

**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**(For State of Goa and Union Territories)**

**NOTIFICATION**

Gurugram, the 13th August, 2024

**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**

**No. JERC-21/2017.**—In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 86 (3) and Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling the Commission in this behalf and after due public consultation process, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (for the State of Goa & Union Territories) hereby, makes the following amendments in the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as “Principal Regulations”).

**REGULATIONS**

**1) Short Title, Commencement and Extent**

- a) These Regulations shall be called the 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) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
- c) These Regulations shall extend to the State of Goa and the Union Territories of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Puducherry and Chandigarh.

**2) AMENDMENT IN REGULATION 2 OF THE PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS:**

- (i) In Regulation 2.1 (b), “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.
- (ii) In Regulation 2.1 (c), “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.
- (iii) In Regulation 2.1(u.1) shall be substituted as under:

**Inter-connection point** shall mean interface point of Renewable Energy generating facility with the transmission system or distribution system, as the case may be:

- i. in relation to wind energy projects and solar photovoltaic projects, inter-connection point shall be line isolator on outgoing feeder on HV side of the pooling sub-station;
- ii. in relation to hydro generation, pumped storage hydro generation, energy storage system and storage (if the storage uses only renewable energy) generation, Waste-to-Energy based generation, biomass and bagasse based co-generation projects, the inter-connection point shall be line isolator on outgoing feeder on HV side of generator transformer;”
- (iv) In Regulation 2.1 (v), “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access” and “/LTGEOA” shall be added after “LTOA”.
- (v) In Regulation 2.1 (w), “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access” and “/MTGEOA” shall be added after “MTOA”.
- (vi) Regulation 2.1(d.1) shall be substituted as under:

**Banking of Energy** means the surplus Green Energy/Renewable Energy injected in the grid and credited with the distribution licensee by the Green Energy Open Access consumers and that shall be drawn along with charges to compensate additional costs; if any;

- (vii) In Regulation 2.1(e.1), “of one (1) month” shall be added after “means the period”.
- (viii) Regulation 2.1(bb) shall be substituted as under:

**Green Energy/Renewable Energy** means the electrical energy from renewable sources of energy including hydro, pumped storage hydro generation, energy storage system and storage (if the storage uses only renewable energy), Waste-to-Energy based generation, biomass and bagasse based co-generation plants or any other technology as may be notified by the Commission from time to time and

shall also include any mechanism that utilizes renewable energy to replace fossil fuels including production of green hydrogen or green ammonia;

(ix) In Regulation 2.1(dd), “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access” and “/STGEOA” shall be added after “STOA”.

(x) Regulation 2.1 (hh.2), “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.

(xi) The following shall be added after Regulation 2.1 (hh.2) i.e., “Third Party Consumer” of the Principal Regulations:

a. “f.1) “Central Nodal Agency” means the nodal agency notified by the Central Government to set up and operate a single window green energy open access system for renewable energy;”

b. “r.1) “Entity” means any consumer who has contracted demand or sanctioned load of 100 kW or more either through single connection or through multiple connections aggregating 100 kW or more located in the same electricity division of a distribution licensee, except for captive consumers:

Provided that in case of captive consumers, there shall not be any load limitation;”

c. “r.4) “Fossil Fuel” means fuels such as coal, lignite, gas, liquid fuel or combination of these as its primary source of energy, which are used in Thermal Generating Station for generating electricity;”

d. “t.1) “Green Ammonia” means ammonia produced by way of electrolysis of water using Renewable Energy; including renewable energy which has been banked and the ammonia produced from biomass”.

e. “t.2) “Green Energy Open Access Consumer” means any person who has contract demand or sanctioned load of 100 kW or more or as may amended in the Rules from time to time”.

f. “t.3) “Green Hydrogen” means Hydrogen produced using renewable energy, including, but not limited to, production through electrolysis or conversion of biomass. Renewable energy also includes such electricity generated from renewable sources which is stored in an energy storage system or banded with the grid in accordance with applicable Regulations.

Whereas, for Green Hydrogen produced through electrolysis: - The non-biogenic greenhouse gas emissions arising from water treatment, electrolysis, gas purification and drying and compression of hydrogen shall not be greater than 2 kilogram of carbon dioxide equivalent per kilogram of Hydrogen (kg CO<sub>2</sub>, eq/kg Hydrogen), taken as an average over last 12-month period.

Whereas, for Green Hydrogen produced through conversion of biomass:-The non-biogenic greenhouse gas emissions arising from biomass processing, heat/steam generation, conversion of biomass to hydrogen, gas purification and drying and compression of hydrogen shall not be greater than 2 kilogram of carbon dioxide equivalent per kilogram of Hydrogen (kg CO<sub>2</sub> eq/kg Hydrogen) taken as an average over last 12-month period;”

g. “bb.2) “Rules” shall mean the Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2022 and its subsequent amendments;”

### 3) Amendment in Regulation 1.2 of the Principal Regulations:

(i) In Regulation 1.2(7) and its proviso, “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access” and “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access”.

(ii) In Regulation 1.2(8) “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.

### 4) Amendment in Regulation 1.3 of the Principal Regulations:

(i) In Regulation 1.3(7), “(as amended from time to time)” shall be added after “Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid) Regulations, 2007.”

(ii) In Regulation 1.3(9) and its proviso, “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access”, “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access” and “Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.

(iii) In Regulation 1.3(10) “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.

5) **Heading of Chapter-2 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:**

“General Conditions for Open Access/Green Energy Open Access”

6) **Heading of Regulation 2.1 shall be substituted as under:**

“2.1 Phasing of Open Access/Green Energy Open Access”

Insertion of 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Provisos in Regulation 2.1 in Chapter-2 of the Principal Regulations:

7) The following proviso shall be added after the 1<sup>st</sup> proviso to Regulation 2.1 in Chapter-2 of the Principal Regulations:

Provided further that the consumers having contracted demand or sanctioned load of 100 kW or more or as may be specified by the Commission from time to time shall be provided Green Energy Open Access, subject to no operational constraints in the Distribution Licensee's system.

Provided also that there shall be no limit of supply of power for the captive consumers taking power under Green Energy Open Access

8) **Heading of Regulation 2.2 shall be substituted as under:**

“2.2 Eligibility for Open Access/Green Energy Open Access and Conditions to be Satisfied”

9) **Amendment in Regulation 2.2(1) of the Principal Regulations:**

i. In Regulation 2.2(1)(b), “including Renewable Energy Generating Company” shall be added after “a generating company”.

ii. In proviso of Regulation 2.2(1), “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.

iii. The following proviso shall be inserted after 2.2(1) as under:

Provided that Green Energy Open Access consumer shall not change the quantum of power consumed through open access for twelve consecutive time blocks of 15 minutes time interval during a day.

iv. In Regulation 2.2(2)(b), “including Renewable Energy Generating Company” shall be added after “a generating company”.

v. In Regulation 2.2(2) and its proviso, “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.

vi. In Regulation 2.2(4) and its proviso, “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.

10) **In Regulation 2.2(3), “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.**

11) **Heading of Regulation 2.2 shall be substituted as under:**

“2.4 Provisions for Existing Consumers and Generating Company Availing Open Access/ Green Energy Open Access”

12) **Amendment in Regulation 2.2(1) of the Principal Regulations:**

13) **In Regulation 2.2(6), “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.**

14) **Heading of Regulation 2.7 shall be substituted as under:**

“2.7 Criteria for Granting Open Access/ Green Energy Open Access”

**15) Amendment in Regulation 2.7 of the Principal Regulations:**

- i. In Regulation 2.7(1) and its proviso, “**Long-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Long-term Open Access**”.
- ii. In Regulation 2.7(2) and its proviso, “**Long-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Long-term Open Access**” and “**Medium-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Medium-term Open Access**”.
- iii. In Regulation 2.7(3) and its proviso, “**Long-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Long-term Open Access**”, “**Medium-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Medium-term Open Access**”. and “**Short-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Short-term Open Access**”.

**16) Heading of Regulation 3.1 shall be substituted as under:**

“3.1 Categories of Open Access Consumers/ Green Energy Open Access Consumers”

- 17) In Regulation 3.1(c), “**Long-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Long-term Open Access**”, “**Medium-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Medium-term Open Access**” and “**Short-term Green Energy Open Access**” shall be added after “**Short-term Open Access**”.

**18) Heading of Regulation 3.2 shall be substituted as under:**

“3.2 Nodal Agency and fee for Open Access/ Green Energy Open Access”

**19) The following proviso shall be added after Regulation 3.2(1):**

Provided that all the applications related to Green Energy Open Access shall be submitted to the portal set up by the Central Nodal Agency. The applications shall be routed to the Nodal Agency by the Central Nodal Agency. The procedure for grant of Green Energy Open Access shall be governed by Regulation 3.7(A):

**20) The proviso after Regulation 3.2(3) shall be deleted.****21) Regulation 3.5.2 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:**

The application shall be accompanied by a bank guarantee of Rupees one lakh (₹ 1,00,000) per MW or part thereof for the total power to be transmitted. The bank guarantee shall be in favour of the Nodal Agency in the format as per the Detailed Procedure.

