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. UPERC amends Rooftop Solar Power Regulations 2019 to provide for net metering facility to Government and Private Educational institutions

. Till now the facility was available only for Private Tubewells and metered domestic consumers

. Amendment likely to benefit about 2 lakh consumers and improve the viability of Educational Institutions

The UPERC (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System Gross/ Net Metering) Regulation, 2019 as amended vide notification dated 1.6.2022 provided for net metering facility only for metered agriculture consumers under LMV-5 category or metered residential/ domestic consumer under LMV-1 category. Rest of the consumer categories could either have opted for net billing/ net feed-in or gross metering option.

To promote rooftop solar power generation, para 7 of UP Solar Policy 2022, provides for extending the benefit of net metering to government and non government educational institutions as also to central government, UP and other provincial government institutions/ offices located within Uttar Pradesh. This required an amendment in the RSPV regulations as above.

The Commission issued a Consultation Paper which contained proposed amendment on provisions of Net Metering Arrangement provided in the Uttar Pradesh Solar Policy along with public notice which was hosted on the Commission's website for inviting comments and suggestions from the stakeholders. The Public Hearing was conducted on 08th November 2023

Based on the comments and suggestions expressed by the stakeholders on the draft Regulations, the Commission has finalized the Regulations. The same have been notified and uploaded on the Commission's website www.uperc.org

The extended coverage of net metering facility will benefit about 2 lakh consumers under LMV-4A, LMV-4B and HV-1 categories having a total sanctioned load of about 2800 MW. The move will improve the viability of educational institutions, both government and private.

There will be benefits accruing to the DISCOMs also as the total quantum of solar electricity generated under Net Metering arrangement shall qualify towards Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) for the Distribution Licensee.

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