



**THE UTTAR PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
LUCKNOW**

**QUORUM**

Hon'ble Shri Arvind Kumar, Chairman

Hon'ble Shri Sanjay Kumar Singh, Member

**IN THE MATTER OF**

Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission Terms and Conditions for Open Access Regulations (Removal of Difficulty) First Order, 2026

**ORDER**

Whereas the Commission, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act No. 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, had framed the Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2019. The said Regulations were notified on 10 December, 2019.

And whereas after considering various regulatory and sectoral developments at the national as well as State level, including notification of the Electricity (Promoting Renewable Energy Through Green Energy Open Access) Rules, 2022 and amendments thereof issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, the Commission notified the Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024 on 16.12.2024. The Consolidated UPERC (Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulations, 2019 including its amendments shall hereinafter referred to as "Open Access Regulations".

And whereas the Commission has received representations with respect to certain provisions of Open Access Regulations regarding metering, application fee and registration fee relating to Green Energy Open Access transactions. The same is dealt with subsequently.

And whereas Regulation 29.6 of the UPERC Open Access Regulations, 2019 and its amendments thereof, provide as below:

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29.6 For the purpose of metering and accounting of open access consumer directly connected to transmission system at voltage 33 kV and above, location of interface meters (main meter, check meter and standby meter) shall be as per UPERC (Grant of Connectivity to intra-State Transmission System) Regulations, 2010 and amendment thereof.

For the purpose of metering and accounting of open access consumer directly connected to distribution system at voltage 33 kV and below, the interface meters (main meter and check meter) shall be installed by the distribution licensee at open access consumer end, whereas interface meter (standby meter) shall be installed by the distribution licensee in its premises in case of independent feeder or at open access consumer end in case of mixed feeder. The cost of these interface meters shall be borne by open access consumer.

And whereas the Commission has observed that Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Amendment Regulations, 2026 has come into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 and clarity in the regulations is required for Open Access consumers connected at HT/LT voltage levels which has to be in accordance with CEA amendment Regulations. Further, exception is required for voltage level upto 650 Volts, wherein the check meters shall be installed as per the need shown by Open Access Consumer. Thus, the provisions of the same has to be captured under Open Access Regulations to avoid any ambiguity or difficulty.

And whereas Second Proviso to Clause 2.3(ii) of Schedule-A provides as under:

"2.3 Application Fee

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(ii) When System strengthening is not involved- non-refundable application fee of Rs. 50,000/- (or as determined by the Commission from time to time by an order) shall be levied.

Application shall be accompanied by non-refundable application fee by RTGS/NEFT/ IMPS or through any other mode of digital payment in favour of the Officer as notified by STU payable at Lucknow.

Provided that in case of green energy open access consumers intending to avail open access through Lead GEOA Consumer, the non-refundable



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application fee shall have to be paid by all the individual GEOA Consumers cumulatively.

*Note: Application fee shall be paid along with applicable taxes, if any."*

And whereas the Commission has observed that the application fee is to be determined by the Commission from time to time through appropriate Orders, difficulties have arisen with respect to the submission of individual application fees while availing open access through Lead GEOA consumer. The Commission, therefore, considers it appropriate to determine fees and to provide clarity in this regard, as the absence of such clarification may adversely affect the viability of such projects and hinder their implementation

And whereas existing proviso under Clause 2.1 of Schedule-B presently provides as under:

**"2. Registration with SLDC**

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*Provided that in case of green energy open access consumers intending registration through Lead GEOA Consumer, the registration charges shall have to be paid by all the individual green energy open access consumers cumulatively."*

And whereas Regulation 14(3) (D) of UPERC (Fees & Charges of SLDC and other related matters) Regulations, 2025 provides as under:

*"(3) The Registration fee shall be paid as shown in the table below:*

Nature of fee		Amount (Rs. Lakh)
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D	<b>All Other Users including Inter-State Short-Term transactions, Qualified Coordinating Agency (QCA) etc.</b>	

