Before

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Petition No. 34 of 2026

In the matter of:

Petition under Sections 86(1)(e) and 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Rule 4(10) and Rule 11(4) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and relevant provisions of the UERC (Tariff and Other Terms for Supply of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources and Non-Fossil Fuel Based Co-generating Stations) Regulations, 2023 seeking waiver of meter testing charges, dispensing with the requirement of a separate Net-Metering/Power Purchase Agreement, adoption of a digitally integrated agreement and consequential amendment/ relaxation of the UERC (Tariff and Other Terms for Supply of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources and Non-Fossil Fuel Based Co-generating Stations) Regulations, 2023 for domestic rooftop solar installations under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

In the matter of:

Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. … Petitioner

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Date of Order: October 29, 2026

The present Petition dated 19.06.2026 has been filed by Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "UPCL", "the Petitioner" or "the Licensee") seeking waiver of meter testing charges, dispensation with the requirement of execution of a separate Net Metering/Power Purchase Agreement (PPA), approval for adoption of a digitally integrated PPA, and consequential amendment and/or relaxation of the provisions of the UERC (Tariff and Other Terms for Supply of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources and Non-Fossil Fuel Based Co-generating Stations) Regulations, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the "RE Regulations,

2023") for facilitating installation of domestic rooftop solar power plants under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. The Petition has been instituted under Sections 86(1)(e) and 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (the Act), Rule 11(4) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as the "Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020"), read with the relevant provisions of the RE Regulations, 2023.

1. Background

1.1 The Petitioner has filed Petition under Section 86(1)(e) and 181 of the Act read with Rule 4 (10) and Rule 11(4) of the Rights of Consumers, 2020 and relevant provisions of RE Regulations, 2023 seeking approval of the Commission for waiver of meter testing charges, dispensing with the requirement of separate PPA, adopting of a digitally integrated agreement in accordance with the requirement of Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020.

2. Petitioner's submission

2.1 The Petitioner submitted that Government of India has approved the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (the Scheme) on 29.02.2024 with the objective of solarizing one crore residential households across the country and promoting large-scale adoption of rooftop solar system with financial support and simplified implementation framework.

2.2 The Petitioner submitted that Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has issued detailed operational guidelines dated 07.06.2024 prescribing implementation mechanism, timelines and consumer facilitation measures for rooftop solar plants deployment under the Scheme.

2.3 The Petitioner submitted that Ministry of Power (MoP), GoI vide its letter dated 27.08.2025 has issued directions/advisories to all State and utilities which are as follows:

(a) To discontinue requirement of separate Net-metering Agreements.

(b) To adopt digitally integrated agreement as part of online application process, and

(c) To waive charges such as application fees, registration fees, meter testing and commissioning charges to promote rooftop solar adoption.

2.4 The Petitioner submitted that the aforesaid measures were subsequently reiterated by the Joint Secretary, MNRE, GoI during pan-India PM Surya Ghar review meeting held on 26.05.2026 and 15.06.2026 wherein States and Utilities were requested to facilitate

implementation of the Scheme through simplification of procedures and adoption of consumer-friendly measures.

2.5 UPCL submitted that it is the nodal agency appointed by the Government for implementation of rooftop solar/net metering arrangement under the Scheme. Further, as per data available on the PM Surya Ghar National Portal, as on 17.06.2026, the State of Uttarakhand has recorded 135052 applications, 88459 installations and cumulative installed rooftop Solar PV plants' capacity of 318.90 MW.

2.6 UPCL also submitted that several SERCs across the country have already implemented similar relaxation pursuant to the advisory issued by MoP under the Scheme, thereby establishing a consistent national regulatory approach for simplification of rooftop solar development. The relevant orders/notifications issued by various SERCs are as follows:

a. Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission vide Order dated 07.03.2025 directed waiver of application fee, security deposit and meter testing charges for domestic net metering consumers under the Scheme and also dispensed with the requirement of a separate agreement.

b. Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission vide notification dated 03.11.2025 amended Regulations to remove the requirement of execution of a separate connectivity agreement for rooftop solar systems under the Scheme and provided a deemed acceptance of regulatory terms upon commissioning along with communication of surplus energy purchase rate by the distribution licensee.

c. Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide its Order dated 17.04.2026 waived off service related charges including application, registration, processing, meter testing and installation/commissioning fees and mandated digitally integrated net metering agreements for domestic rooftop solar installation.

d. Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, vide its Order dated 18.08.2025 waived off service related charges including application, registration, processing, meter testing and installation/commissioning fees for domestic rooftop solar installation under the Scheme.

