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**Wheeling and Associated Charges effective from 1 April 2015 vide Order dated 29 October 2015
of the Hon'ble West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission**

- 1) By an Order dated 29 October 2015, the Hon'ble West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission has determined the average rate of distribution wheeling charges of CESC Limited for the year 2015-16 at 175.55 paise per unit (kWh) and the same is recoverable from the long term open access customers. In terms of the provisions contained in regulation 14.3.2 of the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access) Regulations, 2007, as amended (hereinafter referred to as the "Open Access Regulations"), this rate has been determined by the Hon'ble Commission and the same is to be recovered by CESC Limited during the year 2015-16 and onwards from the different categories of open access customers as mentioned in the said regulation, including captive generators for conveyance of electricity through the distribution system of CESC Limited for long term open access. For short term open access, the wheeling charge shall be realized as per the Open Access Regulations. For conveyance of electricity from cogeneration and renewable energy sources, the wheeling charge shall be realized from such open access customers as per regulation framed by the Hon'ble Commission on Cogeneration and Generation of Electricity from Renewable Sources of Energy.
- 2) In terms of regulation 14.3.10 of the Open Access Regulations, the open access customers, other than those carrying 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. Such cross-subsidy surcharge will be the difference between the tariff applicable for the category of consumers being allowed open access and the cost avoided (per unit) by CESC Limited in this regard. The avoided cost for the concerned open access customers will be at the rate of 388.12 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 tariff applicable for similar category of consumer.
- 3) The effective date of the rate of wheeling charge and cross subsidy surcharge as per the aforesaid Order dated 29 October 2015 is 1 April 2015 and will continue till further order. The adjustments, if any, for over-recovery / under-recovery for the period from 01.04.2015 to 31.10.2015 shall be made in 6 (six) equal monthly instalments starting from the billing month of November, 2015.
- 4) 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 29 October 2015 may be referred to.