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COMMERCIAL Circular No. 310

(THIRD AMENDMENT TO COMMERCIAL CIRCULAR NO.258)

SUB: Third Amendment to Comm. Cir. No. 258 dated: 25.01.2016 in the matter of MERC (Net Metering for Roof-top Solar Photo Voltaic Systems) Regulations, 2015--- Procedure for Application, methodology for Metering & Billing, etc.

REF.: (1) Commercial Circular No.258 dated 25.01.2016
(2) Commercial Circular No.276 dated 19.11.2016 (First amendment to Commercial Circular No.258)
(3) Commercial Circular No. 307 dated. 07.06.2018 (Second amendment to Commercial Circular No.258)
(4) MERC order dated 12.06.2018 in case No. 163 of 2017.

Maharashtra State Electricity Regulatory Commission on dated 12.06.2018 in order No 163 of 2017 clarified that Open Access and Net Metering cannot be availed simultaneously for the reasons:

I) Net metering and Open Access are two different sets of arrangements for different eligible consumers and its Regulatory framework also has been provided by the two different Regulations.

II) If these two arrangements are mixed up then there are various issues related to Grid security, accounting, billing, settlement etc. Hence, the Commission has made Net Metering Regulations for "below 1 MW" and Open Access for "1 MW and above" and cannot availed simultaneously by same consumer.

Therefore, following sub clause is incorporated in the Commercial Circular No. 258 dated 25.01.2016 in **clause No. 12 General Conditions** as under:

..... 12.7. Net metering & Open Access cannot be availed simultaneously by the same consumer.

All other terms and conditions of Commercial Circular No.258 dated 25.01.2016 and its subsequent amendments remain unchanged.

All the field officers are requested to take necessary action accordingly.

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