

# Meghalaya Open Access Regulations - 2012

## HIGHLIGHTS

<p><b>Eligibility to seek Open Access (OA)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The licensees, generating companies, captive generating plants and consumers shall be eligible for open access on payment of appropriate charges.</li> <li>• Open Access permitted to consumers having load of 1 MW and above, connected through independent feeder.</li> <li>• Consent from STU, SLDC or distribution licensee will be required wherever involved. If the concerned licensee does not communicate deficit, approval, or refusal, within the specified period, then the application consent shall be deemed to have been granted.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Electricity Tariff FY 2017-18</b></p>		<p><b>Rs./kVAh</b></p>
	<p>HT Industrial</p>	<p>6.50</p>
	<p>HT Commercial</p>	<p>6.50</p>
	<p>EHT Industrial</p>	<p>6.00</p>

<b>Connectivity Charges and Procedure</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To intra-state transmission system: Consumer having load of 5 MW and above or a generating station having capacity of 5 MW and above.</li><li>• Application to STU with application fee of Rs.2 lakhs within a time frame of 60 days.</li><li>• To distribution system: Consumer having load of less than 5 MW or a generating station having installed capacity less than 5 MW.</li><li>• For generating station: Application to distribution licensee with application fee of Rs.2 lakh.</li></ul>
<b>Nodal Agency</b>	-As per table given below-

**Procedure and Charges for Long Term Open Access (LTOA)**

- Applicability: Open Access for a period exceeding 12 years but not more than 25 years.
- Applicant has to apply to nodal agency as per location of injection and drawal point.

<b>Location of Injection and Drawal Point</b>	<b>Nodal Agency</b>	<b>Application Fee</b>	<b>Time Frame for Processing Application</b>
<b>Consumer Connected to Distribution System</b>			
Both within the area of the same distribution licensee.	Distribution licensee	Rs.2,00,000	20 days.
Both within the state but with different licensees. Injection into intra-state transmission system.	STU		120 days where system augmentation is not required. 150 days where required.
<b>Consumer Connected to Transmission System</b>			
Both within the intra-state transmission system. Injection point in distribution system within the state.	STU	Rs.2,00,000	120 days where system augmentation is not required. 150 days where required.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bank guarantee of Rs10,000/MW of the total power to be transmitted.</li> <li>• Relinquishment of rights: NO charge for 1 year notice period (LTOA for over 12 years). For notice period of less than one year (or LTOA of less than 12 years) 66% of stranded capacity transmission charges to be paid for period falling short of the notice period.</li> </ul>			

**Procedure and Charges for Medium Term Open Access (MTOA)**

- Applicability: Open access for a period exceeding three months but not more than three years
- MTOA shall be granted if the resultant power flow can be accommodated in the existing system or system under execution. No augmentation shall be carried out to the system for the sole purpose of granting medium-term open access or short-term open access.
- The start date of the medium-term open access shall not be earlier than 5 months and not later than 1 year from the last day of the month in which application has been made.
- Applicant has to apply to nodal agency as per location of injection and drawal point

<b>Location of Injection and Drawal Point</b>	<b>Nodal Agency</b>	<b>Application Fee</b>	<b>Time Frame for Processing Application</b>
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**Consumer Connected to Distribution System**

Both within the area of the same distribution licensee.	Distribution licensee	Rs.1,00,000	20 days
Both within the state but with different licensees. Injection into intra-state transmission system within the state.	STU		40 days

**Consumer Connected to Transmission System**

Both within intra-state transmission system. Injection point within distribution system in the state.	STU	Rs.1,00,000	20 working days
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- Relinquishment of rights: 30 days notice required and payment of applicable transmission charges for the period of relinquishment or 30 days whichever is less.

<b>Procedure and Charges for Short Term Open Access (STOA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicability: Open Access for a period up to one month at a time, but shall not exceed six months in a calendar year.</li> <li>• STOA shall be granted if the resultant power flow can be accommodated in the existing system or system under execution provided that no augmentation shall be carried out to the system for the sole purpose of granting medium-term or short-term open access.</li> <li>• Applicant has to apply to nodal agency as per location of injection and drawal point</li> <li>• Applications to be submitted to the nodal agency seeking STOA up to the fourth month, considering the month in which an application is made being the first month.</li> </ul>			
	<b>Location of Injection and Drawal Point</b>	<b>Nodal Agency</b>	<b>Application fee</b>	<b>Time Frame for Processing Application</b>
	<b>Consumer Connected to Distribution System</b>			
	Both within the area of the same licensee (distribution).	Distribution licensee	Rs.25,000	7 working days if applying for the first time, otherwise 3 days.
	Both within the same state but with different distribution licensees. Injection point in intra-state transmission system.	SLDC		
	<b>Consumer Connected to Transmission System</b>			
Both connected to intra state transmission system. Injection point within distribution system in the state.	SLDC	Rs.25,000	7 working days if applying for the first time, otherwise 3 days.	

