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Wheeling and Associated Charges effective from 1 April 2022 onwards vide Order dated 11 December 2023 of the Hon'ble West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission

- 1) By an Order dated 11 December 2023, 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 2022-23 at 214.36 paise per unit (kWh) 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) The open access customer, other than those carrying the electricity generated in captive generating plant to the destination and for the extent of their own use, shall pay cross-subsidy surcharge in addition to the distribution wheeling charge in accordance with the Open Access Regulations.
- 3) Cross subsidy surcharge for the period 1 April, 2022 to 31 July, 2022 shall be computed in terms of the provisions contained in regulation 14.3.10 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access) Regulations, 2007, as amended. The avoidable cost for the concerned open access customers will be at the rate of 370.48 paise per kWh plus wheeling charges per unit as applicable to the relevant open access case. 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 avoidable (per unit) by the licensee in this regard.
- 4) Cross subsidy surcharge with effect from 1 August, 2022 onwards till further order of the Hon'ble Commission, shall be computed in terms of clause (b) of regulation 18.2.4 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access) Regulations, 2022 (in short 'Open Access Regulations'), for any open access consumer by the following formula:

$$S = T - ACS + R$$

Where,

S = surcharge,

T = Tariff payable by the relevant category of consumers,

ACS = Average Cost of supply and

R = per unit cost of amortizing regulatory asset including carrying cost.

Provided that such surcharge shall not exceed 20% of the average tariff applicable to the respective consumer category.

5) Category-wise Cross subsidy surcharge in terms of Annexure - 4B of the Order dated 11 December 2023 applicable from 1 August 2022 onwards is given in the table below:

Consumer Category	Category wise Average Tariff (T)	Average Cost of Supply (ACS)	Regulatory Component (R)	Cross subsidy surcharge (S)=(T) - (ACS) + (R)				
Low and Medium Voltage Consumers								
Life Line Consumer (Domestic)	420	731	23	-				
Domestic (Urban)	687	731	23	-				
Commercial (Urban)	841	731	23	133				
Specified Institution (Municipal)	669	731	23	-				
Government School, Government aided School or Government Sponsored School	525	731	23	-				
Public Bodies (Municipal or Non- Municipal)	736	731	23	28				
Public Water Works & Sewerage System	703	731	23	-				
Industries (Urban)	767	731	23	59				
Street Lighting	696	731	23	-				
Private Educational Institutions and Hospitals	744	731	23	36				
Short-term Supply	770	731	23	62				
EV Charging Stations	562	731	23	-				
High and Extra High Voltage Consumers								
Public Utility	779	731	23	71				
Industries (below 33 KV)	734	731	23	26				
Industries (33 KV)	696	731	23	-				
Commercial (below 33 KV)	837	731	23	129				
Commercial (33 KV)	697	731	23	-				
Domestic	726	731	23	18				
Public Water Works & Sewerage, Pumping Station under local Authority	739	731	23	31				

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Sports Complex & Auditorium run by Govt. / local bodies for cultural affairs	778	731	23	70
Cold storage or Dairy with Chilling Plant	759	731	23	51
Construction Power Supply	851	731	23	143
Co-operative Group Housing Society for providing power to its members or person for providing power to its employees in a single premises	674	731	23	-
Traction	716	731	23	8
Short-term Supply	807	731	23	99
Private Educational Institutions	843	731	23	135
MES	719	731	23	11

The surcharge shall not exceed 20% of the average tariff applicable to the respective consumer category.

- 6) Distribution licensee shall compute the additional surcharge in terms of the formula specified in the respective Open Access Regulations and recover from the open access consumers in terms of the said Regulations to meet the fixed cost arising out of its obligation to supply in terms of the Electricity Act 2003.
- 7) The effective date of the rate of wheeling charge and cross subsidy surcharge as per the aforesaid Order dated 11 December 2023 for the year 2022-23 is 1 April 2022 and will continue till further order. The adjustments, if any, for over-recovery / under-recovery for the period from 01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023 shall be made in 5 (five) equal monthly instalments starting from the billing month of January, 2024.
- 8) The open access customer shall pay CESC Limited other charges and losses applicable to the open access consumers as specified in the respective Open Access Regulations.

For any further interpretation / clarification, the Order of the Hon'ble Commission dated 11 December 2023 may be referred to.