Uttar Pradesh Mini-Grid Policy - 2016

HIGHLIGHTS

Nodal Agency	Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA).
Applicable Technologies	Wind, solar, biomass, small hydro.
Policy Period	Effective from date of issuance until modified or superseded by another policy, whichever is earlier.
Targets under Policy	Not available.
Incentive Amount	 30% subsidy for projects. Incentives as provided in industrial policy. Other infrastructure-related support.
Eligibility Conditions	Maximum capacity of 500 kW
Tax Exemptions	Not available.
Evacuation Arrangement	Not available.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Electricity tariff	 Rs. 60/- per month for 50 Watt. Rs. 120/- per month for load up to 100 Watt, for daily 8 hours electricity supply. For load more than 100 Watt, tariff would be determined by mutual consent by consumers and developer.
Land requirement	Land would be arranged by the developer for sanctioned projects.
Self-identified projects	 Developer should fulfil needs of domestic demand, agriculture works and commercial establishments. No restrictions on distribution of energy by the developer. Tariff will be decided through mutual consent by the developer and consumers. Benefits of other infrastructure supports, incentives provided in the industrial policy can be availed, and an exit process would be provided in case of conventional grid access.
Exit process	In case of conventional grid access, the following two exit processes would be offered to established mini-grid projects: • The energy generated from the plant will be received in the grid by the DISCOM at the tariff decided by Uttar Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission/tariff decided by mutual consent. • Based on the cost benefit analysis of the installed project, the project will be transferred to the DISCOM at a cost determined by mutual consent by DISCOM and developer, on an estimation of cost/profit loss of the project installed by the developer
Period of implementation	Implementation of projects: • Solar projects - 6 months • Biomass/bagasse based projects - 9 months • Wind and small hydro power projects - 1 year 6 months extension may be provided for actual/natural delays in project implementation.
Fossil fuel	 Solar thermal projects - fossil fuel use is prohibited. Biomass projects - permissible as per Govt. of India standards Solar photovoltaic projects - In absence of requisite solar energy diesel genset can be used to charge the battery bank after complying with the environmental standards.
Single window clearance	UPNEDA would act as the nodal agency for single window clearance for all mini-grid projects.
Links	http://upneda.org.in/policies
References	http://upneda.org.in/sites/default/files/all/section/Mini%20Grid%20Policy%202016.pdf