2.7 Rule 4(10) of Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020 states that where execution of an agreement between the distribution licensee and the consumer is required, such agreement is required

to be incorporated as part of the application process itself and no separate agreement form is required to be executed. Therefore, the requirement of a separate physical net metering PPA for domestic rooftop solar pv consumers under the Scheme is required to be aligned with the simplified consumer centric framework envisaged in Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020.

2.8 UPCL submitted that Regulation 54 of RE Regulations, 2023 empowers the Commission to relax any provision of the Regulations in appropriate cases for reasons to be recorded in writing in public interest and for promotion of renewable energy.

2.9 UPCL submitted that meter testing charges prescribed in the Commission's Tariff Order dated 30.03.2026 for domestic rooftop solar installation are procedural in nature, and their waiver for the consumers under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana would significantly improve consumer participation without affecting the technical or commercial integrity of the distribution system. Further, adoption of digitally integrated agreement mechanism would enhance efficiency, reduce transaction time and align regulatory processes with digital governance framework.

2.10 Accordingly, the Petitioner requested the Commission to-

a. Direct waiver of meter testing charges (Rs. 200 for single-phase and Rs. 300 for three-phase connection) applicable to domestic rooftop solar consumers under the Scheme.

b. Direct that the requirement of executing a separate physical PPA/Net-metering agreement between UPCL and domestic consumers under the Scheme be dispensed with, and hold that the digitally integrated agreement forming part of the online application process on the PM Surya Ghar portal shall be treated as a valid and sufficient agreement in terms of Rule 4 (10) of the Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020 and MoP, GoI letter dated 27.08.2025.

c. Grant necessary relaxation and/or consequential modification of the relevant provisions of RE Regulations, 2023 in exercise of powers under Regulation 54 thereof; to give effect to the relief sought in the present Petition.

2.11 Subsequent to the filing of the Petition, the Petitioner, vide letter dated 22.06.2026, submitted a copy of the Office Memorandum issued to all concerned officers of UPCL, prescribing the measures for implementation of the Scheme. The Office Memorandum

envisages a simplified and time-bound processing mechanism for applications to facilitate the adoption of rooftop solar systems under the Scheme. The salient measures are as follows:

1. The net metering testing fee shall be charged from the prospective prosumer in the subsequent bill after the grid integration of the solar rooftop.
2. The Net-metering agreement, generated online, from the PM- Suryaghar portal, shall replace the present Model PPA, provided that it shall be read alongwith the terms and conditions provided in Model PPA approved and modified by the Commission from time to time.
3. The above measures will automatically prohibit the physical visit requirement of the prospective prosumer to UPCL's sub-division.

2.12 Subsequently, the Petitioner vide its letter date 30.07.2027 submitted Terms and Conditions for installation of Rooftop Solar plants under the Scheme. UPCL submitted that it has undertaken a review of the existing documentations process and the provisions of existing PPA be harmonized with the provisions of the Net Metering Agreement generated through the National Portal. The Petitioner requested the Commission to approve the said terms and conditions to enable UPCL to finalize and implement the revised consumer documentation farmwork in compliance with the applicable regulations and guidelines issued under the Scheme.

2.13 Subsequently, UPCL vide its letter dated 02.09.2026 submitted that GoI has launched the Scheme as a major national initiative to accelerate the adoption of residential rooftop solar and enable households to generate clean electricity. The Scheme provides Central Financial Assistance to eligible residential consumers and aims to promote widespread adoption of rooftop solar, reduce electricity expenditure for consumers and increase the share of distributed renewable energy.