And whereas the Commission has observed that difficulty has arisen regarding submission of individual Registration fees in case of multiple connections. It is observed that as per Open Access Regulations, the registration fee has to be paid by all the individual green energy open access consumers cumulatively and whereas UPERC (Fees & Charges of SLDC and other related matters) Regulations, 2025 provides Registration fee of Rs. 15000/- which therefore will have to be paid

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for each connection. Accordingly, the Commission considers it appropriate to prescribe a cap on the registration fee for such cases under Open Access Regulations and to provide regulatory clarity, failing which such projects may be subjected to undue financial burden, thereby affecting their commercial viability.

And whereas Regulation 38 of the UPERC Open Access Regulations, 2019 and its amendment thereof provides as under:

**"38. Power to Remove Difficulties**

*If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provision 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."*

**Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred under Regulation 38 of the UPERC Open Access Regulations, 2019 and all other enabling powers in this behalf, hereby makes this Order, to remove namely:-**

(1) Short Title & Commencement:-

- (i) This order shall be called Uttar Pradesh Electricity Terms and Conditions for Open Access Regulations (Removal of Difficulty) First Order, 2026.
- (ii) This order shall come into force from the date of its issue.

(2) Regulation 29.6 of the UPERC Open Access Regulations shall stand substituted as under:

*"29.6 For the purpose of metering and accounting of open access consumer directly connected to transmission system or distribution system, the location of interface meters (main meter, check meter and standby meter) shall be as per Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 and amendments thereof.*

*Provided that for Voltage level upto 650 Volts, the installation of check meter shall not be mandatory and shall be installed only if Open Access consumers desire so.*

*The cost of these interface meters shall be borne by open access consumer.*





- (3) The Second Proviso to Clause 2.3(ii) of Schedule-A shall stand modified as under:

"2.3 Application Fee

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(ii) When System strengthening is not involved- non-refundable application fee of Rs. 50,000/- (or as determined by the Commission from time to time by an order) shall be levied.

*Application shall be accompanied by non-refundable application fee by RTGS/NEFT/ IMPS or through any other mode of digital payment in favour of the Officer as notified by STU payable at Lucknow.*

*Provided that the Lead GEOA Consumer, acting on behalf of all individual GEOA consumers, shall have to pay non-refundable application fee @ Rs. 5,000/- per GEOA consumer or Rs. 50,000/- whichever is higher for availing Green Energy Open Access through such Lead GEOA Consumer.*

*Provided further that, in the event of any change in the green energy source, the Lead GEOA Consumer already availing GEOA shall be required to submit a fresh application for grant of Long-Term or Medium Open Access in view of fresh open access requirement due to change in energy source and shall pay the non-refundable application fee, as specified in above proviso, on behalf of all individual GEOA consumers intending to avail Open Access from the new source.*

*Note: Application fee shall be paid along with applicable taxes, if any."*

- (4) The proviso under Clause 2.1 of Schedule-B shall stand modified as under:

"2.1 Registration with SLDC:

*Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or under UPERC (Fees & Charges of State Load Despatch Centre and other related matters) Regulations, 2025, the Lead GEOA Consumer, acting on behalf of all individual GEOA consumers, shall have to pay non-refundable Registration fee @ Rs. 1,500/- per GEOA consumer or Rs. 15,000/-*

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whichever is higher for availing Long-Term , Medium-Term or Short-Term Green Energy Open Access through such Lead GEOA Consumer:

Provided further that, in the event of any change in the green energy source, the Lead GEOA Consumer already availing GEOA shall be required to submit a fresh application for grant of Long Term & Medium Open access in view of fresh open access requirement due to change in energy source and shall have to pay the non-refundable registration fee, as specified in above proviso, on behalf of all individual GEOA consumers intending to avail Open Access from the new source.

**(Sanjay Kumar Singh)**  
**Member**



**(Arvind Kumar)**  
**Chairman**

Place: Lucknow  
Dated: 22 .05.2026