

**Wheeling and Associated Charges effective from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 & 1 April 2021 onwards vide Order dated 1 August 2022 of the Hon'ble West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission**

- 1) By an Order dated 1 August 2022, Hon'ble West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (in short 'the Hon'ble Commission') has determined the average rate of distribution wheeling charges of CESC Limited for the year 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 at 227.32 paise per unit (kWh) and 223.00 paise per unit (kWh) respectively and the same is recoverable from different categories of open access customers including captive generators for conveyance of electricity through CESC's distribution system.
- 2) In terms of the provisions contained in regulation 14.3.10 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access) Regulations, 2007, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Open Access Regulations"), the open access customers, other than those carrying the electricity generated in captive generating plant to the destination and for the extent of their own use, are to pay cross-subsidy surcharge in addition to the charges for using the distribution system of the licensees.
- 3) The avoided cost for the concerned open access customers will be at the rate of 376.38 paise per kWh and 365.79 paise per kWh for the years 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 respectively plus wheeling charges per unit as applicable to the relevant open access. CESC Limited will recover cross-subsidy surcharge from the open access customer with reference to the tariff applicable for similar category of consumer in accordance to the provision of the Act and regulation framed thereunder. The cross-subsidy surcharge will be the difference between the tariff applicable for the category of the consumers being allowed open access and the cost avoided (per unit).
- 4) The effective date of the rate of wheeling charge and cross subsidy surcharge as per the aforesaid Order dated 1 August 2022 for the year 2020-2021 is 1 April 2020 and for the year 2021-2022 is 1 April 2021 and will continue till further order. The adjustments, if any, for over-recovery / under-recovery for the period from 01.04.2020 to 31.03.2022 shall be made in 6 (six) equal monthly instalments starting from the billing month of September, 2022.
- 5) The open access customer shall pay CESC Limited for drawal of reactive energy at the drawal point if the voltage at the point of drawal is below 97% of normal voltage and for injection of reactive energy at the injection point if the voltage is higher than 103% of normal voltage. The charge for VARh shall continue at the existing rate of 11.00 paise per KVARh.

For any further interpretation / clarification, the Order of the Hon'ble Commission dated 1 August 2022 may be referred to.