

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION

The 3rd February, 2016

No. PSERC/Secy/Regu. 112: In exercise of the power conferred under Section 42 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling the Commission in this behalf, the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby amends the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011, namely: -

1. Short Title and Commencement:

- 1) These regulations shall be called the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for intra-State Open Access) (7th Amendment) Regulations, 2016.
- 2) These regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official Gazette of the State.

2. Amendment to Regulation 31 (1) (c)

Following proviso shall be added to Regulation 31 (1) (c):

Provided that a captive co-generation NRSE based plant using bagasse as fuel, for generation of power and wheeling power for its own use, shall be allowed banking of power for a maximum period of 6 months or 15 days from the closure of cane crushing season of the sugar mill, whichever is earlier. The intimation of closure of cane crushing season shall be given by the Open Access customer to the distribution licensee in advance.

3. Amendment to Regulation 42 – QUANTUM OF RENEWABLE PURCHASE OBLIGATION (RPO)

Regulation 42 shall be substituted as under:

42 Quantum of Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO)

42 (1) Each Open Access customer shall fulfill its RPO as per Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) Regulations, 2011. The minimum percentages of RPO are prescribed in clause 3(1) of these Regulations. The RPO shall be met by Open Access customers either by purchase of electricity (in kWh) from renewable sources or by purchase of Renewable Energy Certificate(s) (RECs) from the Power Exchange.

42 (2) In case, the Open Access customer fails to comply with the RPO as specified by the Commission in the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Purchase Obligation and its compliance) Regulations, 2011 as amended from time to time, for the period/year during which open access has been availed, the distribution licensee(s) shall withhold permission to such Open Access customer to avail open access during the next period/year till the shortfall in RPO compliance is made.

By order of the Commission

(RAJIV BHATIA)
SECRETARY