**22) Regulation 3.6.3 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:**

The application shall be accompanied by a bank guarantee of Rupees twenty thousand (₹ 20,000) per MW or part thereof for the total power to be transmitted. The bank guarantee shall be in favour of the Nodal Agency, in the manner laid down under the Detailed Procedure.

**23) The following shall be added after Regulation 3.7 of the Principal Regulations:****3.7(A) Procedure for grant of Green Energy Open Access**

- a) The Green Energy Open Access applicant shall submit a complete application in all aspects, in the format as specified by Central Nodal Agency on the central portal set up by the Central Nodal Agency.
- b) The application shall be forwarded to the concerned Nodal Agency by the Central Nodal Agency for further verification and the same shall be decided by the nodal agency within 15 days from the date on which received by Nodal Agency from Central Nodal Agency.

The following time schedules shall be followed for processing the Application:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Timeline	Remarks
1.	Date on which application is received by Nodal Agency from Central Nodal Agency	T0 = Zero Date	

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2.	Acknowledgement of receipt of Application	T0 = Zero Date	The acknowledgement shall be provided immediately by electronic mode
3.	Acceptance of application by Nodal Agency after confirming that all the relevant documents are furnished by the applicant including processing fees and BG	T0 + 1 working day	Nodal Agency shall inform the Applicant of any errors or missing information. Provided that in cases where there is any material change in the location of the Applicant or a change by more than ten (10) percent in the quantum of power to be interchanged using the Intra-State Transmission System and/or Distribution System, a fresh application shall be made, which shall be considered in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations
4.	Forwarding of Application to concerned STUs / DISCOMs.	T0+3 working days	On acceptance of the application, the same shall be forwarded to concerned STUs/DISCOMs for ensuring the system availability.
5.	Intimation from STUs/ DISCOMs.	T0+7 working days	<p>On receipt of the application for Green Energy Open Access, the Nodal Agency shall obtain all the permissions and clearances from the Distribution Licensees, SLDC, STU and other agencies, as may be required, for the Green Energy Open Access transaction.</p> <p>The Applicant shall submit any other information sought by the Nodal Agency including the basis for assessment of the power to be interchanged using the Intra-State Transmission System or Distribution System and the power to be transmitted to or from various entities or regions to enable the Nodal Agency to plan the Intra-State Transmission System and Distribution System in a comprehensive manner.</p> <p>In case margin is available in the network and also availability of necessary infrastructure then STU/DISCOM shall intimate to the Nodal Agency about validity of its application.</p> <p>In case of GE-LTOA/GE-MTOA, if system strengthening/augmentation to the existing Intra-State Transmission System and / or Distribution System is required, STU/DISCOM shall intimate to the Applicant and the Nodal Agency regarding the work involved for system strengthening / augmentation. Upon receipt of such information, the Applicant may request the Nodal Agency to carry out further system studies and preliminary investigation for the purpose of estimating the cost and the time that would be required for system strengthening:</p>

Sr. No.	Particulars	Timeline	Remarks
			<p>Provided that the Nodal Agency shall intimate the cost estimates, likely completion schedule and estimated date from which Green Energy Open Access shall be allowed after system strengthening within thirty (30) Days confirmation from the Applicant:</p> <p>Provided that in case the Applicant does not agree to avail Green Energy Open Access with system strengthening, his application shall be rejected and the bank guarantee shall be released.</p> <p>The Applicant shall accordingly deposit the estimated amount for augmentation to the Nodal Agency.</p> <p>In case system Strengthening is not required, probable date of granting Green Energy Open Access shall be intimated to Nodal Agency within the same time.</p> <p>In case intimation is not received within the specified time from STU/DISCOM as the case may be, the Nodal Agency shall consider it to be deemed valid application.</p> <p>Provided that the system studies at the drawl point to ascertain the availability is not required for a consumer of the licensee availing Green Energy Open Access, subject to the applicant furnishing an undertaking that, he would not exceed the contract demand specified in his supply agreement with the licensee even after opting for Open Access.</p> <p>Provided that in case of captive generating plant the limit of contract demand of 100 kW and above is not applicable for availing the green energy open access.</p>
6.	Intimation by Nodal Agency to the Applicant	T0 + 8 working days	<p>The Nodal Agency shall intimate the Applicant, regarding the validity of the Application for grant of Green Energy Open Access within the time specified.</p> <p>In case Green Energy Open Access cannot be granted, the same shall be intimated by the Nodal Agency to the Applicant within the above time furnishing the reasons in writing for non-grant of Green Energy Open Access sought.</p>

Sr. No.	Particulars	Timeline	Remarks
			In case, Nodal Agency fails to intimate the grant of Green Energy Open Access or otherwise, within the above specified time, the same shall be deemed to have been granted, to be subject to system availability.
7.	Submission of Agreement by the applicant for Long term /Medium term Green Energy Open Access	T0 + 13 working days	<p>The Applicant shall sign an agreement for Long-term Open Access with the concerned Licensees in accordance with the provisions in the Detailed Procedure mentioned in these Regulations.</p> <p>Thereafter, the concerned authority will ensure for execution of Agreement with the Applicant within five days and also provide the copy of such executed Agreement to the Applicant.</p> <p>The time limit for signing of Transmission Agreement by STU and Wheeling Agreement by distribution licensee shall be five days in each case, where it is required to sign both Agreements. Thereafter, the Applicant within three days of receipt of such executed Agreement(s) shall submit copy(ies) of signed Transmission and/or Wheeling agreement to the Nodal Agency and Nodal Agency shall provide acknowledgement of receipt/licensee(s).</p> <p>The Transmission and Wheeling Agreement to be executed in the standard format as the case may be prepared by Nodal Agency / licensee(s) as approved by the Commission.</p> <p>In case the Applicant fails to submit the Transmission and/or Wheeling Agreement within the specified time, the Open Access granted is deemed to have been cancelled.</p>
8.	Submission of signed copies of agreement by concerned STUs/DISCOMs	T0 + 15 working days	<p>In case STU / DISCOM fail to sign/submit the Transmission and/or Wheeling Agreement submitted by the applicant within the specified time above, the Transmission and/or Wheeling is deemed to have been approved.</p> <p>In case of deemed approval, the provisions of standard Agreement(s) approved by the Commission shall be applicable and binding.</p> <p>Accordingly, the applicant is allowed transmission and / or wheeling of energy from</p>

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			the effective date subject to filing of an 'Undertaking' on affidavit that it shall avail the transmission and / or wheeling of energy and terms & conditions of the deemed approved Agreement(s) are binding on it.
9.	Effective date for wheeling	In case the Nodal Agency receives from the applicant the copy of the executed agreement(s) / 'Undertaking on Affidavit with regard to deemed approval, as the case may be, the effective date for commencement of Green Energy Open Access of the applicant shall be the next date from the date of submission of signed copy of the agreement to the Nodal Agency	The applicant is allowed to wheel the energy from the effective date.

- (c) Nodal Agency shall ensure that non-refundable processing fee as specified in the Clause 3.2 of the Regulations shall be paid by the Applicant to the Nodal Agency.
- (d) An application for Long-Term and Medium-Term Green Energy Open Access shall be accompanied by a bank guarantee of Rupees fifty thousand (₹ 50,000) per MW for LT GEOA and Rupees ten thousand (₹ 10,000) per MW for MT GEOA or part thereof for the total power to be transmitted. The bank guarantee shall be in favour of the Nodal Agency in the format as per the Detailed Procedure.
- (e) The bank guarantee shall be kept valid till operationalization of the Long-term/Medium -Term Green Energy Open Access.
- (f) Where any application is rejected for any deficiency or defect, the Bank Guarantee shall be returned to the applicant and in such cases a fresh application to the Central Nodal portal shall be made by the applicant after curing the deficiency or defect.
- (g) Nodal agency shall, by an order in writing, approve the applications for the Green Energy Open Access within a period of 15 days, failing which it shall be deemed to have been approved subject to the fulfillment of the technical requirements as specified by the Commission.
- Provided that the order of processing of such applications for Green Energy Open Access shall be first in first out.
- (h) While granting Long-term/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access, the Nodal Agency shall communicate to the Applicant, the date from which Long-term/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access shall be granted and an estimate of the transmission charges likely to be payable based on the prevailing costs, prices and methodology of sharing of transmission charges specified by the Commission.
- (i) Immediately after grant of Long-term/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access, the Nodal Agency shall inform the SLDC so that the same is kept in view while considering requests for grant of Medium-term Green Energy Open Access and Short-term Green Energy Open Access, received by SLDC under these Regulations.
- (j) The Short term and Medium-term Green Energy Open Access shall be allowed, if there is sufficient spare capacity available in the transmission system without any augmentation whereas for Long-term Green Open Access, the transmission system may be augmented if required:



Provided that priority shall be given to long term in the existing system if spare capacity is available and further, open access for non-fossil fuel sources shall be given priority over the open access from the fossil fuel.

