



## Policy & Regulatory Updates



*Issued by Central Government & its organizations:*

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

<b>1. Scheme Guidelines for Implementation of "Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for offshore wind energy projects"- Reg.</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<p>MNRE issued scheme guidelines for implementation of "Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for offshore wind energy projects". The Government has sanctioned 1000 MW capacity with an outlay of 6853 Crore for implementation of offshore wind energy projects for the period from issuance of this order till FY 2031- 32.</p> <p>The first offshore wind project site of 500 MW capacity off Gujarat coast is identified. The site for 500 MW capacity off Tamil Nadu coast will be finalized once survey for the same is completed by NIWE. Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) shall be the implementing agency for implementation of this scheme.</p> <p>SECI will issue bid(s) for the 500 MW offshore wind project off the coast of Gujarat as per the guidelines for competitive bidding process for award of offshore wind power projects under viability gap funding (VGF) scheme. The bid(s) for the remaining 500 MW off the coast of Tamil Nadu shall only be issued after consultation with NIWE regarding availability of necessary survey data for the site.</p> <p>SECI will sign the PPA with the Offshore Wind Power Developer (OWPD) for the contract period i.e. 25 years and back-to-back sign Power Sale Agreement (PSA) with DISCOMS of concerned states.</p> <p>The successful bidders allotted capacities under the scheme must commission the project within 48 months from the date of signing of PPA.</p>	
<p><b>Download link:</b> <a href="https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/09/202409121089987626.pdf">https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/09/202409121089987626.pdf</a></p>	

<b>2. Updation of List I (Manufacturers and Models of Solar PV Modules) of ALMM Order, 2019 - Reg.</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
MNRE has issued OM of approved list of Manufacturers and Models of Solar PV Modules enlisted under ALMM Order (as on 27.09.2024).	
<p><b>Download link:</b>  <a href="https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/09/202409281016710616.pdf">https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/09/202409281016710616.pdf</a></p>	

<b>3. Draft amendment to the Offshore Wind Energy Lease Rules, 2023- reg.</b>	<b>26<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
MNRE has issued circular for the draft amendment to Offshore Wind Energy Lease Rules, 2023 to ease out the leasing process. It is requested to provide comments/suggestions/views within 15 days of issuance of this circular to the Ministry at <a href="mailto:rishikesh.mnre@gov.in">rishikesh.mnre@gov.in</a> .	
<p><b>Download link:</b>  <a href="https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/09/202409301555658992.pdf">https://cdnbbsr.s3waas.gov.in/s3716e1b8c6cd17b771da77391355749f3/uploads/2024/09/202409301555658992.pdf</a></p>	

## II. Ministry of Power (MoP)

1. Guidelines for Installation and Operation of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure-2024 — reg.	17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024
<p>The Ministry of power has issued Guidelines for Installation and Operation of Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure-2024 superseding all the previous versions issued and shall be effective from date of its issuance.</p> <p>The guidelines shall be applicable to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Manufacturers, Owners and Operators of EV Charging Infrastructure located <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In private parking spaces,</li> <li>• In semi restricted places like office buildings, educational institutions, hospitals, Group Housing Societies, e-bus depots and</li> <li>• In public places like commercial complexes, railway stations, petrol pumps, airports, metro stations, shopping arcades, municipal parking and</li> <li>• On highways &amp; expressways.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Power utilities and Central and State agencies.</li> </ol> <p>Setting up and operation of EV Charging Stations is a de-licensed activity and any entity is free to establish EV Charging Infrastructure by adhering to these guidelines.</p> <p>Charge Point Operators may apply for an electricity connection for their EV charging stations. The Distribution Licensee must provide the required connection according to the timelines specified under Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 as amended from time to time.</p> <p>State Nodal Agencies and Municipal Commissioners will conduct a yearly assessment of potential EV charging demand across their geographical area to ensure strategic placement of EV Charging Stations. State Nodal Agency (SNA) shall publish this data for benefit of Charge Point Operator.</p> <p>The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) has amended relevant sections of the Model Building Bye-laws (2016) and the Urban and Regional Development Plans Formulation and Implementation Guidelines (URDPFI - 2014) to support the growth of electric mobility. These amendments take into account evolving charging technologies, EVs with different charging needs and have a 20-year vision. Local Development Authorities are encouraged to adopt these revisions and ensure adequate space is allocated for establishing EV charging stations in new buildings and urban development plans.</p>	
<p><b>Download link:</b>  <a href="https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Guidelines_and_Standards_for_EVCI_date_d_17_09_2024.pdf">https://powermin.gov.in/sites/default/files/webform/notices/Guidelines_and_Standards_for_EVCI_date_d_17_09_2024.pdf</a></p>	