2.14 The Petitioner submitted that under the existing digital process, the consumer is required to review and accept the applicable Terms and Conditions on the National Portal and proceed with the application. Upon acceptance, the agreement is digitally integrated into the consumer's application record and forms part of the online transaction. The said Terms and Conditions are standardized and generic in nature and are applicable across all

participating Discoms under the Scheme. Accordingly, UPCL does not have the ability to independently modify, alter or introduce changes in any sentence.

2.15 The Petitioner submitted that upon comparative review of the Model PPA approved by the Commission vide Order dated 08.09.2016 and digitally generated agreement, it is observed that certain operational consumer-related points presently covered in the existing UPCL PPA are not specifically captured in the Net-metering agreement auto-generated through the National Portal. Accordingly, to ensure that the relevant operational requirements and consumer obligations are adequately communicated and that there is no gap in the information available to the consumer, UPCL proposes to incorporate the identified additional Terms and Conditions on the UPCL's website. Further, these additional Terms and Conditions shall also be printed and handed over to the consumer at the time of sealing/grid synchronization so that the consumer has a complete record of the relevant terms governing the rooftop solar connection.

2.16 UPCL requested the Commission to treat the digitally accepted agreement on the National Portal as principal Net Metering Agreement and approve the additional Terms and Conditions of UPCL to be published and provided to the consumer.

2.17 UPCL requested the Commission to (a) dispense with the requirement of execution/ submission of a separate physical Net-Metering Agreement/PPA for residential rooftop solar consumers under PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, (b) recognize the digitally generated and digitally accepted, Net-Metering Agreement/Terms and Conditions available on the PM-Surya Ghar National Portal as sufficient for the purpose of the Scheme, (c) permit the same digital mechanism to be adopted for all pending and future applications under the Scheme, (d) take into consideration the advisory/direction issued by MNRE/REC regarding simplification and digitalization of the Net-Metering Agreement process and (e) Approve the additional Terms and Conditions for installation of Rooftop Solar PV plants to be installed under the Scheme, in accordance with the provisions of RE Regulations, 2023 to make them biding on UPCL as well as consumers.

3. Commission's Views & Decisions

3.1 The present Petition has been filed under Section 86(1)(e) and 181 of the Act read with Rule 4(10) and Rule 11(4) of the Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020 seeking waiver of

meter testing charges, dispensing with the requirement of a separate Net- Metering Agreement/PPA, adoption of a digitally integrated agreement and consequential amendment/relaxation of RE Regulations, 2023 for domestic rooftop solar installation under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.

3.2 Section 86(1)(e) of the Act deals with the promotion of renewable energy by proving suitable measures for connectivity and sale of electricity to any person. The relevant extract of the Section is as follows:

> ***"Section 86. (Functions of State Commission)****: --- (1) The State Commission shall discharge the following functions, namely: -*
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> *(e) promote co-generation and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy by providing suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and sale of electricity to any person, and also specify, for purchase of electricity from such sources, a percentage of the total consumption of electricity in the area of a distribution licensee;*
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> *…"*

Further, Section 181 of the Act specifies the power of the Commission to make regulations. The Commission has issued UERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2014 and RE Regulations which mandates for approval of the PPA that is proposed to be entered into with the supplier, prosumer in the present case.

3.3 The present Petition has been filed broadly seeking dispensation with the requirement of execution of a separate physical PPA/Net-metering Agreement between UPCL and domestic consumers under the Scheme and waiver of meter testing charges applicable to domestic rooftop solar consumers under the scheme.

3.4 With regard to the execution of PPA, UERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2014 mandates the distribution licensee to seek approval of the PPAs to be executed with the suppliers.

The Relevant extract of UERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2014 is as follows:

> *"39. Regulation of Distribution Licensee's purchase of power*

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(3) ***The Distribution licensee shall apply to the Commission for approval of the draft Power Purchase agreement*** *that is proposes to enter into with the suppliers. The commission may pass orders:*

(a) Approving the agreement; or

(b) Approving the agreement with modifications proposed to the terms of the agreements; or

(c) Rejecting the agreement."

