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ANDHRA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Regulation No. xxx of 2018

**Fourth Amendment to
(Interim Balancing & Settlement Code for Open Access Transactions)
Regulation No.2 of 2006**

Introduction

Whereas the A.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) notified the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Interim Balancing & Settlement Code for Open Access Transactions) Regulation 2006 (No.2 of 2006) in A.P. Extraordinary Gazette dated 11th August, 2006 (Principal Regulation).

The Commission notified “Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Interim Balancing & Settlement Code for Open Access Transactions) First Amendment Regulation, 2013” and published in the Gazette of Andhra Pradesh on 02-05-2013. Subsequently, the Commission notified “APERC (Interim Balancing & Settlement Code for Open Access Transactions) Second Amendment Regulation, 2014, published in the gazette of Andhra Pradesh on 01-04-2014 and third Amendment Regulation No. 2 of 2016, published in the gazette of Andhra Pradesh on 08-01-2016.

And whereas the Government of Andhra Pradesh has issued the new Solar Power Policy, 2015 and new Wind Power Policy, 2015 vide G.O.Ms.No.8, dated 12-02-2015 and G.O.Ms.No.9, dated 13-02-2015 superseding the earlier Solar Power Policy, 2012 and Wind Power Policy, 2008 *inter alia*, to meet the twin objectives of energy security and clean energy development.

The above policies did not cover issues related to Mini-hydel power generating plants. Since, Mini-hydel, Solar and Wind power generators generate clean and green energy and all three stand on the same platform, it is very much essential that Mini-hydel power generating plants also need to be encouraged. In order to promote Mini-hydel power generation, the incentives provided for Solar and Wind generators, need to be extended to Mini-hydel power plants also, which requires necessary amendments to the Regulation No. 2 of 2016.

In exercise of the powers vested with it u/s 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with section 86(1)(e) and all other enabling powers, the Commission makes the following Amendment Regulation to the said Regulation No.2 of 2016, namely:

1. Short title, commencement and interpretation:

(i) This Regulation may be called the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Interim Balancing & Settlement Code for Open Access Transactions) Fourth Amendment Regulation, 2018.

(ii) This Regulation shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette and will have prospective effect only.

2. Clause 2 of Appendix – 3 shall be substituted with the following text:

“The energy injected in to the grid from the date of synchronization to the Commercial Operation Date (COD) shall be considered as deemed banked energy.”

3. The following text shall be appended to the clause 8.5:

“Notwithstanding anything contained herein, the provisions mentioned above shall also apply to Mini-hydel generating plants.”

This Order is signed by the Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission on -xx-2018

Joint Director (Engg.)