### **Policy & Regulatory Updates**

June 2024



### Issued by Central Government & its organizations:

#### I. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)

## 1. On-boarding of Solar PV Manufacture on DCR Verification Portal reg.

19th June 2024

An online portal has been developed by Solar PV Manufacturing associations in consultation with Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE).

The objective of the portal is to ensure the traceability of domestically manufactured solar PV cells and modules and help in verification of Domestic Content Requirement (DCR) in solar PV modules deployed in the country.

The portal has been hosted on the website of National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE) and can be accessed through the link: <a href="https://solardcrportal.nise.res.in/">https://solardcrportal.nise.res.in/</a>

The portal has the facility of DCR verification through entry of unique Serial No. affixed to the solar PV module and it shall be used by MNRE for DCR verification in projects under MNRE's schemes which mandate DCR.

All the ALMM enlisted solar PV manufacturers are requested to register their solar PV manufacturing facilities on the portal and start feeding the requisite data in it.

The portal shall be the exclusive mechanism for verification of DCR and in case any solar PV module which has been claimed by the manufacturer to be DCR compliant fails in DCR verification through this portal, the concerned manufacturer may have to face actions as listed in MNRE's O.M. No. 283/5/2018- GRID SOLAR dated 16.10.2023.

#### Download link:

https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/06/2024 06201341285051.pdf

## 2. Framework for enlistment of models of OEMs of Solar PV Modules and Inverters under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

21st June 2024

A framework for enlistment of models of OEMs of Solar PV Modules and Inverters under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has been issued by MNRE to enable the consumers to make an informed choice in selection of products offering higher efficiency and warranty.

#### Download link:

https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/06/2024 06211959510041.pdf

3. Amendment in Scheme Guidelines for Implementation of Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Programme - Component-II: Incentive for Procurement of Green Ammonia Production (under Mode-2A) of the National Green Hydrogen Mission

21st June 2024

MNRE has issued Amendment in Scheme Guidelines for Implementation of Strategic Interventions for Green Hydrogen Transition (SIGHT) Programme - Component-II: Incentive for Procurement of Green Ammonia Production (under Mode-2A) of the National Green Hydrogen Mission

Under the amendment, The capacity available for bidding under Tranche I of Mode 2A is 7,50,000 MT (earlier it was 5,50,000 MT) per annum of Green Ammonia. Additional Ammonia. This may be further enhanced by MNRE, if needed. Based on demand, MNRE may decide to issue subsequent tranche(s).

#### Download link:

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#### **II.** Ministry of Power (MoP)

## 1. Guidelines for payment of compensation in regard to Right of way (RoW) for transmission lines.

14th June 2024

The Ministry of power has issued Guidelines for the payment of Right of way (RoW) compensation concerning transmission lines including those in urban areas for determining compensation for damages regarding the Row for laying transmission lines under sections 67 and 68 of the electricity act 2003 read with sections 10 and 16 of the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, in addition to the compensation for normal crop and tree damages.

The guidelines are issued in supersession of the earlier guidelines.

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Guidelines for payment of compensation in regard to Right of way RoW for transmission lines.pdf

# 2. Public Procurement Order (Preference to Make in India) to provide for Purchase Preference (linked with local content) in respect of Power Sector- Revision- regarding.

20th June 2024

Ministry of Power has reconstituted the committee for independent verification of self-declarations and auditor's/accountant's certificates, constituted vide Clause 6 of the Order dated 16.11.2021. The revised composition of the committee is given below

Member (Power System), CEA	Chairperson
Chief Engineer (PSETD), CEA	Member
Chief Engineer (HETD), CEA	Member
Chief Engineer (TETD), CEA	Member
Chief Engineer (DP&M), CEA	Member
Chief Engineer (RP&T), CEA	Member
As may be co-opted by CEA	External Expert
Chief Engineer (ET&I), CEA	Convener

All other provisions of the said Order remain unchanged.

