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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sub: Inviting Objection/ Suggestion on proposed OERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources and its Compliance) Regulations, 2024 under Section 181 (3) of the Electricity Act.**

The Commission has framed the draft OERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources and its Compliance) Regulations, 2024 in accordance with Section 181 read with Section 61, 66 and 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 which is enclosed herewith for reference. The said Regulation is also available in Commission's Website [www.oriarc.org](http://www.oriarc.org).

The Commission hereby publishes the proposed OERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources and its Compliance) Regulations, 2024 for information of the general public under Section 181(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

You are requested to furnish your considered views/suggestion/opinion on the said Regulation to the undersigned on or before **13.09.2024 (by 5.00 P.M.)**. On receipt of the responses from different quarters, the Commission may, in appropriate cases, bring the modifications, if any, to the proposed Regulation and approve the same for publication in the official gazette.

By Order of the Commission

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**DRAFT NOTIFICATION**

**The ... August, 2024**

**No. OERC/DIR(T).– 418/2023/ Vol.- II/ \_\_\_\_\_** - In exercise of powers conferred under Section 61, 66, 86(1)(e) and 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it on that behalf, the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Regulations for promoting the procurement of energy from renewable sources by Distribution Licensee (or any entity procuring power on their behalf), conventional captive users and Open Access customers within the State of Odisha and compliance thereof.

**1. Short title, Commencement and Extent**

- 1.1 These Regulations shall be called “Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources and its Compliance) Regulations, 2024”.
- 1.2 These Regulations shall extend to the whole of the State of Odisha.
- 1.3 These Regulations shall come into force on the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
- 1.4 Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources and its Compliance) Regulations, 2021 is hereby repealed.

**2. Definitions and Interpretation**

- 2.1 In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-
  - (a) “**Act**” means the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003);
  - (b) “**Captive Generating Plant**” means a power plant set up by any person to generate electricity primarily for his own use and includes a power plant set up by any co-operative society or association of persons for generating electricity primarily for use of members of such co-operative society or association as per Electricity Rules notified by Central Government;
  - (c) “**Central Agency**” means such entity as the Central Commission may designate;
  - (d) “**Central Commission**” means the Central Electricity Regulatory

Commission referred to in sub-section (1) of section 76 of the Act;

- (e) **“REC”** means the Renewable Energy Certificate (or “REC”) issued by the Central Agency in accordance with the procedures prescribed by it and under the provisions specified in the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) Regulations, 2022 as amended from time to time;
- (f) **“Commission”** means the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission referred to in sub-section (1) of the Section 82 of the Electricity Act;
- (g) **“Conventional Generating Plant”** means any power plant generating electricity by using sources other than Renewable Energy Sources mentioned in these Regulations;
- (h) **“Distribution Licensee”** means a licensee authorized to operate and maintain a distribution system and for supplying electricity to the consumers in his area of supply
- (i) **“GRIDCO”** means the State designated entity responsible for power purchase & bulk supply of electricity to distribution licensee and acts as demand aggregator & State Nodal Agency for implementation of Odisha Renewable Energy Policy-2022;
- (j) **“Hybrid Sources”** A hybrid energy sources means two or more Renewable Energy Sources **as approved by MNRE** used together to provide increased system efficiency as well as greater balance in energy supply.
- (k) **“Licensee”** means a person who has been granted license under section 14 of the Electricity Act.
- (l) **“Inter-connection point”** shall mean the interface point of renewable energy generating facility with the transmission system or distribution system, as the case may be:
  - (i) in relation to wind energy projects, Solar Photovoltaic Projects and hybrid projects, inter-connection point shall be line isolator of the outgoing feeder on HV side of the pooling sub-station;  
and the Pooling Sub-station shall mean the sub-station at project site of the wind farm or Solar Photovoltaic Power plant, as the case may be, and shall constitute step-up transformer and associated switchgear, and the LV side of which are connected to multiple (more than one) generating unit(s) (i.e. wind turbine generators or solar PV modules/ arrays/ inverter units).

