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Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission

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N0.1578 /MPERC/2016. In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (zp) of sub-section (2) of section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, hereby makes the following Regulations, namely:-

**Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Smart Grid)
Regulations, 2016**

1. Short Title, application, extent and Commencement :-

- (1) These Regulations shall be called the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Smart Grid) Regulations, 2016. (G-41 of 2016)
- (2) They shall be applicable to all Generating Companies, Transmission Licensees, Distribution Licensees and consumers in the State and connected to the state grid.
- (3) They shall extend to the whole of the State of Madhya Pradesh.
- (2) They shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Madhya Pradesh Gazette .

2. Definitions :- (1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:-

- (a) "Act" means the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003);
- (b) "Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)" including smart meters means the infrastructure required to enable the Distribution Licensee to accurately collect, monitor and analyse real-time consumption data from consumers, communicate price signals to consumers and where permitted control load;
- (c) "Aggregator" means a person registered with the Distribution Licensee to provide aggregation of one or more of the services like demand response services under the demand response mechanism, Distributed Generation, Energy Storage etc. within a control area;
- (d) "Commission" means the M.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission;

- (e) “Cyber Security” means protecting information, equipment, devices, computer, computer resource, network, programmes, data, communication device and information stored therein from unauthorized or unintended access, use, disclosure, disruption, modification or destruction;
- (f) “Electric Energy Storage” means a set of technologies capable of storing previously generated energy and releasing energy at a later time to feed electricity into grid. Electric storage technologies may store energy as potential, kinetic, chemical, or thermal energy, and include various types of batteries, flywheels, electrochemical, capacitors, compressed air storage, thermal storage devices and pumped hydroelectric power and able to generate electricity;
- (g) “Interoperability” means the measure of ease of integration between two systems or software components to achieve a functional goal;
- (h) “Key Performance Indicator (KPI)” is a type of performance measurement to evaluate its success, or to evaluate the outcome of a particular activity in which it is engaged;
- (i) “Microgrid” is an intelligent electricity distribution system that interconnects loads, distributed energy resources and storage within clearly defined electrical boundaries to act as a single controllable entity with respect to the main grid. A microgrid uses information, communications and control technologies to operate the system’s distributed supply and demand resources in a controlled and coordinated way either while connected to the main grid or while islanded. A microgrid can connect and disconnect from the grid to enable it to operate in both grid-connected or island-mode.
- (j) "Schedule" means a schedule appended to these Regulations;
- (k) “Smart Grid” is an electricity network that can cost-efficiently integrate the behavior and actions of all users connected to it – generators, consumers and those that do both – in order to ensure economically efficient, sustainable power systems with low losses and high levels of quality and security of supply and safety.
- (l) “Wide Area Measurement Systems (WAMS)” is advanced measurement technology, information tools, and operational infrastructure that facilitate

the understanding and management of the increasingly complex behavior exhibited by large power systems to enhance the system operator's "situational awareness" for safe and reliable grid operation;

- (2) Words and expressions used and not defined in these Regulations shall have the same meanings as assigned to them in the Act, Rules and Regulations.

SMART GRID OBJECTIVES AND GUIDELINES

3. Objectives of Smart Grid :-

- (1) The objectives of these Regulations are to enable integration of various smart grid technologies and measures to bring about economy, efficiency improvement in generation, transmission and distribution licensee operations, manage the transmission and distribution networks effectively, enhance network security, integrate renewable and clean energy into the grid and micro grids.
- (2) The objectives also include enhancing network visibility and access, promoting optimal asset utilization, improving consumer service levels thereby allowing for participation in operations of transmission licensees, distribution licensees through greater technology adoption across the value chain in the electricity sector and particularly in the transmission and distribution segments.

