified on 20thOct 2023 - Reg.**

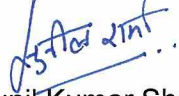
Sir/Madam,

I am directed to forward herewith Draft Amendment to the Gazette Notification on Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) with the request to provide your comments, if any, to this Ministry within 3 weeks from the date of issuance of this letter i.e. by 18.04.2025. The comments in word file may also be emailed at [rcmdivision-mop@gov.in](mailto:rcmdivision-mop@gov.in).

2. This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

**Encl:** as above

Yours faithfully,

  
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**Copy for information to:** PS to Hon'ble Minister for Power, APS to MoSP, Sr. PPS to Secy (P), Sr. PPS to AS (P), PSO to CE (R&R), Ministry of Power.

**Copy to:** Technical Director, NIC Cell for uploading on MOP's website under "Current Notices" with the heading of **"Seeking comments on Draft Amendment to the Gazette Notification on Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) notified on 20<sup>th</sup> Oct 2023"**

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**New Delhi, the .... March, 2025**

**NOTIFICATION**

S.O..... (E). In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (n) and (x) of section 14 read with section 18 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 (52 of 2001), the Central Government in consultation with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, hereby makes following amendments to the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Power S.O. 4617(E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part-II, section 3, sub-section (ii), namely:-

1. For clause 1, paragraph 1, of the said notification following shall be substituted, namely: --

“In exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (n) and (x) of section 14 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, as amended from time to time (the Act), the Central Government, in consultation with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, hereby specifies the minimum share of electrical energy consumption from non-fossil sources (renewable sources) for designated

consumers, including electricity distribution licensees, open access consumers and captive users. For open access consumers and captive users, this requirement applies to electricity consumption from sources other than Distribution Licensees. The specified minimum share of electrical energy consumption from non-fossil sources as percentage of total electrical energy consumption for each category shall be as per details given in the table below:"

2. In Note 5 under Clause 1 of the said notification, the word "comprise" shall be substituted by the words "include but not limited to".

3. For clause 2 of the said notification, following shall be substituted, namely: --

"2. (a) Shortfall in Wind renewable energy consumption obligation in a given year may be offset by surplus consumption from Hydro renewable energy component and vice-versa.

(b) Shortfalls in Wind renewable energy or Hydro renewable energy consumption obligations in a given year may be offset by surplus consumption from the Other renewable energy component, and vice-versa."

4. For clause 3 of the said notification, following shall be substituted, namely: --

"3. Surplus from Distributed renewable energy component may also be used to meet Wind renewable energy or Hydro renewable energy or Other renewable energy consumption

obligations.”

5. For clause 4 of the said notification, following shall be substituted, namely: --

“4. Open access consumers and captive users notified as designated consumers shall meet the specified Total renewable energy consumption obligation, from any renewable energy source.”

6. For clause 5 of the said notification, following shall be substituted, namely: --

“5. For captive users notified as designated consumers, electricity consumption obligations shall include self-consumption excluding auxiliary consumption. Further, the consumption obligations shall exclude electricity generated and self-consumed from waste heat recovery process using fossil-based sources, except for electricity generated from a Waste Heat Recovery Steam Generator (WHRSG) in a captive Combined Cycle Gas-Based Generating Station.”

7. For clause 6 of the said notification, following shall be substituted, namely: --

“6. The specified renewable energy consumption obligations may be fulfilled through one or more of the following methods:

i. Consumption of non-fossil-based electricity, either directly or

- through an energy storage system;
- ii. Purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) issued in accordance with regulations notified by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC);
  - iii. Payment of the buyout price specified by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC).

Provided that the sums received through the buyout mechanism shall be credited to the Central Energy Conservation Fund under a separate head. These sums shall be utilized to support the development of specified non-fossil fuel capacities, with the objective of increasing the share of non-fossil fuel energy in the overall energy mix. The Central Government shall specify the mechanism for utilizing these sums to support the development of such non-fossil fuel capacities.

8. After clause 6, the following sub-clause shall be inserted, namely: -

“6 (A). Any shortfall in meeting renewable energy consumption obligation shall be treated as non-compliance and penalty may be imposed in accordance with the provisions under sub-section (3) of section 26 of the Act.

6 (B). In case of a non-compliance of this notification including but not limited to shortfall in meeting Renewable Energy consumption obligations, non-submission of required information, or submission of incorrect information, the Bureau,

the State Designated Agency, or any other person designated by the State Government, may file an application before the Adjudicating Officer, for imposing penalty, under the provisions of Section 26 and 27 of the Act.

6 (C). Compliance for multiple designated consumers under common control, as defined in the Companies Act, 2013, may be considered on an aggregate basis at the Holding Company level.”

9. For clause 7 of the said notification, following shall be substituted, namely: --

“7. The Bureau shall monitor compliance of this notification and submit periodic report(s) to the Central Government. For this compliance monitoring, all the designated consumers, designated agencies and other persons shall furnish the required information, in such form and manner and within such period, as may be specified by the Bureau.”

10. After clause 7, the following sub-clause shall be inserted, namely: --

“7 (A). The Bureau shall issue detailed guidelines for implementation of this notification.”

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Additional Secretary to the Government of India

Note: The principal notification was published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary, Part-II, section 3, sub-section (ii), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023, *vide* Notification S.O. 4617(E), dated the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2023.