- (k) Before the expiry of the period of Long-term/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access, the same may be extended by the Nodal Agency on receipt of a written request from such Consumer. The request shall be accompanied by the application fee in accordance with these Regulations:

Provided that such request is submitted at least six (6) Months prior to the date on which the existing Long-term Green Energy Open Access ends and at least one (1) Month prior to the date on which the existing Medium-term Green Energy Open Access ends. The consumer shall clearly mention in the application, the period for which extension is required.

Provided further that in case no written request is received from the Open Access Consumer within the specified time, the said Long-term/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access shall stand terminated automatically at 24:00 hours on the date up to which it was initially granted.

- (l) After expiry of the period of the Long-term/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access, the Open Access Consumer shall not be entitled to any overriding preference for renewal of the term.
- (m) A Long-term/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access Consumer may relinquish the Long-term/Medium Green Energy Open Access rights fully or partly before the expiry of the full term of the Long-term/Medium Green Energy Open Access by giving notice and paying the compensation amount to the Nodal Agency as provided in Clause 9.1 of these Regulations.
- (n) No application for Green Energy Open Access shall be denied unless the applicant has been given an opportunity of being heard in the matter and all orders denying open access shall be speaking orders.
- (o) Appeals against an order of the concerned State nodal agency, shall lie before the Commission, within a period of thirty days from the date of receipt of order.
- (p) The Commission shall dispose of the appeal within a period of three months and the order issued by it shall be binding on the parties.
- (q) Nodal Agency/Distribution Licensee shall prepare procedure for Green Energy Open Access consisting of documents, formats etc. required to be submitted for Green Energy Open Access in line with the provisions of Act, Rules, Regulations, orders and procedure followed by Central Nodal Agency, for smooth implementation of the Green Energy Open Access in the State and get approved from the Commission.
- (r) For 12 time-blocks Green Energy Open Access Consumer shall not change the quantum of power consumed through open access so as to avoid high variations in demand to be met by the distribution licensee.

Provided that formats and timelines devised by Central Nodal Agency as per provisions of Rules shall be followed for seeking Green Energy Open Access.

Provided also that in case of Short-Term Green Energy Open Access, State Load Despatch Centre and in case of Long-Term Green Energy Open Access and Medium-Term Green Energy Open Access, the State Transmission Utility (STU) shall perform duties of Nodal Agency as stipulated in the procedure framed by Central Nodal Agency.

Provided that Nodal Agency shall coordinate with transmission licensees including STU and the Distribution Licensees to make available all relevant information regarding Green Energy Open Access to the public on the portal of the Central Nodal Agency.

Provided that Nodal Agency shall prepare procedure for Green Energy Open Access consisting of documents, formats etc. required to be submitted for Green Energy Open Access in line with the provisions of Rules, Regulations and procedure followed by Central Nodal Agency, for smooth implementation of the Green Energy Open Access in the State and get it approved from the Commission.

### 3.7 (B) Procedure for applying for Day Ahead Green Energy Open Access Transactions

- a) The applicant shall apply to the Central Portal for Day Ahead Green Energy Open Access Transactions in the standard application format.
- b) For the applications received by the Nodal Agency from the Central Nodal Agency, before 12:00 hours of the day immediately preceding the day of scheduling for day-ahead Green Energy Open Access transaction, the Nodal Agency shall check for congestion in the system and convey grant of approval or otherwise to the applicant through e-mail or fax, not later than 14:00 hours of the day immediately preceding the day of scheduling for day-ahead transaction, after ensuring that there is no subsisting PPA for the capacity sought under Green Energy Open Access.
- c) Non-refundable processing fee of Five Thousand Rupees for each transaction shall be paid by the applicant, in manner as prescribed by the Nodal Agency like by way of a demand draft or proof of payment through electronic transfer in favour of the Nodal Agency.

Provided that the actual operationalization of Green Energy Open Access shall be effected subject to payment by the applicant of the charges as specified in these Regulations and orders passed by the Commission from time to time, before 17:00 hours of the day immediately preceding the day of scheduling for day ahead transaction.

Provided further that for 12 time-blocks, the consumer shall not change the quantum of power consumed through open access so as to avoid high variations in demand to be met by the distribution licensee.

- d) Where Green Energy Open Access is denied, the State Nodal Agency shall furnish reasons thereof to the applicant.
- e) The reserved capacity by a Short-term Green Energy Open Access Consumer is not transferable to others.
- f) The capacity available as a result of surrender or reduction or cancellation of the reserved capacity by the SLDC, may be reserved for any other Short-term Green Energy Open Access Consumer in accordance with these Regulations.
- g) Upon expiry of the period of Short-term Green Energy Open Access, the Consumer, Generating Station or Licensee, as the case may be, shall not be entitled to any priority for renewal of the term.

**24) The following proviso shall be added after 2<sup>nd</sup> proviso of Regulation 3.9(2) of the Principal Regulations:**

“Provided that Open Access for “non-fossil fuel” sources shall be given priority over the open access from “fossil fuel”.”

**25) In Regulation 3.10 “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access.”**

**26) Heading of Chapter-4 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:**

“Chapter 4: Open Access/Green Energy Open Access Charges”

**27) Amendment in Regulation 4.1 of the Principal Regulations:**

- i. In Regulation 4.1(1), “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access”, “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access” and “Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access.”
- ii. In Regulation 4.1(3), “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access” and “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access”.

**28) Amendment in Regulation 4.2 of the Principal Regulations:**

- i. In Regulation 4.2(1) and its proviso, “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”, “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access” and “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access”.

- ii. In Regulation 4.2(1) and its proviso, “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”, “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access” and “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access”.
- iii. In Regulation 4.2(2), “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.
- iv. In Regulation 4.2(4), “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access” and “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access”.

**29) Amendment in Regulation 4.3 of the Principal Regulations:**

- i. In Regulation 4.3(1)(a), “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access” and “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access”.
- ii. In Regulation 4.3(1)(b), “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access”.
- iii. In Regulation 4.3(2), “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access” and “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access”.

**30) Amendment in Regulation 4.4 of the Principal Regulations:**

- i. In Regulation 4.4(1), “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.
- ii. **The following proviso shall be added after Regulation 4.4(1):**

Provided that the cross-subsidy surcharge for Green Energy Open Access Consumer purchasing green energy from a generating plant using renewable energy sources, shall not be increased during twelve years from the date of operating of the generating plant using renewable energy sources, by more than fifty percent of the surcharge fixed for the year in which open access is granted.

Provided also that cross-subsidy surcharge shall not be applicable in case power produced from a non-fossil fuel-based Waste-to-Energy plant is supplied to the Open Access Consumer.

Provided also that such cross-subsidy surcharge shall not be levied in case distribution access is provided to a person who has established a captive generation plant for carrying the electricity to the destination of his own use.

Provided also that cross-subsidy surcharge shall not be applicable if green energy is utilized for production of green hydrogen and green ammonia.

- iii. Regulation 4.4(4) shall be omitted.

**31) The following Regulation shall be added after Regulation 4.5(7) of the Principal Regulations:**

**8.** The Additional Surcharge shall not be applicable to the Green Energy Open Access consumer for the quantum of Green Energy Open Access availed if the fixed charge is being paid by such Green Energy Open Access consumer to the distribution licensee for the quantum of Green Energy Open Access availed up to contract demand / sanctioned load with the licensee:

Provided that in case the quantum of Green Energy Open Access availed by the Green Energy Open Access consumer is more than the contracted demand / sanctioned load with the licensee and no fixed charge or demand charge is being paid or payable for additional quantum, in that case the Additional Surcharge determined by the Commission from time to time as per the Tariff Orders of the Commission shall be applicable for such additional quantum availed over the contracted demand/ sanctioned load.

Provided further that such additional surcharges shall not be levied in case distribution access is provided to a person who has established a Captive Generation Plant for carrying the electricity to the destination of his own use.

Provided also that Additional Surcharge shall not be applicable in case power produced from Waste-to-Energy plant is supplied to the Green Open Access Consumer.

Provided further also that additional surcharge shall not be applicable in case electricity produced from offshore wind projects, which are commissioned up to December, 2032 and supplied to the Open Access Consumers.

Provided also that Additional Surcharge shall not be applicable if green energy is utilized for production of green hydrogen and green ammonia.

**32) Amendment in Regulation 4.6 of the Principal Regulations:**

- i. The following proviso shall be added after Regulation 4.6(1):

Provided that the standby charges shall not be applicable, if the Green Energy Open Access Consumers have given notice, at least a day in advance before closure time of the Day Ahead Market on D - [minus] 1 day, 'D' being the day of delivery of power for standby arrangement to the distribution licensee.