## OTHER PROVISIONS

<p><b>Allotment priority</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Highest Priority: Distribution licensee, irrespective of the term of Open Access.</li> <li>• Long Term Open Access customers shall have priority after distribution licensee.</li> <li>• Next in priority - Medium Term Open Access followed by Short Term Open Access customers, subject to capacity availability.</li> <li>• Existing open access customer shall have priority over new customers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Open Access charges</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two month's security deposit to the appropriate licensee to secure the licensee against default in payment, or (for LTOA and MTOA) irrevocable letter of credit in favour of the agency responsible.</li> </ul> <p><b>Transmission Charges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For inter-state open access: As decided by CERC from time to time.</li> <li>• Payable on the basis of contracted capacity/scheduled load or actual power flow, whichever is higher.</li> <li>• Approved for FY 2017-18: Rs.4252/MW/day or Rs.0.75/unit, whichever is higher.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cross Subsidy Surcharge:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payable on per unit basis for actual energy drawn through open access.</li> <li>• For EHT: Rs.1.34/kWh (@4% loss).</li> <li>• For HT: Rs.1.44/kWh (@ 6% loss) (Distribution Tariff Order 2017-18).</li> </ul> <p><b>Wheeling Charges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payable to distribution licensee on the basis of contracted capacity/ scheduled load or actual power drawn whichever is higher.</li> <li>• Rs.1.45/unit (Distribution Tariff Order 2017-18).</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional Surcharge:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A consumer availing OA and receiving supply of electricity from a person other than the distribution licensee of his area of supply shall pay to the distribution licensee an additional surcharge if it is conclusively demonstrated that the obligation of a licensee has been and continues to be stranded.</li> <li>• Determined on case-by-case basis by State Commission.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Scheduling and Metering</b></p>	<p><b>Scheduling:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scheduling of all transactions pursuant to grant of LTOA or MTOA or STOA shall be carried out on day-ahead basis in accordance with the relevant provisions of IEGC for inter-state transactions and in accordance with State Grid Code/Commission's order for intra-state transactions.</li> <li>• Scheduling of inter-state open access transactions shall be as specified by the Central Commission.</li> <li>• For intra-state open access: Consumers with load of 5 MW and above, and generating stations, shall be scheduled by SLDC. No scheduling required for loads below 5 MW.</li> <li>• Charges: For Inter-state OA (LTOA, MTOA) - RLDC and SLDC charges.</li> <li>• For Inter-state OA (STOA) - SLDC charges as specified by CERC.</li> <li>• For Intra-state OA (LTOA, MTOA) - SLDC fees and charges as determined by State Commission.</li> <li>• For Intra-state OA (STOA) - A composite operating charge @Rs.2,000 per day to SLDC or as determined by the Commission from time to time.</li> </ul> <p><b>Metering:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Installation of Special Energy Meters capable of time-differentiated measurements for time-block-wise active/reactive energy and voltage differentiated measurement of reactive energy in accordance with the State Grid Code.</li> <li>• For consumers above 5 MW connected load and generating stations, special meters to be installed by SLDC at the cost of the consumer.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Energy losses</b></p>	<p><b>Transmission Losses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inter-state Open Access (LTOA, MTOA) - Buyer shall bear the loss as specified by the Central Commission.</li> <li>• Inter-state OA (STOA) - The buyer and seller, both, should absorb losses and shall be compensated by additional injection/drawal at the injection/drawal points.</li> <li>• Intra-state Transmission Losses: 4%.</li> </ul> <p><b>Distribution Losses:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distribution losses considered are 21% (Distribution Tariff Order 2017-18).</li> </ul>

<p><b>Imbalance and Reactive Energy charges</b></p>	<p><b>Imbalance Energy Charges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The difference between the scheduled and the actual drawal/generation shall be accounted through the Time of Day (TOD) meters on monthly basis and settled at the rate of imbalance charge as determined by the Commission.</li> <li>• Unless specified otherwise by the Commission, the imbalance charge for intra-state entity shall be average tariff of similar category of consumer, or 105% of UI rate at the peripheral of regional entity (for overdrawals or under-generation) whichever is higher. Similarly, lowest consumer tariff of distribution licensee or 95% (for underdrawal or over-generation) of UI rate whichever is lower.</li> <li>• In addition to the imbalance charges above, for overdrawal as well as under-injection of electricity by open access users for each time block in excess of 12% of the schedule, additional charge for deviation shall be applicable.</li> </ul> <p><b>Reactive Energy Charges:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For load of 1 MW and above, charges shall be in accordance with provision stipulated in the State Grid Code or as may be decided by the Commission from time to time. If no charges are determined as stated, the provision of IEGC will apply.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Link</b></p>	<p><a href="http://mserc.gov.in/regulations.html">http://mserc.gov.in/regulations.html</a></p>
<p><b>References</b></p>	<p>The M.S.E.R.C. (Terms and Conditions of Open Access) Regulations, 2012:  <a href="http://mserc.gov.in/regulations/MSERC_OpenAccess_2012.pdf">http://mserc.gov.in/regulations/MSERC_OpenAccess_2012.pdf</a>  Distribution Tariff Oder ( FY 17-18):  <a href="http://www.mserc.gov.in/orders/TariffOrders31032017/Tariff_Order_MePDCL_31032017.pdf">http://www.mserc.gov.in/orders/TariffOrders31032017/Tariff_Order_MePDCL_31032017.pdf</a>  Transmission Tariff Order (FY 17-18):  <a href="http://www.mserc.gov.in/orders/TariffOrders31032017/Tariff_Order_MePTCL31032017.pdf">http://www.mserc.gov.in/orders/TariffOrders31032017/Tariff_Order_MePTCL31032017.pdf</a></p>