### III. Central Electricity Authority

<b>1. Report of the Committee for calculation of reduction of Right-of-Way (RoW) width through technological options</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<p>CEA has issued a committee report constituted for reduction of Right-Of-Way(ROW) width through technological options. The Committee was formed as per CEA's file dated 25.07.2023.</p>	
<p><b>Download link:</b>  <a href="https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/pse_td/2024/09/Final_Report_of_committee_for_ROW_with_Monopole_and_HTLS.pdf">https://cea.nic.in/wp-content/uploads/pse_td/2024/09/Final_Report_of_committee_for_ROW_with_Monopole_and_HTLS.pdf</a></p>	

### IV. Ministry of Finance

<b>1. Insurance Surety Bonds (ISB) as an alternative to Bank Guarantee- reg.</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<p>Ministry of Finance has issued an OM regarding Insurance Surety Bonds (ISB) as an alternative to Bank Guarantee.</p>	
<p><b>Download link:</b> <a href="https://mowr.nic.in/core/Circulars/2024/IFD_24-09-2024_16.pdf">https://mowr.nic.in/core/Circulars/2024/IFD_24-09-2024_16.pdf</a></p>	



## Issued by State Governments & their organizations:

### I. Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories

1. Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2024	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="http://jercuts.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/256696_1040.pdf">http://jercuts.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/256696_1040.pdf</a>	
2. Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Electricity Supply Code) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="http://jercuts.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/257097_1061.pdf">http://jercuts.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/257097_1061.pdf</a>	
3. Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa & Union Territories (Solar PV Grid Interactive System based on Net Metering & Gross Metering) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as “Net Metering & Gross Metering (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024”)	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="http://jercuts.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/257109_1248.pdf">http://jercuts.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/257109_1248.pdf</a>	
4. Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="http://jercuts.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/257405_1934.pdf">http://jercuts.gov.in/writereaddata/UploadFile/257405_1934.pdf</a>	

### II. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Generation Tariff) Regulations, 2024	<b>09<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload1726809520.pdf">https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload1726809520.pdf</a>	
2. Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulations, 2024.	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload1727180622.pdf">https://kerc.karnataka.gov.in/uploads/media_to_upload1727180622.pdf</a>	

### III. Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) First Amendment Regulation, 2024.	<b>06<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="https://tgerc.telangana.gov.in/file_upload/uploads/Regulations/Final/tserc/2024/1st%20Amendment%20to%20CBR.pdf">https://tgerc.telangana.gov.in/file_upload/uploads/Regulations/Final/tserc/2024/1st%20Amendment%20to%20CBR.pdf</a>	

### IV. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024.	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="https://gercin.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/GERC-GEOA-Amendment-Regulations-2024.pdf">https://gercin.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/GERC-GEOA-Amendment-Regulations-2024.pdf</a>	
2. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2024.	<b>04<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="https://gercin.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/GERC-Net-Metering-Rooftop-Solar-PV-Grid-Interactive-Systems-Fourth-Amendment-Regulations-2024-2.pdf">https://gercin.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/GERC-Net-Metering-Rooftop-Solar-PV-Grid-Interactive-Systems-Fourth-Amendment-Regulations-2024-2.pdf</a>	

### V. Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission

1. Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024, in short, UERC Tariff Regulations, 2024.	<b>17<sup>th</sup> September 2024</b>
<b>Download link:</b> <a href="https://uerc.gov.in/Rules%20and%20regulation/UERCRegulations/2024/MYT%20Regulations,%202024/MYT%20Regulations,%202024.pdf">https://uerc.gov.in/Rules%20and%20regulation/UERCRegulations/2024/MYT%20Regulations,%202024/MYT%20Regulations,%202024.pdf</a>	

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