- ii. The following proviso shall be added after 1<sup>st</sup> proviso of Regulation 4.6(3):

Provided that the applicable standby charges for Green Energy Open Access Consumer shall not be more than 25% of the energy charges applicable to the consumer tariff category.

**33) In Regulation 4.7 “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.**

**34) Heading of Regulation 4.9 shall be substituted as under:**

“Applicability of Open Access/Green Energy Open Access charges”

**35) The title of Table 6 shall be read as “Applicability of charges for Short-term Open Access/Short-term Green Energy Open Access Consumers**

**36) The title of Table 7 shall be read as “Applicability of charges for Medium-term Open Access/ Medium-term Green Energy Open Access Consumers**

**37) The title of Table 8 shall be read as “Applicability of charges for Long-term Open Access/ Long-term Green Energy Open Access Consumers**

**38) Regulation 4.10 shall be added after Regulation 4.9 of the Principal Regulations as under:**

4.10 Charges to be levied for Green Energy Open Access:

The charges to be levied on Green Energy Open Access consumers shall be as follows, namely:-

- a) Transmission Charges;
- b) Wheeling Charges;
- c) Cross Subsidy Surcharge;
- d) Additional Surcharge wherever applicable;
- e) Standby Charges wherever applicable;
- f) Reactive Energy Charges wherever applicable;
- g) Banking Charge wherever applicable; and
- h) Other fees and charges such as Load Despatch Centre fees and scheduling charges, deviation settlement charges as per the relevant Regulations of the Commission.

**39) In Regulation 5.2 “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.**

**40) In Regulation 6.1(1), 6.1(2), 6.1(3), 6.1(6) and 6.1(10) “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.**

**41) In Regulation 6.2 “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access”, “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access” and “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.**

**42) In Regulation 7.1 “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access”, “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access” and “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.**

**43) “Chapter 7A: Banking of Energy” of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:**

“7A.1 Terms and Conditions for Banking of Energy

1. The Distribution Licensee shall allow the arrangement of Banking of Energy to the consumers availing Green Energy Open Access in State/Union Territory, who intend to avail such facility, in its area of

supply on non-discriminatory basis in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Distribution Licensee:

Provided that these Regulations shall not be applicable for the plants covered under the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Solar PV Grid Interactive System based on Net Metering) Regulations, 2019 and its amendment from time to time.

Provided further that the surplus energy of a Green Energy Open Access consumer from a “Green Energy” Generating station, after consumption in its premises, shall be banked with the distribution licensee.

2. The banking facility including injection of surplus energy and drawl of banking of energy by the Green Energy Open Access Consumer shall be subject to scheduling.

3. The banking shall be permitted on monthly/billing cycle basis:

Provided that the energy banked during peak TOD slots may be drawn during off-peak TOD slots, but the energy banked during off-peak TOD slots will not be drawn during peak TOD slots.

4. Banking Charges at the rate of 8% of the banked energy shall be applicable in kind. Banking Charges shall be applicable at the time of drawal of banked energy.
5. The permitted quantum of banked energy in each month by the Green Energy Open Access consumers shall be upto a maximum of thirty percent (30%) of the total monthly consumption of electricity from the distribution licensee by the Green Energy Open Access consumer.

Provided that the credit for banked energy shall not be permitted to be carried forward to subsequent months/next billing cycle and the credit of energy banked during the month/billing cycle shall be adjusted during the same month/billing cycle.

Provided further that the un-utilised surplus banked energy shall be considered as lapsed at the end of each billing cycle and the Renewable Energy generating station shall be entitled to get Renewable Energy Certificates to the extent of the lapsed banked energy.

Provided further that, the energy banked during peak TOD slots shall be permitted to draw during peak as well as off-peak TOD slot by paying the banking charges as specified in this Regulation. However, the energy banked during off-peak TOD slots shall be permitted to draw during off-peak TOD slot only.

Provided also that withdrawal of banked energy shall be allowed only during the same month in which the energy has been banked.

6. Open Access Consumer/Green Energy Open Access Consumer and Distribution Licensee and/or Transmission Licensee shall enter into a Wheeling, Transmission and Banking Agreement (WTBA). The format of Wheeling, Transmission and Banking Agreement is attached as Annexure-I.
7. Open Access Consumer/Green Energy Open Access Consumer and the Distribution Licensee shall enter into a Connection Agreement upon grant of Connectivity. The format of the Connection Agreement is attached as Annexure-II.

Provided that the Connection Agreement between a Transmission Licensee and Open Access Consumer/Green Energy Open Access Consumer, as the case may be, shall be issued by the STU”.

#### **"7A.2 Commercial Settlement of Banking**

1. For each billing period, the Distribution Licensee shall show the quantum of electricity injected in the billing period, quantum of electricity withdrawn by the Green Energy Open Access Consumer from such Generating Station in the billing period and net electricity qualifying for payment by the Green Energy Open Access Consumer for that billing period at the end of each month separately.
2. If the electricity injected exceeds the electricity withdrawn during the billing period, such excess injected electricity shall be considered as lapsed at the end of each month and no compensation shall be applicable on such energy at the end of the month.
3. If the electricity withdrawn exceeds the electricity injected by the RE-based Generating Station, the Distribution Licensee shall raise invoice for the net electricity withdrawn by the Green Energy Open Access consumer at appropriate tariff/charges after taking into account Banking Charges”.

- 43) In Regulation 8 “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.
- 44) In Regulation 9 “/Long-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Long-term Open Access”, “/Medium-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Medium-term Open Access”, “/Short-term Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Short-term Open Access” and “/Green Energy Open Access” shall be added after “Open Access”.
- 45) The following proviso shall be added after 3<sup>rd</sup> Proviso of Regulation 9.4(1) of the Principal Regulations:  
 “Provided also that the curtailment of Green Energy Open Access shall be after Open Access from “fossil fuel”. The Green Energy Open Access curtailment priority shall be first Short-term Green Energy Open Access, next Medium-term Green Energy Open Access and next Long-term Green Energy Open Access.  
 Provided also that within a category, the Green Energy Open Access consumers shall have equal curtailment priority and shall be curtailed on pro-rata basis.”

**By Order of the Commission,**  
**S.D.SHARMA, Secretary (I/c)**  
 [ADVT.-III/4/Exty./506/2024-25]

## ANNEXURE I – MODEL WHEELING, TRANSMISSION AND BANKING AGREEMENT

### Part I – WHEELING AND TRANSMISSION AGREEMENT

#### BETWEEN

.....[Enter name of Distribution Licensee]  
 [Referred to as Party of the First Part]

#### AND

.....[Enter name of LTC/MTC\*]  
 [Referred to as Party of the Second Part]

#### AND

.....[Enter name of Transmission Licensee]  
 [Referred to as Party of the Third Part]

-Relevant Parties to the Agreement:

1. Distribution Licensee – In case of BPWA with or without Banking agreement
2. LTC/MTC – Long-term/Medium-term Customer in all agreements
3. Transmission Licensee – In case of BPTA with or without Banking agreement

*\*Strike-through whichever is not applicable at all occurrences in the Agreement. In case LTC/MTC is Distribution Licensee, clauses on Inter-connection, Undertakings, Wheeling of Energy in the Agreement shall be interpreted accordingly*

This TRANSMISSION AGREEMENT / WHEELING AGREEMENT (as applicable) is entered into on..... [enter day] day of ..... [enter month] Two Thousand.....[enter year] between [enter name of Distribution Licensee/Electricity Department], a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its Registered/Head office at ..... (hereinafter called "....." which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and assigns), as party of the First part and between [Name of Long Term Customer/ Medium Term Customer] having its Registered/Head office at (hereinafter called LTC/MTC as individually "....." which expressions shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and assigns) as party of the Second part and between [Name of Transmission Licensee] ..... (if transaction involves transmission network) having its Registered/Head office at..... (hereinafter called as ..... which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors and assigns) as party of the Third part.

And whereas party of the First part is a Distribution Licensee, within the State of Goa or the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry (as applicable) (hereinafter referred to as “the State or UTs, as applicable”) and is bestowed with the responsibility to develop, own, operate and maintain an efficient, coordinated and economical distribution system in his area of supply in accordance with the provisions contained in the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter

referred to as “the Act”); and to provide non-discriminatory open access/green energy open access u/s 42(3) of the Act, to its distribution system for use by any Licensee or Generating Company or consumer permitted under the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017, and amendments thereof (hereinafter referred to as the JERC Open Access Regulations) on payment of wheeling charge, surcharge and additional surcharge and other charges (as may be applicable) as provided in the JERC Open Access Regulations.

