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NOTIFICATION

ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003.

No. MERC/Legal/2017/3972.—In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 86(1) (e) and 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, and after previous publication, the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission makes the following Regulations to amend the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering for Roof-top Solar Photo Voltaic Systems) Regulations, 2015, namely :—

1. Short title, extent and commencement

1.1 These Regulations may be called the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering for Roof-top Solar Photo Voltaic Systems) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2017.

1.2 These Regulations shall extend to the whole of the State of Maharashtra.

1.3 These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the *Official Gazette*.

2. Amendments to Definitions in Regulation 2.1 of the principal Regulations

2.1 The following definitions shall be added in Regulation 2.1 of the principal Regulations :—

“(na) “Renewable Energy” means the grid quality electricity generated from Renewable Energy sources, including a combination of such sources;”

“(pa) “Renewable Energy Generating System” means the Renewable Energy power system installed on a Consumer’s premises, and owned and/or operated by such Consumer or by a third party, that uses Renewable Energy for conversion into electricity;”

2.2 The definition of ‘Roof-top Solar PV System’ in Regulation 2.1(o) of the principal Regulations shall be deleted, and shall be substituted by the following :—

“(o) “Renewable Energy sources” means the renewable sources or combination of such sources, such as Mini, Micro and Small Hydro, Wind, Solar, Biomass including bagasse, bio-fuel, urban or Municipal Solid Waste as defined in the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Renewable Energy Tariff) Regulations, 2015, and such other sources as are recognized or approved by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India;”

3. Substitution of terms in the principal Regulations

The following terms, wherever they occur in the principal Regulations and their Annexure, shall be substituted by the terms set out below :—

(a) The terms ‘Solar PV Generating System’ and ‘Solar PV System’ shall be substituted by the term ‘Renewable Energy Generating System’;

(b) The term ‘Solar Generation Meter’ shall be substituted by the term ‘Renewable Energy Generation Meter’;

(c) The terms 'Solar Renewable Purchase Obligation' and 'Solar RPO' shall be substituted by the term 'Renewable Purchase Obligation';

(d) The term 'Solar energy' shall be substituted by the term 'Renewable Energy'.

Mumbai,

Dated 21st July 2017.

ASHWANI KUMAR SINHA,

Secretary,

Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Note : The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Net Metering for Roof-top Solar Photo Voltaic Systems) Regulations, 2015 were notified in the *Official Gazette* on 10th September 2015.