

KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Notice

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The Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby publishes under sub-section (3) of Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the following draft of the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Solar Energy Systems) Amendment Regulations, 2015 for information of persons likely to be affected thereby. Any objection or suggestions thereon may be forwarded to the Secretary, Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission, KPFC Bhavanam, C V Raman Pillai Road, Vellayambalam, Thiruvananthapuram- 695 010 within one month from the date of publication of this notice. Objections and suggestions received on or before the said date shall be considered by the Commission before finalization of the said draft regulation.

By order of the Commission,

Santhosh Kumar K B
Secretary.

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1. Short title and commencements, - (1). This regulation may be called the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Solar Energy Systems) First Amendment Regulation 2015.

(2). This shall come in to force on the date of publication of the same in the Gazette.

2. Amendment of regulations, - In the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Distributed Solar Energy Systems) Regulation 2014,-

(i). Sub regulation (2) of Regulation 5 with the proviso thereunder shall be substituted with the following, namely:-

“(2)(a)The distribution licensee shall give connectivity to the solar energy system of any eligible low tension consumer till the cumulative capacity of the solar energy systems connected to a particular distribution transformer reaches fifteen percent of the rated capacity of the said transformer.

(b) The distribution licensee shall give connectivity to the solar energy system of any eligible low tension consumer above fifteen percent of the rated capacity of the distribution transformer till the cumulative capacity of the solar energy systems connected to the said distribution transformer reaches the average load of all the consumers on the said transformer between 8 AM and 4 PM during the period of seven days succeeding the date of submission of the application form by the eligible low tension consumer for connecting the solar energy system.

Provided that the distribution licensee may adopt the average load of the distribution transformer assessed between 8 AM and 4 PM within a period of six months prior to the date of submission of the application form, if the licensee is convinced that there has been no considerable change of load on the said transformer after the previous assessment.”.

(ii). Sub regulation (9) of Regulation 13 with the proviso thereunder shall be substituted with the following, namely:-

“(9) (a) The distribution licensee shall, on receipt of the registration fee and on curing defects if any noticed in the application and the documents submitted under sub-regulation (7), register the scheme and assign a registration number.

(b) The registration given under clause (a) above shall be valid for a period of six months from the date of registration, unless the validity period is extended by the distribution licensee under clause (c) below.

(c) The distribution licensee may, for good and sufficient reasons beyond the control of the applicant, extend the validity of registration for a period not exceeding six months.

(d) The distribution licensee may allot to other applicants in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, such capacity for connectivity of solar energy system, if the eligible consumer whose scheme has been registered does not avail the connectivity within the period of six months from the date of registration or within such extended period of validity of registration.

(e) The distribution licensee may allot to other applicants in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, the balance capacity for connectivity of solar energy system if the eligible consumer whose scheme has been registered does not avail the full capacity requested for by him within the period of six months from the date of registration or within such extended period of validity of registration.

(f) The distribution licensee shall refund to the applicant eighty percent of the registration fee collected by it within a period of one month from the date of commissioning of solar energy system, if the applicant installs the solar energy system within the period of validity of the registration.

(g) The distribution licensee may, on receipt of a written request from the applicant before the expiry of the validity of registration, allow the applicant to withdraw his application, in case he is not able to install the solar energy system within the period of validity of the registration, due to reasons beyond his control and in such case, the distribution licensee shall refund eighty percent of the registration fee to the applicant.

(h) The distribution licensee may forfeit the registration fee, if the applicant fails to install the solar energy system or withdraws the application within the period of validity of the registration.”.

(iii). Sub regulation (10) of Regulation 13 shall be substituted with the following namely;

“(10) The applicant shall, within the period of validity of registration, procure solar energy system conforming to the technical specifications and get it installed by a licensed electrical contractor.”.