***[enter any one of the following for party of the Second Part]***

And whereas Party of the Second Part is a distribution licensee who has entered into agreement(s) for the purchase of electricity from generating company(ies) or licensee(s) and/or sale of electricity to licensee(s) situated within and/or outside the State on long/medium term basis as specified in Annexure A; [*...if LTC/MTC is a licensee*]

*or*

And whereas Party of the Second Part is a generating company who has entered into agreement(s) for sale of electricity to the licensee(s) and/or consumer(s) situated within and/or outside the State on long/medium term basis as specified in Annexure A; [*...if LTC/MTC is a generating company including Renewable Energy Generating Station*]

*or*

And whereas Party of the Second Part is a generating company operating or will operate a plant qualified as ‘Captive Generating Plant’ under the provisions of the Act and is willing to carry electricity from its captive generating plant to the destination(s) of use at..... [*enter destinations*] and/or has scheme to sell electricity to licensee(s)/consumer(s) [*enter if applicable*] situated within and/or outside the State and/or outside the State on long/medium term basis as specified in Annexure A; [*...if LTC/MTC is a generating company operating as captive generating plant*]

*or*

And whereas Party of the Second Part is a consumer, permitted to seek open access/green energy open access under the provisions of JERC Open Access Regulations as amended from time to time, who has entered into agreement(s) for purchase of electricity from generating company (ies) or licensee(s) situated within and/or outside the State on long/medium term basis as specified in Annexure A; [*...if consumer is permitted as LTC/MTC*].

And whereas Party of the Third Part is a Transmission Licensee owning and operating transmission system in the State of Goa or Union Territories of (as applicable), as per its Licence, and is under a statutory obligation to provide non-discriminatory open access, under the provisions of section 40 (c) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and in accordance with JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 as amended from time to time;

And whereas agreement(s) for purchase and/or sale of electricity signed by LTC/MTC, require exchange of energy upto ..... kW/MW individually between him and specified seller(s) or buyer(s) (strikeout whichever is not applicable), as the case may be, for a fixed or varying quantum of power (kW/MW) at specified point(s) of injection and drawal interfaced with distribution system of party of the First part or interfaced with transmission system of party of Third Part;

And whereas LTC/MTC is desirous to avail long/medium term open access/green energy open access to distribution system of party of the First part for wheeling of electricity and/or Transmission System of party of Third Part for transmission of electricity between point(s) of injection and drawl in accordance with JERC Open Access Regulations as amended from time to time; as detailed in Annexure-A;

And whereas LTC/MTC and Party of the First Part and/or Party of the Third Part have agreed to comply with such obligations, duties, time schedules, instructions or any other directions as set out by STU in JERC Open Access Regulations;

And whereas party of the First Part and/or Party of the Third Part has agreed to undertake wheeling and/or transmission of electricity from the point(s) of injection to point(s) of drawal, as detailed in Annexure-A, through distribution and/or transmission system built, maintained and operated by it and as strengthened from time to time on mutually agreed terms and conditions;

And whereas LTC/MTC has agreed to comply with installation of ABT compatible meters at point(s) of injection and drawl and meet all requirements of communication as mandated by STU;

And whereas LTC/MTC has agreed to make payment strictly as per provisions of JERC Open Access Regulations;

And whereas LTC/MTC has agreed to ensure compliance of directions issued by party of the First Part and/or party of the Third Part through any instrument prior to or after grant of long/medium-term open access/green energy open access;

And whereas the party of the First part and/or party of the Third part and party of the Fourth part have as per their letters dated given their consent for wheeling and/or transmission and banking [banking in the case of Renewable Energy Generating Stations (including RE based Captive Generating Stations) only] subject to the Terms and Conditions as set out in this agreement.

NOW THEREFORE in consideration of the foregoing premises and mutual agreements, covenants and conditions set forth herein, party of the First Part and/or Party of the Third Part and Party of the Fourth Part (in case of Banking) and LTC/MTC, i.e., Party of the Second Part do hereby agree as follows:-

## DEFINITIONS

Any Words and expressions used in this Agreement shall have the same meaning as defined in the Act, JERC Open Access Regulations 2017 (as amended from time to time), JERC Grid Code, JERC Electricity Supply Code or any other JERC Regulations.

### A. INTER-CONNECTION

1. The LTC/MTC shall be connected with the network of the Transmission/Distribution Licensee in accordance with the connectivity agreement under the provisions JERC Open Access Regulations. In case the above Regulations do not specify connectivity standards for a particular voltage level, the same shall be in accordance with the JERC Grid Code, JERC Electricity Supply Code or any other applicable JERC Regulations or CEA standards.
2. Exchange of power shall be in accordance with the connectivity agreement under the provisions of JERC Open Access Regulations, details of which are to be specified in Annexure A. The system upto injection point and subsequent to drawl point shall be operated and maintained by LTC/MTC.
3. The LTC/MTC shall install, at its own cost, protection equipment, viz., protection system, communication system or similar equipment for the protection of its own equipment as well as equipment of the Transmission/Distribution Licensee. LTC/MTC shall obtain the approval of the Transmission/Distribution Licensee for the specifications of such equipment and shall furnish the test reports to the Transmission/Distribution Licensee, as may be required.
4. The LTC/MTC shall get its facilities and/or equipment inspected by the Transmission/Distribution Licensee before commencement of wheeling and/or banking and/or transmission and annually thereafter. Further, the LTC/MTC shall obtain the following approvals:
  - a) Approval of the Electrical Inspectorate for the purpose of electrical safety;
  - b) Synchronization approval from the Transmission/Distribution Licensee;
  - c) Written approval / concurrence for wheeling and/or banking and/or transmission of injected energy shall be in accordance with JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, thereof, before synchronization:

Provided that if the approval/concurrence is not made within the specified time limit of above provisions, then it shall be deemed as approved;

5. The LTC/MTC shall ensure that the metering and protection facility be, open on notice for inspection by the authorized representatives of the concerned Transmission/Distribution Licensee;
6. LTC/MTC shall give written notice of at least fifteen days in advance to the STU/Transmission Licensee/Distribution Licensee before the commercial operation date where no system strengthening is involved. However, if system strengthening is involved, then the timelines will be in accordance with JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, thereof. The same shall also be intimated in writing to the respective SLDC;
7. The Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall not be liable for losses or damages, if any, consequent to any line outage prior to injection point or subsequent to drawl point, for any reason whatsoever, due to which power is not evacuated.



**B. UNDERTAKINGS****1. Obligations of the [Name of LTC] / [Name of MTC]:**

- i. The LTC/MTC at all times shall have statutory approvals, clearances, and permits as set out in Annexure-B of this agreement. Further, LTC/MTC shall undertake to establish, operate & maintain its own system in accordance with the Act, JERC State Grid code, Electricity Supply Code and other applicable Regulations, Rules, Codes, and Standards abiding prudent utility practices.
- ii. The LTC/MTC shall be liable to pay all applicable charges in accordance with JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, thereof and other applicable JERC Regulations.
- iii. The LTC/MTC shall pay any applicable taxes, cess, duties or levies imposed by the Government or Competent Authority from time to time.
- iv. The LTC/MTC shall furnish when required, any data necessary for the system studies conducted by the Transmission/ Distribution Licensee.
- v. The LTC/MTC shall establish Letter of Credit and make payment of bills as per JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, thereof.
- vi. LTC/MTC shall comply with instructions/directions of the State/Area Load Dispatch Centre.

**2. Obligations of Transmission/Distribution Licensee**

The [Name of Transmission Licensee]/ [Name of Distribution Licensee] shall:

- i. Abide by the JERC State Grid code, JERC Electricity Supply Code and other applicable JERC Regulations, Rules, Codes and Standards.
- ii. Shall own, operate and maintain its transmission/distribution system and shall develop additional transmission/distribution system from time to time in order to maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical transmission/distribution system in accordance with the provisions of the Act, Rules and Regulations in force. Such system may also be used by LTC/MTC in synchronism with Inter-State transmission system, as the case may be, for conveyance of contracted capacity under open access between specified point(s) of injection and drawl as detailed in Annexure A.
- iii. shall endeavour to maintain reliability of power except in case of occurrences or situations beyond its control for which distribution/transmission licensee shall not be held responsible and LTC/MTC agrees to indemnify distribution/transmission licensee on that account.
- iv. shall have right to take measures to prevent imminent damage to any equipment installed in its distribution/transmission system and LTC/MTC agrees for curtailment of supply, if any, that occurs due to such measures taken up by distribution/transmission licensee. However, Distribution/Transmission Licensee agrees to notify LTC/MTC about such occurrence, in advance if planned, otherwise after occurrence in case of emergency. The Distribution/Transmission Licensee shall ensure to take remedial measures to prevent or avert repetition of such occurrences in future.
- v. The Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall not impose any restrictions on the operation of LTC/MTC except for reasons of safe operation of the grid.
- vi. The Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall not be liable to pay any compensation for any damage caused to any system of LTC/MTC resulting from parallel operation with the grid.

**C. METERING**

1. Installation, periodical testing, calibration, maintenance of meters, checking and other related aspects (for both main and check meters) shall be undertaken in accordance with the JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and amendments thereof read with provisions specified in the JERC Grid Code.
2. In case any tampering of metering cubicle or energy meters is detected or observed at injection or drawal points, the Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall have the right to withdraw the Wheeling facilities and/or Banking facility to the LTC/MTC subject to the 30 days notice period to the defaulting entity to file its response. The Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall give in writing the reasons for withdrawal of wheeling and/or Banking facility.

