

Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission

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AMENDMENT

Dated: 16/07/2026

F.17(44)/Engg./DERC/2024-25/8208 - The Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 181 read with Section 61(h), Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003, Regulation 14 of the DERC (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2014, Guideline 11 of the Guidelines under DERC (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2014 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby amends following Guidelines in Guidelines under DERC (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) Regulations, 2014 (hereinafter referred to as “the Principal Guidelines”):

1.0 Short Title and Commencement:

- (1) These Guidelines shall be called the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering for Renewable Energy) (Second Amendment) Guidelines, 2026.
- (2) These Guidelines shall come into effect from the date of issue and shall apply to applications pending at any stage on, or received on or after, that date.

2.0 Amendment of Guideline 3 of the Principal Guidelines:

In Guideline 3 (Procedure for Application and Registration) of the Principal Guidelines, for the words “is a three tier process, which is as follows: i) Feasibility Analysis, ii) Registration, iii) Connection Agreement.”, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“shall be a two-stage process, comprising Stage I – Technical Feasibility Analysis, and Stage II – Integrated Document Verification, Inspection and Net Meter Installation, and shall be undertaken through either of the following routes:

(a) Route A – a domestic consumer seeking a Rooftop Solar Connection under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana shall apply through the PM Surya Ghar National Portal, and such application shall be received electronically by the Distribution Licensee and processed in accordance with these Guidelines; and

(b) Route B – all other consumers, including non-domestic, commercial and industrial consumers and domestic consumers not availing benefits under the said Scheme, shall apply through the designated online portal of the Distribution Licensee, or with the Delhi State Portal.

The timelines, rights and obligations under these Guidelines shall apply equally to both routes, and the process shall be end-to-end online, without requirement of any physical or offline form.

The stages shall be completed by the Distribution Licensee in the following manner:-

(i) Stage I: The Distribution Licensee shall complete the technical feasibility analysis within fifteen (15) days from the date of receipt of the application complete in all aspects:

Provided that no technical feasibility analysis shall be required in respect of a Renewable Energy System of capacity up to 10 kW on the same supply type, in terms of the provisos to Regulation 5(3) of the Net Metering Regulations, 2014, as amended, and feasibility in such cases shall be deemed to have been granted:

Provided further that where the Distribution Licensee fails to communicate the outcome of the feasibility analysis within the said period, the feasibility shall be deemed to have been granted;

(ii) Stage II: Upon installation of the Renewable Energy System by the applicant and submission of the registration form and requisite documents through the applicable online portal, the Distribution Licensee shall, as a single integrated stage and within ten (10) days from the date of electronic acknowledgement of such submission, concurrently verify the documents and the Single Line Diagram, inspect and test the installed Renewable Energy System, install the Net Meter, assign the Registration Number and grant connectivity.

The activities specified in Guidelines 3(7) to 3(12), 3(16) and 3(17) of the Principal Guidelines shall be undertaken as part of the said integrated stage, and Guideline 3(3) shall be construed accordingly.

Deficiencies in the documents or defects in the installation, if any, shall be communicated to the applicant in a single consolidated intimation within the period specified for Stage II, and piecemeal or successive intimations shall not be issued. The applicant shall cure the same within fifteen (15) days, whereupon the Distribution Licensee shall complete the activities under Stage II within five (5) days. Minor deviations between the submitted documents and the installed system which do not affect safety or grid compatibility shall not constitute a deficiency or defect, and shall not be a ground for withholding or delaying registration, installation of the Net Meter or connectivity.

Notwithstanding the timelines specified elsewhere in this Guideline, the cumulative period to be observed by the Distribution Licensee, up to the grant of connectivity, shall not exceed—(a) twenty-five (25) days in the case of a Renewable Energy System above 10 kW, and (b) ten (10) days in the case of a Renewable Energy System up to 10 kW on the same supply type, for which no technical feasibility analysis is required, being the period for Stage II.

Explanation: For the purpose of computing the said periods, there shall be excluded: (a) the time taken by the applicant to install the Renewable Energy System after the grant, of feasibility; or the deemed grant, of feasibility; and (b) the time taken by the applicant to cure any deficiency or to rectify any defect.”

3.0 Amendment of the proviso to Guideline 3(1) of the Principal Guidelines:

For the proviso to Guideline 3(1) inserted by the First Amendment Guidelines, 2025, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“Provided that no Application Fee for feasibility analysis shall be payable in the case of domestic consumers for Rooftop Solar Connections up to 10 kW, irrespective of whether or not such consumers avail benefits under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.”

4.0 Amendment of the proviso to Guideline 3(7) of the Principal Guidelines:

For the proviso to Guideline 3(7) inserted by the First Amendment Guidelines, 2025, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“Provided that no Registration Charges shall be payable in the case of domestic consumers for Rooftop Solar Connections up to 10 kW, irrespective of whether or not such consumers avail benefits under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.”

5.0 Amendment of Guideline 3(13) of the Principal Guidelines:

For Guideline 3(13) of the Principal Guidelines, the following shall be substituted, namely:—

“(13) The Connection Agreement between the Distribution Licensee and the consumer shall be executed digitally on the applicable online portal at the time of submission under Stage II, and no separate physical Connection Agreement shall be required. Such digital execution shall be mandatory for all consumers, irrespective of consumer category or capacity of the Renewable Energy System, and no connectivity shall be granted unless the Connection Agreement has been so executed:

(a) in the case of domestic consumers with a Renewable Energy System of capacity up to 10 kW, the Connection Agreement may be executed by electronic acceptance through a click/tick-box mechanism on the portal; and

(b) in the case of non-domestic consumers, or where the capacity of the Renewable Energy System exceeds 10 kW, the Connection Agreement shall be executed by electronic signature or digital signature of the consumer.

The Connection Agreement shall include the Standard Terms and Conditions relating to interconnectivity, billing and settlement, dispute resolution and Standards as per the Net Metering Regulations, 2014, these Guidelines and the Orders issued thereunder, as amended from time to time, and such further terms as may be approved by the Commission. A Connection Agreement so executed shall constitute the Connection Agreement within the meaning of Regulation 2(3) of the Net Metering Regulations, 2014, and shall be valid, binding and enforceable between the parties.”

Sd/-

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