

CE/Comm/GIRREGS Regulations 2019/ 12627

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To
All Superintending Engineer,
O & M Circles,
MSEDCL

BY MAIL

Sub: Regarding timely processing of Rooftop RE applications..

Ref: i) MERC Grid Interactive Rooftop Renewable Energy Generating System Regulation 2019.
ii) Commercial Circular No. 322 Dated 21.01.2020

In view of the above subject MERC vide above reference 01 has notified MERC Grid Interactive Rooftop Renewable Energy Generating System Regulation 2019 on 30 December 2019. Guidelines for implementation of these Regulations is already circulated vide Commercial Circular No.322 dated 21.01.2020.

During the scrutiny of Rooftop RE application stage wise, it is observed that applications are remain pending in the system without any action on it for a long duration of more than 1 or 2 years . As we know MERC vide regulation has provided clear directions about the time limit for processing of applications from application stage to commissioning stage. The time limit prescribed as per regulation is reiterated as under:

Timeline for processing of Rooftop RE Generating System from Application to Commissioning.	
Application Submitted By Applicant	Day 1
Acknowledge Receipt/ Intimate the Deficiency/Incompleteness	Within 3 Working Days
Technical Feasibility/Notice to Rectify/Rejecting Application(Due to inadequate Dist T/F Capacity	Within 15 Working Days
Approval for Rooftop RE Generating System with 6 month validity	Within 07 Working Days
Work Completion report by Applicant	Day before end of 6 month sanctioned validity.
Testing & Commissioning of Rooftop RE Generating System	Within 10 Working Days
Synchronization of Rooftop RE Generating System	Within 10 Working Days

MSEDCL's Sanctioning authorities for processing of Rooftop RE applications are as under:

Voltage level	Particulars of threshold limit of Load sanction.	Authority for processing the Rooftop RE application.
230/240 V (1 Phase)	Less than 8 kW/40 A	Concerned sub- division office
400/415 V (3 Phase)	Up to 150kW/187 kVA	
11 kV and above	Above 150 KW/187 KVA	Concerned Circle office

It is to be noted that, the above threshold limit is for load sanctions and not for sanctioning of Rooftop RE applications. Minimum applicable Rooftop RE capacity is from 1KW and maximum is less than 1 MW or up to sanction load/Demand for Net Metering and in case of Net billing and Grid interactive system behind the meters; maximum allowable Rooftop RE system capacity limit shall be up to the sanction load/Demand of the consumer.

It is to be noted all the Rooftop RE applications are to be processed through online portal only the facility which is available for consumers. The applications which are technically sanctioned will be communicated to the consumer through email and SMS in which sanction number along with the validity of sanction for six month will be mentioned. During the period six months consumer has to commission rooftop RE system and submit the commissioning report, failing which the sanction will be cancelled automatically after the lapse of six months period.

Hence, it is directed to process the applications of Rooftop Renewable Energy generating system through the online portal in the prescribed time limit only. Review of pending Rooftop RE applications should be taken by CE, SE during their routine review meetings.

S/d

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