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To All Members

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Dear Members,

Sub: ALMM List-II Relaxation for Solar Power Projects up to 31.12.2026-Comments.

Ref: The Office Memorandum No. 283/53/2026-GRID SOLAR dated 18.07.2026 of MNRE.

Please find enclosed the Office Memorandum issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) regarding the implementation of ALMM List-II for Solar PV Cells.

Prior to the introduction of the ALMM-I requirements, Solar Power Generators (SPGs) were free to procure solar modules and cells from any source, including imports. Subsequently, ALMM-I mandated that only modules from ALMM-approved manufacturers could be used. The ALMM-II requirement further stipulated that solar cells must also be sourced only from ALMM List-II approved manufacturers (DCR Cells). Cells procured from outside the ALMM List-II are treated as Non-DCR Cells.

The ALMM List-II provisions came into force from 01.06.2026, creating significant challenges for several ongoing solar projects. Considering these difficulties, TECA, along with REPA, TASMA, IWPA, SIMA, CODISSIA, SISPA, ICCI and IIF, submitted a memorandum to the Hon'ble Vice-President of India on 10.06.2026, requesting exemption from ALMM-II compliance up to 31.12.2026.

MNRE initially opened a registration window for case-by-case exemption applications up to 30.06.2026, which was later extended to 23.07.2026. Considering the large number of applications received, MNRE has now issued a general relaxation by clarifying that:

"Net metering projects and Open Access renewable power projects commissioned after 31st December, 2026, will be required to comply with the ALMM List-II provisions."

Accordingly, all Net Metering and Open Access Solar Projects commissioned on or before 31.12.2026 are exempt from ALMM List-II compliance. Members may therefore use either DCR or Non-DCR solar cells for projects commissioned within this period.

Since further extension appears unlikely, members are strongly advised to complete installation and target commissioning of their Solar Power Generators well before 31.10.2026, ensuring timely grid connectivity with TNPDC.

Further, the SLDC has started insisting on Real-Time Data Sharing from Renewable Energy Generators. Members executing new SPGs are advised to install SCADA/Modem facilities as part of the project itself. This one-time investment will facilitate seamless real-time data communication with SLDC/JLDC and help avoid delays in obtaining connectivity and commissioning approvals.



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Members are requested to plan their projects accordingly and make full use of this one-time relaxation granted by MNRE.

With Warm Regards

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