- (ii) in relation to small hydro power, biomass power, Bio-fuel based co-generation power projects, solar thermal power projects and Municipal Solid Waste based projects the inter-connection point shall be line isolator of outgoing feeder on HV side of the generator transformer;

Provided that in relation to Renewable Energy Sources having installed capacity of less than 1 MW the interconnection point shall be the nearest distribution system as agreed by the Licensee.

- (m) **“Mini-Grid Operator (MGO)”** means Mini-Grid Operator as defined in OERC (Mini-Grid Renewable Energy Generation and Supply) Regulations, 2019.
- (n) **“MNRE”** means the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India;
- (o) **“Obligated Entity”** means the entity mandated under clause (e) of subsection (1) of section 86 of the Act to fulfill the Renewable Purchase Obligation, which includes distribution licensee/GRIDCO, Captive user, open access consumer and Generating Company.
- (p) **“Person”** shall include any company or body corporate or association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, or artificial juridical person.
- (q) **“Power Exchange”** means any exchange operating as power exchange for electricity in terms of the orders issued by the Central Commission or State Commission;
- (r) **“Renewable Energy Sources”** means sources of renewable energy such as hydro, wind, solar including its integration with combined cycle, biomass, bio fuel cogeneration, urban or municipal waste and such other sources as recognized or approved by the Central Government;
- (s) **“Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO)”** means the requirement specified through these Regulations by the Commission under Clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 86 of the Act for the obligated entity to purchase electricity from Renewable Energy Sources;
- (t) **“Renewable Generation Obligation (RGO)”** means requirement specified through these Regulations by the Commission for any Generating Company establishing a Coal/Lignite based Thermal Generating Station and having Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the project on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023.
- (u) **“State Nodal Agency”** means the agency in the State of Odisha to be designated by the Commission / Govt. of Odisha to act as the agency for

accreditation and recommending the Renewable Energy Projects for registration and to undertake functions under these regulations;

(v) **“Year”** means a financial year.

2.2 Words and expressions used in these Regulations and not defined but defined in the Act or the Regulations issued by the Central Commission or any other regulations issued by the Commission shall have the same meaning assigned to them respectively in the Act or such Regulations issued by the Central Commission or by the Commission.

2.3 All proceedings under these Regulations shall be governed by the OERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 as amended from time to time.

### **3. Scope of Regulations and Extent of their Application**

3.1 These Regulations shall apply to all “Obligated Entities” in the State of Odisha. The Obligated Entities include:

- (a) Distribution licensee or any other entity procuring power on their behalf.
- (b) Any person consuming electricity (i) generated from conventional Captive Generating Plant having capacity of 1 MW and above for his own use and/or (ii) procured from conventional generation through open access and third-party sale.
- (c) Coal / lignite – based thermal generating station and having the Commercial Operating Date (COD) on or after 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023.

### **4. Purchase Obligation from Renewable Sources**

4.1 Every “Obligated Entity” shall meet its RPO target by one or more of the following methods:

- a) Own Generation set up at any location in India from Renewable Energy Sources for own consumption.

Provided that the generating plant may be set up by the entity itself or by a developer with which the entity enters into a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

- b) By procuring Renewable Energy through Open Access from any Developer (who generate electrical energy from Renewable sources of energy) directly or through a trading licensee or through power market(s).
- c) By requisition from distribution licensee/GRIDCO:
  - i. Any consumer may elect to purchase Renewable Energy either upto a

- certain percentage of its consumption or its entire consumption and may place requisition for this with their Distribution licensee/GRIDCO, which will procure such quantum of Renewable Energy over and above their obligation and supply it;
- ii. The consumer may purchase on a voluntary basis, more renewable energy, than he is obligated to do and for ease of implementation, this may be in steps of twenty-five per cent (25%) and going upto hundred per cent (100%);
  - iii. The tariff for the Green Energy shall be determined separately by the Commission;
  - iv. Any requisition for procurement of Green Energy from a distribution licensee / GRIDCO shall be for a minimum period of one year;
  - v. The quantum of Green Energy shall be pre-specified for at least one year.
  - vi. The Green Energy purchased from distribution licensee/GRIDCO or from any other Renewable Energy sources in excess of its Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) of obligated entity shall be accounted for RPO compliance of the GRIDCO;
  - vii. The accounting of RE supplied at GRIDCO/ at Distribution licensee level shall be on monthly basis.
- d) By consuming green energy from captive power plant.
  - e) Purchase of Green Hydrogen (GH) or Green Ammonia (GA) or their derivatives: The obligated entity can also meet their RPO by purchasing GH or GA or their derivatives and the quantum of such GH or GA or their derivatives would be computed by considering the equivalence to the GH or GA or their derivatives produced from one MWh of electricity from the renewable energy sources or its multiple and norms in this regard as notified by the Central Commission.
  - f) The procurement of Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) shall be in accordance with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for REC) Regulations, 2022 as amended from time to time. The entity can purchase single type of REC to meet minimum share of consumption of electrical energy from various non-fossil fuel sources (RE) sources.
  - g) Any other sources, as may be, determined by the Central Government.

