

F. No. 09/01/2025-RCM
Government of India
Ministry of Power
(RCM Section)

2nd Floor, F-Wing, Nirman Bhawan,
New Delhi, Dated the 16th April, 2025

To,

1. Secretary, all SERCs/JERCs
2. President, FICCI, New Delhi
3. DG, CII, New Delhi
4. President, ASSOCHAM, New Delhi

Subject: Clarification regarding capping of RPO/RCO in view of Notification no. 30/04/2018-R&R dated 1st October 2019 issued by Ministry of Power.

Sir,


I am directed to inform that Ministry of Power on 20th October 2023 notified year-wise Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) / Renewable Consumption Obligation (RCO) till FY 2030 starting from 2024-25 under the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, as amended from time to time, specifying the minimum share of consumption of non-fossil sources (renewable energy) by designated consumers in respect of electricity distribution licensee (DISCOMs) and other designated consumers who are Open Access (OA) consumers or Captive Power users. In the said notification it was also mentioned that the designated consumers (DCs) who are open access consumers or consumers with Captive Power Plants shall fulfill their obligation as per the specified total renewable energy target, irrespective of the renewable energy source.

2. It is clear that after notification of RCO dated 20th October, 2023, under Energy Conservation Act, all the earlier notifications related to RPO issued by MoP including clarification vide Order No. 30/04/2018-R&R dated 1st October, 2019 related to Captive users have been superseded and are not applicable w.e.f. 01.04.24. Therefore, it is imperative that all Stakeholders including SERCs and Captive users should follow notification dated 20th October, 2023. It has come to notice that few SERCs are still following notifications issued by MoP, prior to 20th October, 2023, which is not appropriate.

3. In view of above, It is again clarified that the provisions of the RCO notification dated 20.10.2023 have already come into effect and are currently enforceable. All designated consumers, including Captive users, are required to comply with the specified RCO targets under the said notification. Any deviation from such targets would be considered as non-compliance and would be liable for action as per provisions under Energy Conservation Act, 2001, as amended from time to time.

4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,


16/4/2025

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Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg,
New Delhi, 1st October, 2019

To

1. Chairperson, CEA, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi.
2. Secretary (Energy/Power), All State Govts/UTs.
3. Secretary, CERC/FOR, Chanderlok Building, Janpath, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, All SERCs
5. CMD, All CPSUs under the administrative control of Ministry of Power.
6. President, FICCI, Tansen Marg, New Delhi.
7. President, ASSOCHAM, New Delhi
8. Indian Captive Power Producers Association
9. DG, APP, New Delhi.

Subject: Clarification on Orders related to Renewable Purchase Obligation.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Power's Order of even number dated 22nd July, 2016 and 14th June, 2018 regarding long term growth trajectory of Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) for Solar and Non-solar for the period 2016-19 and 2019-22 respectively.


2. A clarification was issued by Ministry of Power vide letter dated 1st February, 2019 regarding capping of RPO for Captive Power Plants (CPP) (copy enclosed).

3. Based on the concern raised by various stakeholders and after due consultation with MNRE, CEA and CERC it is further clarified that:

- i) For CPPs commissioned before 1.04.2016, RPO should be at the level as mandated by the appropriate Commission for the year 2015-16. For CPPs commissioned from 1.04.2016 onwards, the RPO level as mandated by the appropriate Commission or Ministry of Power, whichever is higher, for the year of commissioning of the CPP shall be applicable.
 - ii) In case of any augmentation in the capacity, the RPO for augmented capacity shall be the RPO applicable for the year in which the CPP has been augmented.
 - iii) In case, for meeting the RPO obligation, CPP has surplus power than its consumption requirement, such a CPP may sell its surplus power to the DISCOMs under the prevailing arrangements or in the power exchange.
4. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble MoS(I/C) for Power and NRE.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As above


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2. The request of various stakeholders regarding capping of RPO for Captive Power Plants (CPP) has been examined in consultation with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and it is clarified that RPO of the CPP may be pegged at the RPO level applicable in the year in which the CPP was commissioned. As and when the company adds to the capacity of the CPP, it will have to provide for additional RPO as obligated in the year in which new capacity is commissioned. There should not be an increase in RPO of CPP without any additional fossil fuel capacity being added.

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