**D. WHEELING OF ENERGY:**

1. Since approval of open access/green energy open access is granted prior to signing BPTA/BPWA, accordingly

the transaction with its quantum of power along with parties to exchange stands approved at the time of signing BPTA. Any addition or deletion in the list of consumers shall be deemed approved by the Transmission/Distribution Licensee provided the transferred power capacity is within the earlier power quantum. No supplemental agreement shall be required to be signed, for such addition or deletion of the consumers.

2. Subject to JERC Regulations/Orders, the energy injected by the generation facility under wheeling shall be charged first to the consumption of LTC/ MTC and/or its customers. The residual energy at the end of settlement period shall be deemed to have been purchased by the Transmission/Distribution Licensee in whose jurisdiction the project is located and paid by such Transmission/Distribution Licensee subject to the provisions of the JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, thereof.
3. In the event of system constraints, conditions prescribed in the applicable JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 shall be adhered to.
4. The Transmission/Distribution Licensee reserves the right to withdraw the facility of wheeling and/or banking either wholly or partly in case of any breach of conditions of this agreement or under force majeure conditions. In case of establishment of any breach of condition of this agreement, the Transmission Licensee / Distribution Licensee shall grant 30 days curing period. If the party cures the breach Wheeling and/or banking shall be restored otherwise it shall be withdrawn. In such an event, Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall not be liable to pay any compensation or damages to the LTC/MTC.

#### **E. ENERGY ACCOUNT**

1. The recorded meter data as per the database maintained by STU/Distribution Licensee or Generating Station shall form the basis of billing and shall be binding on LTC/MTC.
2. It shall be the responsibility of the generating company or STU/Distribution Licensee to record the metered data, maintain database of all the information associated with the energy accounting and audit meters and verify the correctness of metered data. Each generating company or STU shall prepare quarterly, half-yearly and yearly energy account for its system for taking appropriate action for efficient operation and system development in accordance with provisions of the JERC State Grid Code, JERC Supply Code and other applicable JERC Regulations.

#### **F. CHARGES**

1. For the purpose of Open Access/Green Energy Open Access, the charges shall be as per JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, thereof, or other applicable Regulations and Orders of the Commission.
2. However, the Generating Facility shall be permitted to import power from the grid for start-up, maintenance and other allied purposes duly intimating the period for which such supply is required. In such cases, the actual energy drawn from the grid, as recorded by the import meter, shall be charged in accordance with the applicable Rate Schedule as provided in the Tariff Order of the Commission.
3. The infirm energy injected during the period from trial operation date after synchronization up to the commercial operation date shall be deemed to be sold to the Transmission/Distribution Licensee in whose jurisdiction the project is located and shall be paid for by such Transmission/Distribution Licensee at the rate specified in JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017, and its amendments, thereof.
4. Loss of Energy in wheeling and/or transmission shall be calculated as per the loss levels fixed by the Commission, from time to time, in its Tariff Order.

#### **G. BILLING AND PAYMENT**

1. Preparation of Energy Account, Billing and payment by LTC/MTC/Distribution Licensee shall be done in accordance with JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments thereof and other applicable JERC Regulations.
2. The payment of bills by LTC/MTC/Distribution Licensee shall be done in full even if there appears to be an error and the disputed amount shall be dealt in accordance with Clause 3 below.
3. In case of dispute, LTC/MTC shall file a written objection with *STU/ Distribution Licensee/ Transmission Licensee* preferably within 30 (thirty) days of presentation of the bill, giving following particulars:
  - i) Items disputed, with full details/data and reasons of dispute, and
  - ii) Amount disputed against each item.

*STU/ Distribution Licensee/ Transmission Licensee* shall resolve the above dispute(s) with LTC/MTC within 30 (thirty) days.

There will be no additional surcharge applicable on the disputed amount of bills during the said period of dispute resolution.

#### **H. ARBITRATION**

1. The Parties hereby agree to attempt to resolve all disputes arising hereunder promptly, equitably and in good faith.
2. All disputes or differences between the Parties arising out of or in connection with this Agreement shall, as far as possible, be settled through mutual negotiations.
3. Each Party shall designate in writing and communicate to the other Party its own representative, who shall be authorized to resolve any dispute arising out of this Agreement.
4. If the designated representatives are unable to resolve a dispute under this Agreement within thirty (30) days after such dispute arises, then the parties shall refer the same to JERC for adjudication.
5. Notwithstanding the existence of any disputes and differences, the parties hereto shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Agreement and/or as directed by the Commission by an order made in the proceedings during the course of dispute.

#### **I. FORCE MAJEURE**

1. In the event of Force Majeure conditions like war, mutiny, riot, earthquake, hurricane, strike, tempest, accident to machinery, affecting the wheeling of power, the Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall have no obligation to Wheel and/ or Bank the energy as per this agreement. However, they shall make all reasonable efforts to restore normalcy within 30 (thirty) days and if the same is not possible, this agreement will be treated as temporarily suspended for the period in which Force Majeure conditions continue including aforementioned 30 days.

During the period in which Force Majeure conditions prevail, Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall not be liable to pay any compensation or damage or any claims, whatsoever, for any direct or indirect loss that may be suffered by the LTC/MTC on account of wheeling/ banking of Electricity not being performed during the period.

#### **J. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

All discretions to be exercised and directions, approvals, consents and notices to be given and actions to be taken under these presents, unless otherwise expressly provided herein, shall be exercised and given by the signatories to this Agreement or by the authorised representative(s) that each party may nominate in this behalf and notify in writing to the other party by Registered Post/Speed Post. Any other nomination of authorised representative(s) and/or changes in designation shall be informed likewise in writing to/by the LTC/MTC within one month of signing of the Agreement. Notwithstanding any nomination, the Director (.....) [*Name of distribution licensee*] and/or [*Name of transmission licensee*] or his authorised representative shall be authorised to act for and on behalf of [*Name of distribution licensee*] and/or [*Name of transmission licensee*]. Any changes in designations/registered office address shall be intimated in writing to all concerned parties.

#### **K. NOTICE**

Any notice, communication, demand, or request required or authorized by this Agreement shall be in writing and shall be deemed properly given upon the date of receipt, if delivered by hand or sent by courier, if mailed by registered post, if sent by fax when dispatched (provided if the sender's transmission report shows the entire fax to have been received by the recipient and only if the transmission was received in legible form).

#### **L. EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall become effective upon the execution and delivery thereof by the Parties hereto, and unless terminated pursuant to other provisions of the Agreement, shall continue to be in force for such time for which Open Access/Green Energy Open Access is provided subject to the grant of Open Access/Green Energy Open Access for the period of renewal.

#### **M. EVENTS OF DEFAULT**

LTC/MTC's Default: The occurrence of any of the following events at any time during the term of this Agreement shall constitute an Event of Default by the LTC/MTC:

1. Failure or refusal by the LTC/MTC to perform any of its obligations agreed under this Agreement.
2. Failure by the Generating Facility to generate and inject and failure by LTC/MTC to wheel and/or transmit energy continuously for a period of six months in a Financial Year, as the case may be.
3. Non-payment of charges as specified in this agreement within the time specified in clause G(1) of this Agreement.

**N. TERMINATION FOR LTC/MTC DEFAULT:**

1. Upon the occurrence of any event of default as set out in clause M(1) and M(2) above, the Transmission/Distribution Licensee may deliver a Default Notice to the LTC/MTC in writing, which shall specify in reasonable detail the event of default giving rise to the default notice and call upon the LTC/MTC to cure the same within 30 days from the date of notice.
2. In case the LTC/MTC fails to cure the default(s) notified in the above Notice within 30 (thirty) days of the notice, the Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect.
3. Upon termination of this agreement, the Transmission/Distribution Licensee shall stand discharged of all its obligations undertaken under this Agreement. However, the Parties shall fulfil the payment obligations arising out of this Agreement prior to the date of termination.

**O. NON-PAYMENT OF BILLS AND NON-ESTABLISHMENT OF LC**

1. In case the payment of any bill for charges payable under the Agreement is delayed by LTC/MTC, distribution/transmission licensee shall levy late payment surcharge as per the rate specified in the orders of the Commission.
2. LTC/MTC will make all efforts to open Bank Guarantee (BG) within a reasonable period. In the event of failure to establish/enhance BG within a reasonable period or alternatively if any bill remains unpaid in absence of BG for a period exceeding two months from the date of issue of the bill, distribution/transmission licensee shall inform SLDC to discontinue/regulate wheeling of electricity to LTC/MTC. SLDC at its own discretion may not consider scheduling such transaction or may cancel scheduling of already scheduled transaction or may not entertain any application of such customer in future until default is cured.