## 4.2 Metering, Communication arrangement

- (a) Such renewable sources shall have suitable metering and communication arrangement with Odisha State Load Despatch Centre/Distribution Licensee of the State of Odisha.
- (b) The quantum of electricity generated by the consumer (not an obligated entity) of a distribution licensee, from the Roof-top Solar PV system irrespective of net metering or gross metering arrangements shall be accounted towards meeting the other Renewable Energy component of the distribution licensee or any other entity procuring power on their behalf, as the case may be.

4.3 Every Obligated Entity shall have following minimum share of consumption of electrical energy from non-fossil source (Renewable Energy) as a percentages total consumption of electricity from all sources in a year as indicated in the Table below:

**Table - 1**

<i>Year</i>	<b>Minimum quantum of electricity to be procured from Renewable Energy Sources by Obligated Entity as percentage of total Consumption of Electricity in KWh</b>				
	<i>Wind Renewable Energy</i>	<i>Hydro Renewable Energy</i>	<i>Distributed Renewable Energy</i>	<i>Other Renewable Energy</i>	<i>Total Renewable Energy</i>
	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(d)</i>	<i>(e)</i>
2024-25	0.67%	0.38%	1.50%	27.35%	29.91%
2025-26	1.45%	1.22%	2.10%	28.24%	33.01%
2026-27	1.97%	1.34%	2.70%	29.94%	35.95%
2027-28	2.45%	1.42%	3.30%	31.64%	38.81%
2028-29	2.95%	1.42%	3.90%	33.10%	41.36%
2029-30	3.48%	1.33%	4.50%	34.02%	43.33%

### Note:

- (1) Wind Renewable Energy Component shall be met by energy produced from Wind Power Projects (WPPs) commissioned after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- (2) Distributed Renewable Energy Component that shall be met from energy generated from Renewable Energy projects that are less than 10 MW in size and shall include Solar installations under all configurations (Net Metering, Gross Metering, Virtual Net Metering, behind the meter Installation and any other

configuration notified by the Central Government):

Provided that the compliance against distributed renewable energy shall ordinarily be considered in terms of energy (Kilowatt hour units);

Provided further that in case the designated consumer is unable to provide generation data against distributed renewable energy installation, the reported capacity shall be transformed into distributed renewable energy generation in terms of energy by multiplier of 3.5 units per kilowatt per day (kWh/kW/day);

(3) Hydro Renewable Energy Component shall be met only by energy produced from Hydro Power Projects [including Pump Storage Projects (PSPs) and Small Hydro Projects (SHPs)], commissioned after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024:

Provided that the hydro renewable energy component may also be met out of the free power being provided to the State/ DISCOM / GRIDCO from Hydro Power Projects commissioned after 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024;

Provided that the hydro renewable component may also be met from Hydro Power Projects located outside India as approved by the Central Government on a case-to-case basis;

(4) Other Renewable energy component may be met from energy produced from any Renewable Energy Power Project other than specified in Note (1), (2) & (3) and shall comprise energy from all WPPs and Hydro Power Projects (HPPs) commissioned before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 [including Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs), Small Hydro Projects (SHPs) and free power] and to the extent of energy stored from RE sources.

4.4 Any shortfall in achievement of stipulated Wind Renewable Energy Consumption in a particular year may be met with Hydro Renewable Energy which is in excess for that year and vice -versa. The balance excess energy consumption under wind renewable energy or Hydro Renewable Energy component in that year, may be considered as part of the other Renewable Energy component. Any excess energy consumption under other renewable energy component in a particular year, may be utilized to meet the shortfall in achievement of stipulated Wind Renewable Energy or Hydro Renewable Energy Consumption.