(Emphasis added)

3.4.1 Regulation 74(1) of UERC Tariff Regulations, 2024 specifies as under:

"Every agreement or arrangement for power procurement by a Distribution Licensee from a Generating Company or Licensee or from other source of supply entered into after the date of effectiveness of these Regulations shall come into effect only with the prior approval of the Commission:

Provided that the prior approval of the Commission shall be required in respect of any agreement or arrangement for power procurement by the Distribution Licensee from a Generating Company or Licensee or from any other source of supply on a standby basis:

Provided further that the prior approval of the Commission shall also be required for any change to an existing arrangement or agreement for power procurement, whether or not such existing arrangement or agreement was approved by the Commission."

3.5 Further, RE Regulations, 2023 also specifies that that distribution licensee shall make an application of power purchase agreement executed with the generating station. The relevant extract of the Regulation is as follows:

*"**7. Sale of Power***

(1)

…

(3) ***The distribution licensee shall make an application for approval of power purchase agreement entered into with the generating company*** *in such form and manner as specified in these regulations and UERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2014 as amended from time to time within one month of the date of signing the PPA."*

(Emphasis added)

3.6 Furthermore, the Distribution and Retail Supply License issued by the Commission lays down certain conditions of license, which amongst others also has the following:

"5.1 The Licensee shall be entitled to:

(a) …

(b) Purchase, import or otherwise acquire electricity from any generating company or any other person under Power Purchase Agreements or procurement process approved by the Commission; ..."

(Emphasis added)

3.7 Ministry of Power, GoI has issued Rights of Consumers Rule, 2020 on 31.12.2020. Sub-Clause 10 of Clause 4, i.e. Release of new connection and modification in existing connection of the said Rules specifies that the agreement shall be part of application form and there shall not be any requirement of a separate form. The relevant extract of the rule is as follows:

"(10) In case, an agreement is required to be executed between distribution licensee and the consumer, the same shall become the part of the application form and there shall not be any requirement of a separate agreement form."

3.8 The MoP, GoI vide notification dated 8.06.2021 substituted sub-rule 4 and sub-rule 13 of Rule 11 of Rights of Consumers Rules 2020 which specifies as follows:

"(4) The arrangements for net-metering, gross-metering, net-billing or net feed-in shall be in accordance with the regulations made by the State Commission, from time to time: Provided that where the regulations does not provide for net-metering, net-billing or net feed-in, the Commission may allow net metering to the Prosumer for loads up to five hundred Kilowatt or upto the sanctioned load, whichever is lower and net-billing or net feed-in for other loads:

Provided further that in the case of Prosumers availing net-billing or net feed-in, the Commissions may introduce time-of-the-day tariffs whereby Prosumers are incentivised to install energy storage for utilization of stored solar energy by them or feeding into the grid during peak hours thus helping the grid by participating in demand response of the Discoms:

Provided also that in case of net-metering or net-billing or net feed-in, the distribution licensee may install a solar energy meter to measure the gross solar energy generated from the Grid Interactive rooftop Solar Photovoltaic system for the purpose of renewable energy purchase

obligation credit, if any:

Provided also that the Commission may permit gross-metering for Prosumers who would like to sell all the generated solar energy to the distribution licensee instead of availing the net-metering, net-billing or net feed-in facility and the Commission shall decided for this purpose the generic tariff for gross-metering as per tariff regulations:'

(13) The solar energy generated by prosumer shall be adjusted against energy consumed and bill amount as per regulations made by the Commission for Grid Interactive rooftop Solar Photovoltaic system."

3.9 Thereafter, MoP, GoI vide notification dated 22.02.2024 substituted sub-rule 7 of Rule 11 of Rights of Consumers Rules 2020 which specifies as follows:

"(7) For installation of roof top solar photo voltaic systems, the technical feasibility study shall be completed within a period of fifteen days and the outcome of the study shall be intimated to the applicant, failing which it shall be presumed that the proposal is technically feasible.