#### Download link:

https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Public Procurement Preference to Make in India to provide for Purchase Preference linked with local content in respect of Power Sector Revision.pdf

#### **III. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission**

# 1. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2024.

12th June 2024

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued Renewable Energy Sources Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination Regulations, 2024.

The regulations shall come into force on 01.07.2024, and, unless reviewed earlier or extended by the Commission, shall remain in force up to 31.03.2027.

**Download link:** htthttps://cercind.gov.in/regulations/189-Noti.pdf

# 2. Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

19th June 2024

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued Second Amendment of Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission.

The amended regulations shall come into force on such date as the Central Commission may notify. Among the modifications incorporated the definition of REIA missing in the original regulations is one of the most significant. As per the amendment –

"Renewable Energy Implementing Agency" or "REIA" includes:

- (i) an entity designated by the Central Government or the State Government to act as Intermediary Procurer to select and buy power from Renewable energy generating station(s) for selling the same to one or more distribution licensees or any other entity;
- (ii) the Central Government or the State Government which intends to select and procure power from the REGS for their own consumption;
- (iii) the procurement of power under sub-clause (i) and (ii) of this Clause shall be in accordance with the Guidelines issued from time to time by the Central Government under Section 63 of the Act;

Explanation: 'any other entity' referred to in sub-clause (i) of this Clause shall include the Central or the State Government or any department of the Central or the State Government for its own consumption of renewable energy."

As per the issued amendment the Nodal Agency shall intimate the minor deficiency(ies), if any, in the application for grant of Connectivity or grant of GNA, to the Applicant within Ten (10) working days which was within 7 days as per the earlier regulation of the receipt of the application, in order of date and time of receipt of application.

Further, under the BG route for connectivity application, Bank Guarantee for the portion of installed capacity in excess of 1000MW will be @ 5 lakhs/MW unlike the blanket rate of 10 Lakhs/MW as per the previous regulations. This will apply to both Solar Park Developers and individual projects.

Download link: https://cercind.gov.in/regulations/190-Noti.pdf

#### **IV. Central Electricity Authority**

1. Advisory for implementation of the BIS Standards and Quality Control Orders related to copper products and alloys used for the manufacture of cables, transformers and other electrotechnical products - reg.

13th June 2024

CEA has issued an advisory for implementation of the BIS Standards and Quality Control Orders related to copper products and alloys used for the manufacture of cables, transformers and other electro-technical products to ensure that cables, transformers and other electro-technical products being used in the power systems are of requisite quality.

#### Download link:

https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/notification/2024/06/advisory\_for\_copper.pdf

## 2. Standard Operating Procedure for Early Warning System in Hydro Projects

**June 2024** 

Standard Operating Procedure for Early Warning System in Hydro Projects is issued to provide broad guidelines for implementation of Early Warning System for Hydro Projects in case of occurrence of Cloud Burst, Flash Flood, GLOF, LLOF, Avalanche, Landslide, Snow Slide/Rock Slide etc.

Hydro projects are situated in upper reaches of Hilly regions and are normally more vulnerable to occurrence of Cloud Burst, Flash Flood, GLOF, LLOF, Avalanche, Landslide, Snow Slide/Rock Slide etc. Therefore, there is a need to establish an Early Warning System (EWS) for Hydro Projects in these Hilly Regions so that loss of human & animal lives and property, infrastructures, loss of biodiversity etc. could be minimized in case of occurrence of this kind of disaster.

#### Download link:

https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/he td/2024/06/Annex. Revised SOP-1.pdf



### Issued by State Governments & their organizations:

#### I. Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. UERC (Tariff and Other Terms for Supply of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources and non-fossil fuel based Co-generating Stations) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

20th June 2024

#### Download link:

https://uerc.gov.in/Rules%20and%20regulation/UERCRegulations/2024/RE%20First%20Amendment %20Reg.,%202024/RE%20First%20Amend.%20Reg.,%202024.pdf

#### II. Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

2. Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Hydro Generation Tariff) Regulations, 2024.

05th June 2024

**Download link:** https://hperc.org/new1/File1/finalmytgen24.pdf