4.5 In case of Hybrid Sources, the power procured from the hybrid project may be used for fulfillment of Wind Renewable Energy and Other Renewable Energy obligation in the proportion of rated capacity of wind and other power in the hybrid plant respectively. Any generating company establishing a coal / lignite – based thermal generating station and having the Commercial Operating Date (COD) of the project



on or after 1st April 2024 shall be required to establish renewable energy generating capacity (in MW) i.e. Renewable Generation Obligation (RGO) of a minimum forty percent (40%) of the capacity (in MW) of coal/ lignite- based thermal generating station or procure and supply renewable energy equivalent to such capacity.

A coal/ lignite based thermal generating station with Commercial Operating Date (COD) of the project between 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2023 and 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2025 shall be required to comply with RGO of 40 % by 1st April 2025, and any other coal / lignite based thermal generating station with Commercial operation Date (COD) of the project after 1st April 2025 shall be required to comply with RGO of 40 % by the COD.

- 4.6 Further, renewable power stored in any form of storage (Battery, Mechanical or Gravitational) and subsequently discharged to the grid from such storage shall be treated as renewable energy.
- 4.7 The following percentage of total energy consumed shall be solar/wind energy alongwith / through storage

Financial Year	Storage (on Energy Basis)
2024-25	1.5%
2025-26	2.0%
2026-27	2.5%
2027-28	3.0%
2028-29	3.5%
2029-30	4.0%

- 4.8 The Energy Storage Obligation shall be calculated in energy terms as a percentage of total consumption of electricity and shall be treated as fulfilled only when at least 85% of the total energy stored in the Energy Storage System (ESS), on an annual basis, is procured from renewable energy sources.
- 4.9 The Energy Storage Obligation to the extent of energy stored from RE sources shall be considered as a part of fulfilment of the total other Renewable Energy as mentioned in Regulation 4.3
- 4.10 If the RPO for any of the year is not specified by the Commission, the RPO specified for the previous year shall continue till further revision/notification by the Commission in this regard.
- 4.11 The power purchases under the Power Purchase Agreements for the purchase of Renewable Energy Sources already entered into by the obligated entities and

consented by the Commission shall continue till the completion of agreement period.

- 4.12 The distribution licensee or GRIDCO shall include the plan for procurement of power from Renewable Energy Sources under its long-term power procurement plan to comply with minimum RPO targets as stipulated above.
- 4.13 Any amendments from time to time in the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 or the National Tariff Policy, 2016 or guidelines issued by Government of India, the Commission may notify such changes relating to Regulations 4 through a Special Order.

## **5. Certificates Under the Regulations of the Central Commission**

The Certificates purchased by the obligated entities from the power exchange in terms of CERC (Terms & Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificate for RE Generation) Regulations, 2022 as amended from time to time shall be deposited by the obligated entities with the State Agency in accordance with the detailed procedure issued by the Central & State Nodal Agency.

## **6. State Nodal Agency and its Functions**

- 6.1 The Commission shall designate an agency as State Nodal Agency for accreditation and recommending the Renewable Energy Projects for registration and to undertake functions under these Regulations.
- 6.2 The State Nodal Agency shall function in accordance with the directions issued by the Commission from time to time and shall act in accordance with the provisions of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Renewable Energy Certificates for Renewable Energy Generation) Regulations, 2022 as amended from time to time.
- 6.3 The State Nodal Agency shall solicit information regarding RE procurement, monitor RPO compliance of all obligated entities in the State and report the same to the Commission.
- 6.4 The State Nodal agency shall devise appropriate protocol for collection of information from various sources such as renewable generating companies, obligated entities, SLDC etc. on regular basis and compile such information to compute the compliance of RPO target by such obligated entities. The summary statement of Renewable Energy procurement and RPO compliance by different obligated entities shall be published by the State agency on cumulative basis every month on its website.
- 6.5 The State Nodal Agency shall submit quarterly status by 15th of subsequent month at the end of the quarter to the Commission in respect of compliance of RPO by the

obligated entities and may suggest appropriate action to the Commission, if required, for compliance of the RPO.