(7A) The applications for roof top solar photo voltaic systems upto 10 kW capacity, complete in all respects shall be deemed to have been accepted without requiring technical feasibility study and any commensurate enhancement of the sanctioned load of the consumer, as may be required, shall be carried out by the distribution licensee."

3.10 Subsequently, based on the Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020 as amended from time to time, the Commission issued first amendment to RE Regulations, 2023 on 20.06.2024 inserting the following provision w.r.t. Grid Connected Rooftop and Small Solar PV plants under net metering arrangement:

"(11) The applications for GRPV/GSPV upto 10 kW capacity, complete in all respects may be deemed to have been accepted without requiring technical feasibility study and any commensurate enhancement of the sanctioned load of the consumer, as may be required shall be carried out by the distribution licensee in accordance with the provisions of UERC (The Electricity Supply Code, Release of New Connections and Related Matters) Regulations, 2020 as amended from time to time. In accordance with the above rule".

3.11 The Government of India has launched PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana 29.02.2024 to increase the share of solar rooftop capacity and empower residential households to generate their own electricity. The scheme has an outlay of Rs. 75,021 Crore and is to be implemented till FY 2026-27. Further, under the method of implementation of the

Scheme it is specified that the concerned DISCOM shall conduct a physical inspection of the system, sign the appropriate agreements with the consumer (net meter agreement or otherwise), conduct a checklist-based inspection as per the National Portal and approve the application on the National Portal for release of CFA.

3.12 Further, it is pertinent to mention that the Commission vide its Order dated 08.09.2016 had approved the terms and conditions of Model PPA to be executed between UPCL and Grid Interactive Rooftop and Small Solar PV Power Plant based on the RE Regulations, 2013. Accordingly, the distribution licensee has been executing PPAs with the prosumers under the Scheme based on the said approved Model PPA.

Based on the above, it is evident that the applicable Rules and Regulations require the execution of a PPA and its approval by the Commission, irrespective of whether the PPA is executed in physical or digital form. However, under the Scheme, a pre-defined terms and conditions, as uploaded on the National Portal, are required to be reviewed and accepted by the consumers digitally which shall be part of Net-metering Agreement. Further, UPCL does not have any authority to modify or alter the said Terms and Conditions available on National Portal.

3.13 UPCL, vide its submission dated 02.09.2026, submitted the Terms and Conditions available on the National Portal and additional Terms and Conditions proposed by UPCL to be uploaded on its website and to be handed over to the consumers at the time of meter sealing/grid synchronization.

3.14 The Commission has gone through the Terms and Conditions of available Net Metering Agreement on the National Portal for the Scheme and it is observed that said Agreement specifies that the commercial settlement shall be in accordance with the Net metering Regulations. Further, the additional terms and conditions provided by UPCL properly elaborate such commercial and metering arrangement.

3.15 One of the additional Terms and Conditions under the head 'Payment' provides that, in the event of delay in payment beyond the period specified under the applicable UERC Regulations or the Commission's Order, late payment surcharge/interest shall be payable in accordance with the prevailing UERC Regulations.

In this regard, it is observed that the RE Regulations, 2023 provides for late

payment surcharge in respect of renewable energy source-based generators. However, prosumers under solar net metering arrangements are, in effect, consumers of the distribution licensee. Accordingly, the Commission is of the view that the late payment surcharge/interest mechanism specified in the Retail Tariff Schedule applicable to UPCL would be appropriate for such prosumers. Further, the additional Terms and Conditions do not provide for any rebate in case of early payment by prosumers. The Commission, therefore, considers it appropriate that the provisions relating to rebate for early payment, as specified in the Retail Tariff Schedule, should also be made applicable to prosumers. Accordingly, Additional Terms and Conditions to be uploaded on UPCL's website and handed over to the consumers shall be as follows:

"***Terms and Conditions for Installation of Rooftop Solar under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana***