**P. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

1. **Waivers:** Any failure on the part of a Party to exercise and any delay in exercising any right set out hereunder for a period exceeding three years shall operate as a waiver thereof. No waiver by a Party of any right hereunder with respect to any matter or default arising in connection with this Agreement shall be considered as a waiver with respect to any subsequent matter of default.
2. **Limitation, Remedies and Damages:** Neither Party shall be liable to the other for any consequential, indirect or special damages to persons or property whether arising in tort, contract or otherwise, by reason of this Agreement or any services performed or undertaken to be performed hereunder.
3. **Severability:** Any provision of this Agreement, which is prohibited or unenforceable under any law, shall be ineffective to the extent of such prohibition or unenforceability without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof and without affecting the validity, enforceability or legality of such other provisions.
4. **Amendments:** This Agreement shall not be amended, changed, altered, or modified except by a written instrument duly executed by the authorized representatives of concerned Parties and approved by the Commission.
5. **Assignment:** The LTC/MTC shall not assign this Agreement or any portion hereof without the prior written consent of the Transmission/Distribution Licensee and approval of the Commission.

Provided further that any assignee shall expressly assume in writing the assignor's obligations arising under this Agreement prior to the assignment.

**6. Entire Agreement, Appendices:**

- a) This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between Transmission/Distribution Licensee and the LTC/MTC, concerning the subject matter hereof. The annexures, attachments and exhibits, if any, are hereby made an integral part of this Agreement and shall be fully binding upon the Parties.
- b) In the event of any inconsistency between the text of the Articles of this Agreement and the annexures, attachments or exhibits, if any, hereto or in the event of any inconsistency between the

provisions and particulars of one appendix, attachment or exhibit and those of any other appendix, attachment or exhibit, Transmission/Distribution Licensee and the LTC/MTC shall mutually consult to resolve the inconsistency.

- c) All previous model agreements concerning the subject stand repealed. However, any transaction taking place on the basis of earlier model agreements shall be deemed to be a valid transaction for such period as specified in the earlier model agreements.

7. **Further Acts and Assurances:** Each of the Parties after convincing itself agrees to execute and deliver all such further agreements, documents and instruments, and to do and perform all such further acts and things, as shall be necessary or convenient to carry out the provisions of this Agreement and to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by their authorized representatives and copies delivered to each Party, as of the day and year first above stated.

### Part – II Banking Agreement

BANKING (applicable in case of Banking of Power allowed as per JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments)

1. The energy banked shall be settled as per JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments in respect of Renewable Energy Generating Stations allowed by the Commission.
2. The Distribution Licensee, in whose jurisdiction the Generating Facility is situated, shall pay at the tariff as per JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, thereof, for the banked energy remaining unutilized at the end of every settlement period, subject to the settlement of banking charges as prescribed in the aforesaid Regulations.
3. The Banking as well as withdrawal of banked energy shall be subject to day-ahead scheduling only at the Point of Injection of Power. However, the captive generating facility (including renewable energy-based captive Generating Stations) may supply banked power to its consumers/users in accordance with JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 including its amendments after payment of all applicable charges as per Open Access Regulations, 2017 including its amendments after adjusting the banking charges.
4. The power withdrawn by Renewable Energy Generating Stations/Captive Users of RE based Captive Generating Stations, as ascertained by SEMs readings, which is not against the banked power, shall be treated as sale and the financial settlement shall be made as per Regulation of JERC Open Access Regulations 2017, and its amendments, thereof.
5. Subject to the JERC Regulations/Orders, the energy injected by the generation facility shall first be adjusted towards the banked energy. After such adjustment, the balance energy shall be treated as per the provision of the JERC Open Access Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, thereof.

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*[enter name of Distribution Licensee/ Electricity Department]*

*[enter name of LTC/MTC]*

*[enter name of Transmission Licensee]*

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**ANNEXURE-A****Injection Entity**

1. Name of entity .....
2. Status of entity .....
3. Utility in which it is embedded .....
4. Interface with transmission or distribution system (as the case may be)
  - i) Name of sub-station .....
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**Long Term Open Access/Green Energy Open Access Details**

1. Date/Month of commencement of the open access/green energy open access .....
2. Period of open access/green energy open access .....
3. Duration of open access/green energy open access (Time block) .....
4. Capacity (kW/MW) at point of Injection .....

**ANNEXURE-B****PERMITS, CLEARANCES AND APPROVALS**

1. Permission for Grant of Connectivity and Approval of Open Access/Green Energy Open Access.
2. Synchronization approval and Commissioning report from Transmission/Distribution Licensee.
3. Wheeling and Banking (wherever applicable) approval by the nodal agency
4. Approval of the Electrical Inspector, for Commissioning of the transmission line for evacuation of power from the project to the injection point/substation.
5. Approvals required under any law for the time being in force.

**ANNEXURE II: CONNECTION AGREEMENT**

This agreement is made on day of \_\_20\_\_ between,

(i) \_\_\_\_ (Name) of \_\_\_\_ (Address) \_\_\_\_ (Hereinafter referred to as the “Distribution Licensee”);

(ii) \_\_\_\_ (Name) of \_\_\_\_ (Address) \_\_\_\_ (Hereinafter referred to as the “Applicant”);

Whereas the Distribution Licensee has a Licence to operate and maintain a Distribution System for supplying electricity to Consumers in the area of supply specified in his Licence:

Whereas the Applicant is a [Generating Station/ Licensee] eligible to connect to the Distribution System of the Distribution Licensee in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the JERC (Connectivity and open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017, as amended from time to time:

This Agreement sets out the rights and obligations of the parties in respect of:

- a) The provision of connection to the Distribution System by the Distribution Licensee to the Applicant and the payment for such connection by the Applicant;

- b) the obligations of the Applicant in respect of such connection to the Distribution System of the Distribution Licensee;

The parties agree as follows:

### 1. Compliance with Act, Rules and Regulations

All parties to this Agreement shall comply with the provisions of the Act and the rules and Regulations laid down there under. Where any provision of this Agreement is inconsistent with the provisions of the Act and/ or the rules or Regulations laid down there under, the provisions of the Act, rules or Regulations, as the case may be, shall take precedence to the extent of such inconsistency.

### 2. Compliance with JERC for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017 and State Grid Code as amended from time to time.

All parties to this Agreement shall comply with the provisions of the JERC for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments, the State Grid Code to the extent applicable to them.

### 3. Term of Agreement

This Agreement shall commence from the date and time of commencement, as provided in the Agreement and shall continue for such duration as may be agreed between the parties, unless terminated in accordance with clause 2 herein.

### 4. Termination of Agreement

1. Any party intending to terminate this Agreement shall give the other parties not less than thirty days prior written notice of termination of this Agreement:

Provided, that termination shall be subject to settlement of all dues of the Distribution Licensees in accordance with the Act, the Regulations and this Agreement.

2. The Distribution Licensees may terminate this Agreement and disconnect the Applicant in the following circumstances, in accordance with the provisions of the Act:-
  - a. the Applicant defaults in the payment of any charge or any other sum due from him as provided under Section 56 of the Act; or
  - b. any breach of Contract in an Open Access transaction where the Applicant is a party and which is affecting the Distribution Licensee or the Supply Distribution Licensee;
  - c. the Applicant does an act referred to in sub-section (3) of Section 163 of the Act; or;
  - d. the disconnection is authorized under any other provision of the Act, the Rules and Regulations made there under and/ or any other law for the time being in force.

3. The Applicant shall, within the notice period under clause 5.1 above, remedy or remove the cause or causes stated in the notice failing which the Distribution Licensee may terminate this Agreement from the date stated in the notice.

4. The reconnection of a disconnected Applicant shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Act and the Regulations.

### 5. Dispute Resolution

1. Each party shall use all reasonable endeavours to resolve any disputes through bilateral mechanisms that may be mutually agreed upon.
2. Where any dispute between the Distribution Licensee and the Applicant under this Agreement cannot be bilaterally resolved, it shall be resolved in accordance with the JERC for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.

### 6. Force Majeure

- i. If either party is unable wholly or partly to perform on time any obligation under this Agreement by reason of occurrence of a Force Majeure Event, that obligation shall be suspended, without liability, so far as the party's ability to perform is affected by the Force Majeure Event.
- ii. A party affected by a Force Majeure Event shall use all reasonable endeavours to remove the effect of each Force Majeure Event affecting its performance of this Agreement.

- iii. Subject to clause 7.2, if a party considers that a circumstance has arisen which constitutes or is likely to constitute or result in a Force Majeure Event, it shall as soon as reasonably practicable thereafter give to the other party, notice containing particulars of the Force Majeure Event including
  - a. its nature and likely duration,
  - b. the obligations affected by it and the nature and extent of its effect on those obligations; and
  - c. the steps taken to remove, overcome or minimize its effect:

Provided the Force Majeure conditions shall be implemented in accordance with for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017 and its amendments.

