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To All Members

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Dear Members,

Sub: Notification in Amendment to the Green Energy Open Access Rules 2022 vide Notification No. 309 dated 23.05.2023.

Ref: Gazette Notification No.309 dated 23.05.2023. of Ministry of Power

The Ministry of Power has notified the second amendment to the Green Energy Open Access Rules 2022 vide Notification No. 309 dated 23.05.2023. The new notified rules have been named Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2023. The ministry notified the first amendment on January 27, 2023. The latest notification is dated May 23, 2023. It is applicable from the date of its publication i.e, May 23, 2023.

The Green Energy Open Access Rules 2022 empower the power consumers up to a minimum of 100 Kilowatt of contracted annual power demand to avail the services of renewable energy under the open access route. Under this, the consumers who want to buy green power directly from the producers can do so under open access.

As per the Notification "Entity means any consumer who has contracted demand or sanctioned load of 100 kW or more either through a 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.

The new rules also said that "only consumers who have contracted demand or sanctioned load of Hundred kW or more, either through single connection or through multiple connections aggregating Hundred kW or more located in same electricity division of a distribution licensee, shall be eligible to take power through Green Energy Open Access and there shall be no limit of supply of power for the captive consumers taking power under Green Energy Open Access:

The ministry in the latest notified rules amended Sub Rule 2 of Rule of the original rules to give the benefit of green energy generated from offshore wind power



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projects. The new rules said that green energy open-access consumers need not pay the additional surcharges if the renewable energy is generated from offshore wind projects. The rules said that the provisions would apply to all offshore wind projects commissioned up to December 2032. It is contrary to the first amendment, published in January this year, where the surcharges were waived for offshore wind projects commissioned up to 2025.

As per the Amendment of Power Ministry, TNERC should amend the existing regulations. TECA will send the suitable Memorandum to TNERC to take immediate steps to incorporate this regulation in Tamil Nadu.

We are enclosing the Notification issued by The Ministry of Power for the information of our members.

With Warm Regards

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President