1. *Inspection and Grid Synchronisation: the Grid-Connected Rooftop Solar (RTS) system shall be synchronized with the UPCL network only after successful inspection, installation of the requisite meter, and issuance of approval by UPCL.*
2. *Metering: A Net Meter/Bi-directional Meter/Smart Meter, as applicable, shall be installed in accordance with the prevailing UPCL procedures and applicable regulations. The existing Main Meter shall continue to be retained and used as the Check Meter for energy accounting and verification, as per applicable regulations and UPCL procedures.*
3. *Payment:*

   3.1 where, during any billing cycle, the electricity imported by the consumer from UPCL exceeds the electricity exported from the RTS System, the consumer shall pay the electricity charges based on the net electricity imported, in accordance with the applicable tariff, UERC Regulations and UPCL procedures.

   3.2 Where, during any billing cycle, the electricity exported from the RTS System exceeds the electricity imported from UPCL, the surplus electricity shall be accounted for and compensated by UPCL in accordance with Regulation 37 of the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Tariff and other Terms for Supply of Electricity from Renewable energy Sources and Non-Fossil Fuel Based Co-generating Stations) Regulations, 2023 as amended from time to time.

3.3 Payment for the eligible surplus energy, wherever applicable, shall be made by UPCL in accordance with UERC Regulations, 2023 and the tariff/order applicable for the year in which the RTS system is commissioned.

3.4 Rebate for early payment and late payment surcharge for delayed payment, as applicable, shall be governed by the provisions specified in the Retail Tariff Schedule."

3.16 Accordingly, the Commission directs UPCL to suitably revise the additional terms and conditions for installation of Rooftop Solar PV Plants under the Scheme in accordance with the above discussion.

3.17 With regard to the request of UPCL of waiver of meter testing charges applicable to domestic rooftop solar consumer, the Commission observes that Rs. 200 and Rs. 300 for single phase and three phase respectively are chargeable for meter testing for domestic rooftop solar consumer. Further, MoP, GoI vide its letter dated 27.08.2025 has advised the distribution licensee of the country to waive off the charges levied by the discoms for rooftop solar installation including application & registration fees, net meter testing fees and commissioning fee.

3.18 It is pertinent to mention that the letter dated 27.08.2025 issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, is advisory in nature and does not have a mandatory statutory force. Further, UPCL, vide its Office Memorandum dated 22.06.2026, has provided that the net meter testing charges shall be recovered from the prospective prosumers through their subsequent electricity bill after successful grid integration of the rooftop solar system.

3.19 The Commission has also examined the provisions of the Rights of Consumers Rules, 2020 and observes that Rule 5(8) provides that, where a meter is found to be defective or burnt due to reasons attributable to the consumer, the cost of the new meter and the applicable testing fee shall be recovered from the consumer through subsequent electricity bills. Although the said provision relates to replacement of defective or burnt meters, it embodies the principle that meter-related charges may be recovered through subsequent bills rather than as an upfront payment. Applying the same principle, the Commission is of the view that the meter testing charges for consumers installing rooftop solar power plants under the Scheme may also be recovered through

the subsequent electricity bill after successful grid integration of the rooftop solar system.

3.20 Considering the objectives of the Scheme, the need to encourage greater consumer participation in rooftop solar adoption, and the benefits likely to accrue to the distribution licensee as well as the State, the Commission is of the view that the execution of a PPA/Net Metering Agreement in digital form is essential a procedural requirement and does not warrant separate approval by the Commission.

Accordingly, with a view to facilitating the seamless implementation of the Scheme and ensuring convenience for prosumers, the Commission, in exercise of its power specified under Regulation 52, 53 and 54 of RE Regulations, 2023, permits dispensing with the requirement of execution of a separate physical Net Metering Agreement/PPA for residential rooftop solar consumers covered under the Scheme. The digitally generated and digitally accepted Net Metering Agreement/Terms and Conditions available on the PM-Surya Ghar National Portal alongwith additional terms and conditions mentioned in Para 3.15 of this Order shall be recognized as a legally binding agreement between the parties and Power Purchase Agreement for all the purposes under the applicable regulations.

4. Ordered accordingly.

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