- 6.6 The Commission may from time to time fix the remuneration and charges payable to the State Nodal Agency by accredited entities and obligated entities for discharge of its functions under these Regulations.
- 6.7 If it is observed that the State Nodal Agency is not able to discharge its functions satisfactorily, the Commission, by general or special Order recording reasons in writing, may designate any other agency to function as State Nodal Agency as it considers appropriate.

## **7. Role of GRIDCO**

GRIDCO shall estimate the quantum of purchase from Renewable Energy Sources for the ensuing year in Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) petition in accordance with the Regulations notified by the Commission from time to time to meet the minimum share of consumption of electrical energy from various non-fossil fuel sources/ Renewable Energy Sources.

## **8. Captive User(s) and Open Access Consumer(s)**

- 8.1 A consumer(s) with Captive Generating Plant(s) with installed capacity of 1 MW and above, and Open Access Consumers, shall fulfil their obligation as per the specified total Renewable Energy target [as indicated in Column (e) of Table-1] irrespective of the renewable sources.
- 8.2 Every Captive user(s) and open access consumer(s) shall have to submit necessary details regarding total consumption of electricity and purchase of energy from Renewable Energy Sources for fulfillment of Obligation in respect of minimum share of electrical energy consumption from various Renewable Sources (certified by SLDC) on regular basis to the State Nodal Agency.

## **9. Monitoring and Implementation: Framework**

- 9.1 State Nodal Agency shall develop RPO Web-portal for RPO compliance monitoring and reporting.
- 9.2 All Obligated Entities shall register themselves on RPO Web-portal and submit requisite information monthly or for any other specified period to State Nodal Agency through this Web-portal only.

- 9.3 State Load Despatch Centre and concerned Electrical Inspector/ Chief Electrical Inspector who will be assisting the State Nodal Agency in verification of compliance of RPO.
- 9.4 Every Obligated Entity shall submit its electricity consumption and details of RE procured for previous month by 7th of each month on the Web based portal.
- 9.5 Details of electricity consumption of Distribution Licensee shall be verified by SLDC and that of other Obligated Entities including Captive Generating Plants shall be verified by concerned Electrical Inspector/ Chief Electrical Inspector:
- Provided such verification of the web-based data shall be done on quarterly basis and shall be completed within 15 days of subsequent month at the end of every quarter. Further, annual verification of such data shall be done within 30 days of completion of each Financial Year.
- 9.6 At the end of each quarter, State Nodal Agency shall publish RPO compliance status of Obligated Entities on RPO Web-portal.
- 9.7 At the end of the Financial Year, Obligated Entities shall upload/submit documentary evidence of procurement of RE or REC to State Nodal Agency through RPO Web-portal within 30 days of completion of Financial Year and State Nodal Agency shall complete verification process within 45 days of completion of the Financial Year.
- 9.8 Subsequent to completion of verification process, State Nodal Agency shall publish RPO compliance of each of Obligated Entity on RPO Web-portal.
- 9.9 Non- submission of required details in a timely manner by Obligated Entity shall be treated as non-compliance of Regulations and State Nodal Agency shall recommend the Commission to initiate action against such Entity under Section 142 of the Act.

## **10. Consequences of Default**

- 10.1 Any shortfall in Renewable Energy Consumption targets shall be treated as non-compliance and State Nodal Agency shall recommend the Commission to initiate action against such Entity under Section 142 of the Act.

Provided that penalty payable by Obligated Entity shall be levied by the State Nodal Agency within 30 days from the date on which bill is raised.

- 10.2 The penalty shall be deposited in RPO Fund. The fund so created shall be utilized, as may be directed by the Commission, partly for purchase of the certificates and partly for development of transmission infrastructure and/or distribution infrastructure as the case may be for evacuation of power from generating stations based on Renewable Energy Sources or any other expenses relating to development of Renewable Energy

Sources. The fund so generated shall be operated by the State Nodal Agency.

