

**Before the  
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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**Removal of Difficulty in implementation of Procedure under MERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar and Wind Generation) Regulations, 2018**

**Date: 18 March, 2019**

**ORDER**

In accordance with Regulation 5.20 of MERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar and Wind Generation) Regulations, 2018, MSLDC submitted the Detailed Procedure to the Commission which was duly approved on 7 December, 2018.

The Clause 7.1 of the said Detailed Procedure specifies the MSLDC fee and charges including scheduling fee and re-scheduling fee payable by QCA to MSLDC. The Abstract of Payments as specified in the Procedure is as below as below:

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*Abstract of Payments to be made to MSLDC by the QCA*

<b><i>Sr. No.</i></b>	<b><i>Reason for Payment</i></b>	<b><i>Amount (Rs.)</i></b>	<b><i>Time of Payment</i></b>
<i>1</i>	<i>Registration Charges</i>	<i>20,000/-</i>	<i>For each Pooling Sub-Station during Application for Registration</i>
<b><u>2</u></b>	<b><u>Scheduling Charges</u></b>	<b><u>2,250/-</u></b>	<b><u>For every day</u></b>
<b><u>3</u></b>	<b><u>Revision in Schedules</u></b>	<b><u>2,250/-</u></b>	<b><u>For every revision</u></b>
<i>4</i>	<i>Forecasting services</i>	<i>3,000/-</i>	<i>Per day, if availed</i>
<i>5</i>	<i>Corpus</i>	<i>25,000/- per MW for Solar</i> <i>50,000/- per MW for Wind</i>	<i>During Registration</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Top-up of Corpus</i>	<i>As required</i>	<i>In the event of reduction in Corpus as per Sr. No. 5</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>Any other charges</i>	<i>As required</i>	<i>As required</i>

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**[Emphasis added]**

2. MSLDC vide its letter dated 12 March, 2019 submitted that, for implementation of said Regulations, a Co-ordination meeting was held with the Stakeholders on 26 February, 2019 at Prakashganga HQ. of MSETCL, Mumbai. MSLDC submitted the minutes of the meeting dated 26 February, 2019 to the Commission wherein it is stated that, during meeting, Stakeholders raised the concern about the high charges for QCA Registration, Scheduling and Charges for intraday revision of Schedules in view of permissible 16 revisions which are necessarily required considering uncertain nature of source and to forecast generation with higher accuracy. The levy of high charges for revision of schedule shall defeat the purpose of the regulations to support stability of Grid operation. It was further submitted that, such charges were not so high in the other states like Andhra Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka etc. Accordingly, the stakeholders requested to waive off the charges for Scheduling and Revision of Scheduling as specified in the approved Procedure dated 7 December,2018.
3. The Commission has noted the concern raised by Stakeholders during the meeting dated 26 February 2019. It is a known fact that renewable power being infirm in nature, there will be a number of revisions in the schedule for a pooling substation to minimize the deviation between the scheduled generation and the actual generation. Hence, in the Regulations, provision has been made to revise the schedule so that the objective of the Regulation will be fulfilled. The accuracy of forecast for RE sources such as Wind and Solar can be achieved through revision in the schedule at a time very close to the period of despatch.
4. In view of the above, the Commission in exercise of the power conferred by Regulation 19 of the MERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for solar and wind generation) Regulations, 2018 and Clause 16 of the Detailed Procedure, accepts the request of Stakeholders to waive off the Charges for Scheduling and Revision of Scheduling till the further Order issued by the Commission. The Revised Table on Page No. 48 shall be as below:

**Revised Abstract of Payments to be made to MSLDC by the QCA**

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>Time of Payment</b>
1	Registration Charges	20,000/-	For each Pooling Sub-Station during Application for Registration
2	Scheduling Charges	NIL	NIL until further Orders
3	Revision in Schedules	NIL	NIL until further Orders
4	Forecasting services	3,000/-	Per day, if availed
5	Corpus	25,000/- per MW for Solar	During Registration

<b>Sr. No.</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Amount (Rs.)</b>	<b>Time of Payment</b>
		50,000/- per MW for Wind	
6	Top-up of Corpus	As required	In the event of reduction in Corpus as per Sr. No. 5
7	Any other charges	As required	As required

**Sd/-**  
**(Mukesh Khullar)**  
**Member**

**Sd/-**  
**(I. M. Bohari)**  
**Member**

**Sd/-**  
**(Anand B. Kulkarni)**  
**Chairperson**