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To All Members

Sub: Draft of TNERC-Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and Related Matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2023-Issued for comments

Ref: TNERC’s Webhosted PR dated 11.09.2023

Please find enclosed the copy of the Draft Tamil Nadu Electricity Commission “Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement and Related Matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2023, as found webhosted by the TNERC, in its website.

In this connection, members are informed as follows.

The TNERC has already notified the Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement Mechanism (DSM) and Related Matters for Wind and Solar Generation Regulations, 2019 and accordingly, those Generators having Grid Connected WEGs / SPGs are brought under the obligation of Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement Mechanism (DSM) from 2019 onwards.

In this connection, members having WEGs are informed that on a joint meeting of the Stakeholder Associations, with M/s. Leap Green Energy (P) Ltd., and with TNERC Chairman held on 18.02.2021 at Coimbatore, it was decided to make the implementation of the Regulation, **on a trial basis** and accordingly, M/s. Leap Green Energy (P) Ltd., was appointed as a State Level Single QCA for WEGs alone, on the unanimous authorization provided by all WEG Associations including TECA,TASMA, IWPA, and SIMA. M/s. Leap Green Energy (P) Ltd., as QCA, is thereafter, providing necessary Forecasting and Scheduling to the SLDC suitably and however, the Deviation Settlement Mechanism alone has not come in to force so far.

While these arrangements are in force, the TNERC has now notified a Draft, for making certain amendments to the 2019 Regulations as per the attachment and accordingly, invited comments before 10.10.2023.

We are consulting this matter with M/s. Leap Green Energy (P) Ltd., and accordingly, after due consultation, suitable comments will be filed with the TNERC before the due date of 10.10.2023

According to the Draft now provided, the TNERC is likely to introduce the DSM with a cap to the extent of 5 paise / unit, as a Deviation Charge as per Para 7.6 of the Draft which is reproduced below, on the total annual generation of Wind and Solar Power in the State. This looks abnormally very high at the very face of the record at present.

*“7.6. The total deviation charges remitted on account of deviations by wind / solar generator(s) into State Deviation Pool Account in a financial year shall be capped at the Ceiling Rate of 5 paise per unit multiplied by the total annual generation at the respective Pooling sub-station(s)/total generated units in state wide aggregation.”*

In the meanwhile, members having SPGs are informed that so far, no effective steps have been taken by the Solar Power Generators (SPGs), for complying with the obligations, as provided under the Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters for Wind and Solar Generation) Regulations, 2019 and therefore, Solar Power Generators have to organize themselves suitably, to appoint a suitable QCA for the solar power also, as they have done it for the wind power in the State and they have to comply with the Regulations suitably.

We request the members to kindly go through the Draft Amendment as attached and accordingly, those member who are willing to make comments can provide the comments to TECA on or before 05.10.2023.

With Warm Regards

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