Provided that the State Agency as well as obligated entities shall not be authorized to use the fund created in pursuance of the above in any manner, without prior approval of the Commission;

- 10.3 Where any Obligated Entity fails to comply with the obligation to purchase the required percentage of power from Renewable Energy Sources or purchase Renewable Energy Certificates in lieu thereof or make payment of penalty as stated above or fails to provide required information sought for within specified time frame, it shall be liable for penalty as may be decided by the Commission under section 142 of the Act:

Provided that the unmet capacity of RPO shall not be allowed to carry forward by obligated entities from one financial year to another unless there is non-availability of certificates. In such case, the obligated entity can approach the Commission to carry forward the compliance requirement to the next year;

Provided further that where the Commission has consented to the carry forward of compliance requirement, the provision of Clause 10.1 of these Regulations or the provision of section 142 of the Act shall not be invoked.

## **11. Connectivity with the Grid**

- 11.1 Any person generating electricity from Renewable Energy Sources, irrespective of installed capacity, shall have access to any transmission system and/or distribution system as the case may be.
- 11.2 On an application from such person, the transmission licensee or distribution licensee shall provide appropriate interconnection facilities before Date of Commercial Operation of the Renewable Energy Project. Such interconnection shall follow the grid connectivity Standards as specified in the Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity of the Distributed Generation Resources) Regulations, 2013 or State Grid Code as amended from time to time, as the case may be. The Transmission Licensee / Distribution Licensee shall provide meters and associated facilities at interconnection point.
- 11.3 The Transmission/Distribution licensee(s) shall be responsible for development of power evacuation infrastructure beyond the inter-connection point while the developer/generating company will have to develop power evacuation infrastructure from generation facility to the inter connection point at its own expense:

Provided that if any dispute arises regarding connectivity with the Grid, the

matter shall be referred to the Commission whose decision in this regard shall be final.

- 11.4 Roof-top Solar PV sources shall be allowed connectivity at LV or MV or at 11 KV of the distribution system of the licensee as considered technically and financially suitable by the licensee and the developer:

Provided further that if any dispute arises about connectivity of such sources with the grid, the matter shall be referred to the Commission whose decision in this regard shall be final.

- 11.5 Communication system, if required by SLDC, between grid sub-station and generating station shall be developed by the developer (s) at its own cost. Developers of Renewable Energy Sources shall abide by all applicable codes, rules, regulations etc. in regard to operational and commercial practices.
- 11.6 Wherever Renewable Energy Sources have already been connected to the State Grid at a voltage level lower than the voltage level specified in these Regulations and wherever such State Grid connection causes any bottleneck in capacity addition or causes avoidable discontinuance of generation or low voltage during peak hours or frequent outage of line, such grid connection shall be converted into suitable voltage level and cost for such conversion shall be borne by the developer.

## **12. Miscellaneous**

### **13. Cross-Subsidy**

- 13.1 The Commission shall determine the level of cross subsidy surcharge from time to time in the Open Access Order each year for procurement of power through Third Party Sale from Renewable Energy Sources. Further, interface metering system capable of energy accounting for each time block of 15 minutes or any other duration shall be provided at both supply as well as drawal point.
- 13.2 For scheduling Grid Code/ relevant Regulations framed by the Commission shall be observed.

### **14. Inconsistency with other Regulations/ Orders of the Commission**

- 14.1 Notwithstanding anything contained in other Regulations / orders of the Commission, this Regulation shall have overridden effect. However, any action already taken before the effective date of this Regulation under any other orders/Regulations of the Commission shall remain valid.

**15. Issue of orders and practice directions**

15.1 Subject to the provisions of the Act and these Regulations, the Commission may, from time to time, either on *Suo Motu* basis or on a Petition filed by the applicant, issue orders and practice directions in regard to the implementation of these Regulations.

**16. Power to remove difficulties**

16.1 If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of these Regulations, the Commission may, by general or special order, do anything not being inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, which appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing the difficulties.

**17. Power to Relax**

17.1 The Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, may relax any of the provisions of these regulations on its own motion or on an application made before it by an interested person.

**18. Power to Amend**

18.1 The Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, may at any time vary, alter or modify any of the provisions of these Regulations by amendments.

**19. Interpretation**

19.1 If a question arises relating to the interpretation of any provision of these Regulations, the decision of the Commission shall be final.

By Order of the Commission

**SECRETARY**