

BEFORE THE UTTAR PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Quorum

Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Chairman
Shri I. B. Pandey, Member
Shri S. K. Agarwal, Member

In the matter of:

Public Hearing of (Mini-Grid Renewable Energy Generation and Supply) Regulations, 2016.

Present in the Hearing:

1. Shri S. K. Sinha, SE, PPA, UPPCL
2. Shri B. D. Gupta, EE (Com), PVVNL
3. Shri V. P. Srivastava, CE (PPA), UPPCL
4. Shri Rajiv Srivastava, Advocate, UPPCL
5. Shri Bhusan Rastogi
6. Shri Himanshu Arora, Advocate, UPPCL
7. Smt. Pooja Raman, Legal Counsel, OMC Power
8. Shri Rohit Chandra, MD, OMC Power
9. Shri Atul Mudaliar, Sr. Associated, Shakti Foundation
10. Shri Swaraj K. Bose, Meghraj Capital Advisors
11. Rakesh Jha, Director, Meghraj Capital Advisors
12. Neeti Suhag, Meghraj Capital Advisors

ORDER

(Hearing on 31.03.2016)

The Commission has observed that 24x7 supply of electricity to every household has not yet become a reality as the distribution grid has not yet reached every village/hamlet of the State and still there are approximately 40 lac households which do not have electricity connection, or the distribution system within 40 meters of their household. There are many areas in the State where the supply of power is inadequate.

In this context the Commission held the meeting on Mini Grid on 26.11.2015 which was attended by the various Parties, Public at large and various stakeholders.

As per the discussion during the meeting the Commission proposed a Draft Regulation namely, UPERC (Mini-Grid Renewable Energy Generation and Supply) Regulation, 2016. These Draft Regulations were placed on website on 04.03.2016 inviting comments from the stakeholders. The following Public Notice was published in two daily news papers namely “Hindustan Times” and “Hindustan” on 09.03.2016:

“Public Notice

Draft UPERC Mini-Grid Renewable Energy Generation and Supply Regulations, 2016 is uploaded on UPERC website for comments from interested parties and public at large. The Comments must reach to the Commission in hard and soft copies by 25.03.2016. The Public Hearing shall be held on 31.03.2016 in the office of the Commission.”

The Commission received the comments from various interested parties and public at large.

The Commission finds that the Mini-Grid Projects will be useful in the areas where extending grid is technically or economically not feasible or in the areas with inadequate supply of power. As per Clause 8.0 of National Tariff Policy notified on 28th January, 2016, the Mini-Grid Projects face the business risks of grid arrival in Mini-Grid areas. In order to mitigate such risks in Mini-Grid areas, the appropriate Commission shall notify necessary Regulations within six months.

The Commission after taking into account the objections and suggestions of various stakeholders and the Mini-Grid Policy, 2016 notified by the Govt. of U.P. makes Mini-Grid Renewable Energy Generation and Supply Regulations, 2016 which shall be effective from 10.04.2016.

(S. K. Agarwal)
Member

(I. B. Pandey)
Member

(Desh Deepak Verma)
Chairman

Dated: 06.04.2016