## 7. Changes of Agreement

The parties agree to negotiate in good faith any amendments to this Agreement that may be reasonably required as a result of experience gained in the introduction of Open Access in the State.

## 8. Agreement to Connect

1. Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Distribution Licensee agrees to the Applicant's premises being connected and remaining connected to the Distribution System at the Connection Point and to the Connection Point remaining Energized for the term of this Agreement, except where authorized under the Act or the Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution Regulations.
2. The Applicant shall take all reasonable precautions as regards his Connection to the Distribution System of the Distribution Licensee to prevent any adverse effect on the;
  - a. Use of the Distribution System of the Distribution Licensee;
  - b. Quality and reliability of supply of electricity through the Distribution System of the Distribution Licensee; and
  - c. Safety of the Distribution Licensee's works and personnel, as may be required of the Applicant's in accordance with the Regulations specified under Section 53 of the Act.

## 9. Processing of Applications

1. Upon receipt of an application, the Distribution Licensee send his Authorized Representative to:
  - a. study the technical requirements of making Connection to the Distribution System
  - b. inspect the premises which is to be connected, with prior intimation to the Applicant
2. The Authorized Representative shall, in agreement with the applicant, fix the position of the mains, cut-outs or circuit breakers and meters and sanction the load for the premises:

Provided that the service position shall normally be at an accessible location and the meter shall be fixed at a height so as to enable convenient reading of meter and to protect the meter from any adverse weather conditions.
3. After an inspection referred to in Clause 9(1) above is carried out, the Distribution Licensee shall intimate the Applicant of the details of any works that are required to be undertaken for giving Connection, the charges to be borne by the Applicant thereon in accordance with Clause 10 below and list of outstanding documents and consents/ statutory permissions required to be obtained by the Applicant.
4. Upon receipt of a duly complete application accompanied with the required charges, and availability of suitable piece of land or room and all other consents and permissions as may be required, the Distribution Licensee shall sanction and carry out or may also permit to be carried out the works required to Energize the Connection Point.
5. The Distribution Licensee shall give, the Applicant, not less than 2 days prior notice of any tests for energizing the Connection and shall, immediately after energizing the Connection, notify the Applicant of the time and date of Connection of the facility.
6. The Applicant shall not, prior to receipt of such notification under Clause 5 above, perform any act so as to import electricity from or export electricity to the Distribution system through the Connection Point.
7. The works undertaken to provide the Connection to the Distribution System shall be maintained by the Distribution Licensee over the term of this Agreement.
8. The Distribution Licensee shall be entitled to use such works to provide a Connection to any other eligible person or to provide supply to any Consumer of such Distribution Licensee, except if such use is detrimental to the Connection to the Applicant or to the use of Distribution system in relation to such Consumer.



## 10. Principles of levy of charges

1. Where the Connection entails works of laying a service-line from the distributing main to the Applicant's premises, the Distribution Licensee shall be authorized to recover all expenses incurred on such works from the Applicant based on the schedule of charges approved by the Commission under the Electricity Supply Code.
2. Where the Connection entails works of installation of dedicated facilities, the Distribution Licensee shall be authorized to recover all expenses reasonably incurred on such works from the Applicant based on the approved schedule of charges.
3. Where such facilities have been provided by the Applicant, then such facilities may be retained by the Applicant upon termination of this Agreement:

Provided however that where the termination of this Agreement is due to the Applicant's failure to pay any sum under Section 56 of the Act, the Distribution Licensee, in addition to the rights available under that Section, shall be entitled to adjust such sums due from the recoverable amount of facilities to which the Applicant is connected or to retain facilities of such recoverable amount as to cover such sums due from such Applicant to the Distribution Licensee.

4. Where the Distribution Licensee permits an Applicant to carry out works for the Connection through a Licensed Electrical Contractor, the Distribution Licensee shall be entitled to only recover charges for supervision undertaken by the Distribution Licensee up to a maximum of 15 per cent of the cost of labour that would have been employed by the Distribution Licensee in carrying out such works.
5. On completion of all works under this clause, the Distribution Licensee shall notify the Supply Distribution Licensee about completeness of work.

## 11. Change of Name

1. A Connection may be transferred in the name of another person upon death of the Applicant or in case of transfer of ownership or occupancy of the premises, upon application for change of name by the new owner or occupier:

Provided that such change of name shall not entitle the Applicant to require shifting of the Connection to a new premises.

2. The application for change of name shall be accompanied by such charges of the Distribution Licensee, as are approved under the Electricity Supply Code.
3. The application under Clause 11(1) shall be accompanied by:
  - a. consent letter of the transferor for transfer of Connection in the name of transferee;
  - b. in the absence of a consent letter, any one of the following documents in respect of the premises: (a) proof of ownership of premises; (b) in case of partition, the partition deed; (c) registered deed; or (d) succession certificate;
  - c. photocopy of licence / clearance with respect to the purpose for which electricity is being supplied to the premises, if required by statute;
  - d. Processing fee or receipt thereof
4. The Distribution Licensee shall communicate the decision on change of name to the Applicant, within 2 months from the date of application for change of name:

Provided that where the Distribution Licensees disallows or refuses to the change of name, it shall do so after affording the applicant for change of name a reasonable opportunity of being heard in the matter:

Provided further that the Distribution Licensees shall communicate the reasons of refusal in writing through letter, including by electronic means to the Applicant for change of name.

5. Any charge or any sum other than a charge due to the Distribution Licensee which remains unpaid by a deceased Consumer or erstwhile owner / occupier of premises, as the case may be, shall be a charge on the premises transmitted to the legal representatives / successors-in-law or transferred to the new owner / occupier of premises, as the case may be, and the same shall be recoverable by the Distribution Licensees as due from such legal representatives or successors-in law or new owner / occupier of the premises, as the case may be:

Provided that except in the case of transfer of connection to a legal heir, the liabilities transferred under this Clause 11(5) shall be restricted to maximum period of six months of the unpaid charges due to the Distribution Licensees in accordance with Section 56 of the Act and this Agreement.

**12. Power Factor and Harmonics**

1. It shall be obligatory for the Applicant to maintain the average power factor of his load at levels prescribed by the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 with such variations, if any, adopted both by the Distribution Licensee, in accordance with Rule 27 of the Indian Electricity Rules, 1956 and in accordance with the relevant orders of the Commission.
2. It shall be obligatory for the Applicant to control harmonics of his load at levels prescribed by the IEEE STD 519-1992, and in accordance with the relevant orders of the Commission.
3. The Distribution Licensee, may require the Applicant, within a reasonable time period, which shall not be less than 3 months, to take such effective measures so as to raise the average power factor or control harmonics of his installation to a value not less than the prescribed norm:

Provided that the Supply Distribution Licensee may charge penalty or provide incentive for low / high power factor and for harmonics, in accordance with relevant orders of the Commission.

**13. Access to Premises**

1. No person other than an Authorized Representative of the Distribution Licensee or any other person authorized under the Act and the rules and Regulations made there under shall be authorized to operate, handle or remove any electrical plant, electric lines or meter or break, remove, erase or otherwise interfere with the seals, name plates and distinguishing numbers or marks affixed on such property of the Distribution Licensee placed in the Applicant's premises:

Provided that such authorized Representative of both the Distribution Licensee shall not perform any of the acts under this Clause 13 except in the presence of the Applicant or his representative:

Provided further that the Distribution Licensees shall provide prior intimation to the Applicant of the visit of the Authorized Representative to the Applicant's premises, except where the Distribution Licensee has reason to believe that any person is indulging in unauthorized use of electricity and/ or is committing an offence of the nature provided for in Part XIV of the Act on such premises.

2. The Applicant shall permit entry into his premises for the authorized representatives of the Distribution Licensee to read, inspect, test, install, remove or replace the meters or to Energise or De-Energise the Connection Point.

**14. Information Exchange**

1. The Distribution Licensee and the Applicant agree to use their reasonable endeavours to provide each other, in a timely manner, such information in respect of the Open Access Consumers and their connection to and use of distribution system as either of them may possess and as the other may reasonably require to carry out their obligations under the Act, the Rules, the Connectivity and open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution Regulations or this Agreement:

Provided that the provision of information under this clause shall be subject to the obligations of both parties to maintain confidentiality of such information being requested for, under the Act or any other law for the time being in force.

2. The Distribution Licensee and the Applicant agree to take reasonable steps to ensure that all information provided by either of them to the other under this Agreement is accurate and complete.

**15. Governing Laws and Jurisdiction**

The Agreement shall be governed by Indian Laws and Rules made there under.

**16. Amendment to Connection Agreement**

In case of modification to the point of Connection like re-allocation of bays, upgradation of voltage level, etc., by either of the parties, if mutually agreed, an amendment to the Connection Agreement shall be executed between the parties within 30 days of implementing such modification.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Distribution Licensee and the Applicant have caused this Agreement to be executed by duly authorized representative on date above first herein written.

Name & Signature

Applicant

Name & Signature

Distribution Licensee