(4) Guidelines on Smart Grid process :-

- (1) The Commission may from time to time issue guidelines for the generating company, transmission licensee, distribution licensee in execution of the activities including but not limited to,
 - (a) Formulation of Smart Grid programmes;
 - (b) Implementation of Smart Grid programmes;
 - (c) Cost Effectiveness Assessment of Smart Grid programmes;
 - (d) Monitoring and Reporting of Smart Grid Plans and programmes;
 - (e) Essential requisites for Smart Grid programmes;
 - (f) Customer engagement and participation;
 - (g) Customer data protection;

- (h) Training and capacity building;
 - (i) Methodology for setting Smart Grid plans and funding levels;
 - (j) Database development framework and information system requirements;
- (2) Issuance of such guidelines shall not be a pre-requisite for preparation and submission of the Smart Grid plan by the generating company, transmission licensee, distribution licensee

SMART GRID CELL

(5) Constitution of Smart Grid Cell, its roles & responsibilities :-

- (1) Every transmission licensee and the distribution licensee shall, constitute Smart Grid Cell within three months of the publication of notification of these Regulations.
- (2) The Smart Grid Cell so constituted shall have the authority and necessary resources so as to execute the functions assigned to it under these Regulations
- (3) The Smart Grid Cell shall be responsible for:
 - (a) Baseline study and development of data
 - (b) Formulation of Smart Grid Plans, Programmes, Projects,
 - (c) Design and development of Smart Grid projects including cost benefit analysis, plans for implementation, monitoring & reporting and for measurement & verification
 - (d) Seeking necessary approvals to Smart Grid Plans, Programmes, Projects
 - (e) Implementation of Smart Grid programmes
 - (f) Any other additional function that may be assigned by the Commission from time to time

The transmission licensee, distribution licensee may combine activities related to energy efficiency, demand side management and Smart Grid implementation within the same cell.

SMART GRID PROCESS

(6) Baseline study and development of data :-

- (1) Transmission licensee, distribution licensee shall undertake baseline study to identify the targets and final outcomes for Smart Grid project programmes. The transmission licensee, distribution licensee shall also build the necessary database.
- (2) Transmission licensee, distribution licensee shall undertake study to estimate potential for employment of specific efficiency technologies and applications, establish key performance indicators, and determine existing baseline technical conditions.
- (3) On the basis of the results of baseline study, the transmission licensee, distribution licensee shall develop smart grid programme for its area of supply.

(7) Formulation of Smart Grid Plan, Programmes, Projects

- (1) The transmission licensee, distribution licensee shall submit an integrated Multi-Year Smart Grid Plan for their respective Licence areas along-with Multi-Year Tariff Petition or ARR Petition, for the approval of Commission.
- (2) All Smart Grid projects shall be submitted to the Commission for prior approval of investments as per the provisions of the guidelines for capital expenditure issued by the Commission .
- (3) The proposal for Smart Grid Projects shall include
 - (a) Detailed Project Report
 - (b) Customer engagement and participation plan as applicable
 - (c) Training and capacity building plan and
 - (d) Any other information that may be stipulated by the Commission from time to time:

Provided that the detailed project report proposed for grid plan and programme would include inter alia description of the project, objective and rationale for the project, technical feasibility study, projected financial implications, target stakeholders, detailed cost benefit analysis detailing all costs qualitative and quantitative in nature, assessment of the project, in line with the cost effectiveness guidelines issued by the Commission, proposed mechanism for

recovery of costs, delivery strategy, implementation mechanism, implementation schedule, performance incentives if any, monitoring and evaluation plan, plan for increasing awareness among the stakeholders.

- (4) A list of indicative components of Smart Grid Projects is appended in the Schedule.

(8) Approval of Smart Grid Plan, Programme and Project Document :-

- (1) The Commission shall approve a Smart Grid Programme and Project if it is in line with the objectives set out in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations.
- (2) The Commission may take assistance and advice of such experts as it deems necessary for examining the proposal submitted by the transmission licensee, distribution licensee.
- (3) The Commission while according approval to the proposals, may identify costs, if any, relating to the programme, project, and decide the methodology, procedure, process for recovery of such costs.

