

Date: 20.01.2025

To
Commission Secretary,
Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission,
Vidyut Niyantran Bhavan,
G.T.S Colony, Kalyan nagar,
Hyderabad - 500045.

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**Sub**: TGSPDCL - IPC - Seeking approval of the Commission for amendment of the PPA to the billing of imported energy from grid by the Solar Power Developers under PPA.

Ref: Lr No. TSERC/ Secv/Tariff /F.no: E-699110 /D.No: 315/24, Dt: 31.05.2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

As per your notice we are not agreed to amend the PPA in respect of billing of imported energy conditions from grid.

Sri Ramcharan Energy & Infra Pvt Ltd

Authorised Signatory.

Encl: TGSPDCL Notice copy.

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#### <u>Justification</u>

- a. The provisions in the existing PPAs with SPDs enable them for drawl of energy from DISCOM grid to maintain their auxiliaries without separate HT connection even in the event of non-generation.
- b. However, the Article 2.6 clearly stipulates that such import energy from the DISCOM shall be restricted to Auxiliary consumption limit as specified in Schedule 1 of the agreement ie., 0.1% of installed capacity.
- c. The generation of power from these solar power projects is available in day time only and thus these SPDs draw their energy requirement for auxiliaries from the Grid during non-generation hours (night time) and also during maintenance /shutdown periods.
- d. Solar projects require stand-by supply for plant lighting, air-conditioning, control room & office, control panels etc., during the period when Solar plant is not generating power.
- e. During the sunlight hours when the Solar power plant generates power, such loads are met from the power generated by the plant. Only when the plant is not generating, stand-by power is needed to be drawn from grid for meeting the demand of these internal loads.
- f. When the Solar plant is not operating during night time or during when radiation is not available (cloudy days), they import energy from the grid and the same is metered.
- g. The power factor is near to unity and there is no reactive power during the export of energy. However, power factor varies in respect of energy imported from grid.
- h. There are instances of certain Solar Power developers where the power factor recorded for the imported energy is below 0.5.

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- I hus the only way to reflect the true import energy is by taking power factor into consideration ie., KVAh billing.
- J. PPAs with SPDs allow for netting- off energy imported by SPDs from grid from their exported energy. As such, assuming ideal condition where the SPD generate & draw power at unity power factor, the eligible import auxiliary consumption KWh is deducted from export Kwh and the rest of energy drawn from grid over & above this auxiliary consumption limit is billed.
- k. Since Article 2.6 of PPA imposes restriction on import energy drawl by the SPDs subject to their respective Auxiliary consumption limit, it is essential to bill the energy drawl from the grid which is over and above this limit. Also, the PPA provisions allow for billing of energy drawl from grid at the tariff applicable for HT category-I consumers, as determined by TGERC from time to time.
- I. As such, once the SPD's import consumption exceeds their auxiliary consumption limit, they should invariably be treated as HT-I category consumers.
- m. It is pertinent to submit here that the energy billing of HT consumers is approved by the Commission to be done on KVAh basis to factor in the power factor consumption. Further, either KVAh billing incentivises or levying of penalties is done according to the power factor. It also reduces harmonics, especially induced due to low power factor, which create disturbances in the system and harm equipment. It also helps to achieve loss reduction, improve voltage profile, power quality and system stability.
- n. Also, it is submitted that had the SPD been granted a separate HT service connection for meeting their auxiliary requirements, their consumption from grid would have been invariably billed on KVAh basis.
- o. Under the provisions of PPA, the SPDs shall operate their project in such a manner so that fluctuation or disturbances to the TRANSCO/ DISCOM

- network due to parallel operation can be avoided and also the connectivity standards as per grid code are maintained.
- p. It is to submit that the Hon'ble TGERC issued Regulation No. 1 of 2021 amending Regulation No. 6 of 2016 with regard to billing aspect in the matter of net metering facility notifying that, "the quantum of electricity units exported by the eligible consumer shall be measured in KWh only. In case the applicable tariff provides for energy billing on KVAh basis and if during the billing period the eligible consumer delivers surplus electricity to DISCOM, for off-setting the quantum of electricity, the power factor shall be assumed equal to unity".
- q. In case of SPDs also, since the PPA provide for HT-I billing of import energy which is on KVAh basis, the same can be applied for reflecting the actual power drawn from grid.
- r. In light of the above, it is proposed to bill the excess import energy drawn by the SPDs (over & above auxiliary consumption limit) on KVAh basis, so as to avoid revenue loss to the DISCOMs. By doing so, SPDs shall be made accountable for not maintaining the power factor for the imported energy which results in excess reactive power drawls affecting the system stability.
- s. The same can be illustrated with a case study as submitted below :

The JMR pertaining to 10 MW Solar power plant of M/s Talettutayi Solar Projects Six Private Limited located at Palavai (village), Maldakal (Mandal), Jogulamba Gadwal (Dist) for the month of May 2024 is extracted –

#### ANNEXURE - III

#### STATEMENT OF BILLING PARAMETERS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY-JUNE- 2024 ( 04.05.2024 to 04.08.2024)

& Location of the Plant: M/s. Talettutayi Solar Projects Six PVT Ltd, Palaval (Village), Maldakal (Mandal) Jogulamba Johns (Dist)

ocation of Metering: 132/33KV Gadwal Sub-Station.

