

TAMIL NADU ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Draft Notification No. TNERC/RPO/..... dated .11.2019.

(Comments invited by 21.11.2019)

The following draft of amendments to the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligations) 2010, proposed to be made in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 181 read with sections 61,66 and clause (e) of sub-section (1) of section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, is hereby published for information of all persons likely to be affected thereby, as required by sub section (3) of section 181 of the said Act.

2. Notice is hereby given that action will be taken to publish the proposed amendments in the Tamil Nadu Government Gazette after fifteen days from the date of hosting it in the website of the Commission and any suggestion or objection which may be received from any person before the expiry of the aforesaid period will be considered by the Commission.

3. Objection or suggestion, if any, should be addressed in duplicate to the Secretary, Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission, 19-A Rukmini Lakshmi pathy Salai, Egmore, Chennai – 600 008.

DRAFT AMENDMENT

In the said regulations, in sub-regulation (1A) in regulation 3, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

“(1A) The following percentage of Renewable Purchase Obligation is fixed:

<i>Sl.No.</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Minimum Quantum of total renewable purchase obligation in percentage (in terms of energy in kWh)</i>	<i>Minimum quantum of solar renewable purchase obligation in percentage out of the total renewable purchase obligation mentioned in column (3) (in terms of energy in kWh)</i>
<i>(1)</i>	<i>(2)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(4)</i>
<i>1</i>	<i>2015-16</i>	<i>9.50%</i>	<i>0.50%</i>
<i>2</i>	<i>2016-17</i>	<i>11.50%</i>	<i>2.50%</i>
<i>3</i>	<i>2017-18</i>	<i>14.00%</i>	<i>5.00%</i>
<i>4.</i>	<i>2018-19</i>	<i>14.00%</i>	<i>5.00%</i>
<i>5.</i>	<i>2019-20</i>	<i>16.25%</i>	<i>6.00%</i>
<i>6.</i>	<i>2020-21</i>	<i>18.25%</i>	<i>8.00%</i>
<i>7.</i>	<i>2021-22</i>	<i>21.00%</i>	<i>10.50%</i>

Explanation: The Renewable Purchase Obligations specified for the year 2011-12 in sub-regulation (1) shall be applicable for the years 2012-13, 2013-14 and 2014-15 to the Distribution Licensee.”

(By order of the Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission)

(S.Chinnarajalu)
Secretary

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Commission has been mandated to fix Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation (RPO) under section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act,2003. Accordingly, the Commission has notified the RPO until FY 2017-18 in its RPO Regulations. Distribution Licensee, Open Access Consumers and Captive Consumers are the obligated entities under the above Regulation. The RPO fixed by the Commission for FY 2017-18 continues to be applicable for further period until any revision is effected by the Commission as per the Commission's RPO Regulations.

The Ministry of Power in consultation of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy has in the order dt.14.6.2018 notified a long term growth trajectory of Renewable Energy purchase Obligations (RPO) for Solar and Non Solar for consideration of State Electricity Regulatory Commissions to notify RPO in their respective States. In consideration to the order of Ministry of Power and in aiding acceleration of growth of clean energy sources, the RPO growth trajectory for the financial years 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 is proposed for notification under the RPO Regulations. The RPO target notified will be applicable to all obligated entities. However, in the case of captive and open access consumers, since a batch of writ petitions have been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Madras, enforcement of RPO as per the targets notified/to be notified will be subject to the outcome of the cases filed before the judicial forum.

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STATEMENT SHOWING EXISTING PROVISION AND PROVISION AS AMENDED

Tamil Nadu Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Energy Purchase Obligation) Regulations, 2010

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