Provided that the Commission may provide the incentive / disincentive mechanism for the transmission licensee, distribution licensee linked to the execution, implementation and performance during the life of the project. The Commission may also specify financial incentives/dis-incentives to participating consumers to encourage active and effective participation in the Smart Grid programs.

Provided further that the Commission may modify the proposal as deemed fit in order to ensure its consistency with overall objectives.

(9) Execution of Smart Grid programmes and projects :-

- (1) The transmission licensee, distribution licensee shall undertake execution of the project and programme in line with the approval given by the Commission and other directions issued from time to time.
- (2) The transmission licensee, distribution licensee shall normally adopt the system standards as per Regulations notified by the CEA. In such case where no standards or regulations are notified by the CEA the appropriate standards, regulations notified by the appropriate Commission shall be applicable. In respect of network, communication, products, interoperability and cyber security,

the standards as provided by BIS or such appropriate authority shall be adopted. Where these standards are not yet in place, relevant IEC/IEEE/ANSI Standards shall be followed in that order.

- (3) The Regulations relating to standards of performance as notified by the Commission shall apply. Assessment of performance of the Smart Grid projects shall be carried out for incentivizing/penalizing performance of transmission licensee, distribution licensee. The Commission may specify and require implementation of additional standards of performance to maximize the benefits and ensure compliance of the Smart Grid performance standards proposed.
- (4) Transmission licensee, distribution licensee and other agencies responsible for implementation of the Smart Grid programmes, projects shall ensure that protection of consumer data and consumer privacy is accorded the highest levels of priority.

(10) Mechanism for Cost Recovery :-

- (1) Transmission licensee and distribution licensee shall identify the net incremental costs, if any, associated with planning, design and implementation of programmes
- (2) Transmission licensee and distribution licensee may propose methodology for recovery of net incremental costs through tariff or any other mechanism
- (3) In order to qualify for cost recovery, each program must be
 - (a) approved prior to implementation and;
 - (b) implemented in accordance with the approved program plan

SMART GRID PROJECT EVALUATION

(11) Smart Grid Programme and Project Completion Report :-

- (1) The transmission licensee and distribution licensee will prepare and submit a detailed Programme and Project Completion Report and submit the same to the Commission within one month of completion of such programme.
- (2) The Report shall cover the programme, project expenses, physical achievements, constraints and difficulties faced, and deviations, if any.

- (3) Transmission licensee and distribution licensee shall place the completion report in public domain through its website.

(12) Monitoring, Evaluation, Measurement and Verification of execution and performance of the Smart Grid Programme and Project :-

- (1) The Smart Grid programme and project shall be monitored and evaluated based on appropriate methodology including Key Performance Indicators as decided by the Commission using suitable measurement and verification, the protocols identified for each of the individual programmes and projects by the Commission.
- (2) Transmission licensee and distribution licensee shall also submit an evaluation report to the Commission, which inter alia shall include outcomes, benefits, lessons learnt and way forward.

(13) Miscellaneous

- (1) The Commission may, at any time add, vary, alter, modify or amend any provisions of these regulations. If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, the Commission may, by general or specific order, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty.

The Commission may, from time to time, issue orders and directions in regard to the implementation of the regulations and procedures to be followed.

By Order of the Commission

Shailendra Saxena, Commission Secretary

SCHEDULE

(See Regulation 7)

List of indicative component of Smart Grid projects

- (a) Automated Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
- (b) Demand Response
- (c) Micro-Grids
- (d) Distribution SCADA/Distribution Management
- (e) Distributed Generation
- (f) Peak Load Management
- (g) Outage Management
- (h) Asset Management
- (i) Wide Area Measurement Systems
- (j) Energy Storage Projects
- (k) Grid Integration of Renewable
- (l) Electric Vehicle including Grid to Vehicle (G2V) and Vehicle to Grid (V2G) Interactions
- (m) Smart Grid Data collection and analysis
- (n) Tariff Mechanism including interruptible and dynamic tariffs, time of use, critical peak pricing, real time pricing etc.