Fuel: Solar 10MW		PPALALIN	WOAL	en a line		
Date of Reading: 04.06.2024	PPA(v) / PWPA / PPWA / OA:					
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	Main	Meter	1		1	
Description	Export from			ick Mater	Standby Meter	
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IWH Final Reading on Dt. 04.06.2024	312/	4222.0	-	10	(*)	(4
WH Final Reading on Dt 04 05 2024	24.6	43232	31	4323.4	30.6	4324.1
Offrence in MWH (A)		2862.7	24.6	2863.8	24.4	2865.4
WAH Final Reading on Dt. 04.06.2024	1	1460.5	6.4	1459.6	6.4	1458.7
MVAH Final Reading on Dt 04.05 7024	52.3	4325.7	52.1	4325.0	51.9	4326.5
Diffrence in MVAH	388/	2865.1	38.6	2866.2	38.3	2567 8
MVARH (Lag) Final Rading on Dt. 04.06.2024	13.5	1460,6	13.5	1459.7	13.6	1458.7
MVARH (Lag) Final Rading on Dt. 04.05.2024	24.0	3.7	24.6	3.7	24.5	
Offrence in MVARH II and	16.8	3.6	16.8	3.7	16.8	3.7
MVARH (Lead) Final Rading on Dt. 94.06.2024	7.8	0,1	7.8		7.7	36
MVARH (Lead) Final Rading on Dt. 04.05.2024	105.2	950	105.1	950	105 1	0.1
Diffrence in MVADLE II	66.6	604.2	66.5	604.3	66.6	951.3
Multiplication Factor	38.6	345.8	38.6	345.7		605.3
Billing Francis and	1000	1000	1000	1000	38.5	346.0
Bring Energy in KVAH (B X E)		1460500	6400	1459600	1000	1000
Reactive Energy in KVARH (C X E)		1460600	1000		19200	1458700
Maximum Demand (MD) Reading (F)	7600	100	7800			458700
Multiplication Factor (G)	1	8 6699	0.5565	6.6620	7700	100
Billing MD in KVA (F X G)	1000	1000	1000	1000	5565	6.64
~ 0)	556.6	6669.9	556.5			1000
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General Manager M/s. Telettidayi Solar Projects Six PVT Ltd

Palavai(V) Jogulamba Godwal (Dist)

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From the above JMR, the export & import energy details are -

Import Ene	rgy	Export Ene	rav
Opening Mwh on 04.05.2024	24.8	Opening Kwh on 04.05.2024	2862.7
Closing Mwh on 04.06.2024	31.2	Closing Mwh on 04.06.2024	4323.2
Difference	6.4	Difference	1460.5
Import Kwh units	6400	Export Kwh units	1460500
Opening MVAh on 04.05.2024	38.8	Opening MVAh on 04.05.2024	2865.1
Closing MVAh on 04.06.2024	52.3	Closing MVAh on 04.06.2024	4325.7
Difference	13.5	Difference	1460.6
Import KVAh units	13500	Export KVAh units	1460600
Import energy power factor	0.47	Export energy power factor	0.999
RMD KVA	556.6	RMD KVA	6669.9

Auxiliary consumption - 0.1% of 10 MW ie., 0.01 MW

Auxiliary consumption units =  $0.01 \times 1000 \times 24 \times No.$  of days(31)

Auxiliary Consumption (AC) units = 7440 Kwh units

Equivalent AC KVAh units (unity power factor) = 7440 KVAh units

As seen from the above import energy details, the SPD Kwh consumption (6400 Kwh units) is well within the Auxiliary consumption limit of 7440 Kwh units.

However, the energy drawn from the grid in terms of KVAh units is 13500 KVAh units, which is in excess of the Auxiliary consumption KVAh units (arrived with unity power factor viz., 7440 KVAh units).

Excess KVAh consumption = 13500 – 7440 KVAh = 6060 KVAh units

For any HT-I category consumer connected at 33 KV, drawing 6060 % KVAh units, the HT billing would be -

Demand charges @ 475 = 10 x Rs 475 = Rs 4750

Excess Demand charges =  $(556.6-10) \times Rs (475 \times 2)$ (@ 2 times of normal charge) = Rs 519270

Energy Charges =  $6060 \times Rs 7.15 \times 2$ 

= Rs 51994.80

Electricity Duty =  $6060 \times Rs \ 0.06$ 

= Rs 363.60

Customer charges = Rs 3500

Total import charges = Rs 5,79,878

Thus, DISCOM will be incurring revenue loss of Rs 5,79,878/- if the excess import energy over and above the auxiliary consumption limit is not considered on KVAh basis

CHIEF ENGINEE

IPC, TGSPDCL

Corporate Office, A Block, 1st Floor. Mint Compound, Hyd-500004

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	M/s.	
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		energy by the project at interconnection point - Energy drawl from DISCOM for auxiliaries.  Provided that where there is NO Delivered Energy by the SPD at the Interconnection Point in any month, then Energy drawl from the DISCOM shall be billed at the applicable tariff of HT-1 category consumers as notified by the TSERC for the relevant financial year.  Provided further that during the plant shut down or nongeneration periods, the project shall draw the energy from the DISCOM only for the essential loads not exceeding the auxiliary consumption allowed for the purpose of the PPA is as specified in Schedule 1 of from	The Solar Power Developer entitled to draw the power from the DISCOM for its auxiliar consumption, subject to limit a specified in Schedule-1. The energy supplied by the DISCOM to the solar power developer through a bilater, arrangement, to maintain the auxiliaries of the power plant is situations of non-generation of cower, shall be adjusted andicated below:  Net Energy = Delivered energy by the project andicated below:  Net Energy = Delivered energy drawl from DISCOM for auxiliaries*  Here, Energy drawl from DISCOM for auxiliaries is estricted up to Auxiliary ensumption as specified in chedule 1 of this Agreement.  Tovided that where the ensumption drawn from the ISCOM is over and above the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement, checked that where the inchedule 1 of this Agreement.  For it is auxiliaries in the plant of the inchedule 1 of this Agreement.

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