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» MOP ISSUED NOTICE FOR FAIR DISTRIBUTION OF AVAILABLE DOMESTIC COAL

- ▶ Against the requirement of 222 MMT of domestic coal in Q1 (Apr-Jun 2023), likely availability of coal from all sources will be 201 MMT due to constraint in Railway logistics.
- ▶ In order to provide uninterrupted power supply during high demand period in Apr-May 2023, MOP has developed principle for fair distribution of domestic coal as under:
 - › Domestic coal allocation in the ratio of fortnightly average generation of generating stations
 - › While allocating domestic coal as per above, following will be excluded:
 - › Pithead stations taking coal through MGR/conveyor or any other dedicated means, as it does not use the railway network
 - › All plants taking coal through Road mode only
 - › Coal to be made applicable from captive mines. Availability from captive mines will be taken at the level of availability in March 2023 plus 5%
 - › As per above principles, Genco wise allocation of rake has been made.
 - › This allocation would be operationalised from 01.04.2023



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- » ALMM enlistment Guidelines for Co-branded Solar Modules clarified by Government.
- » 'National conference on Biomass -3p- Pellet to power to prosperity' held on 24th March 2023.



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- » MOP issued Draft Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendments Rule 2023.

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- ▶ If States are found to be selling power generated from domestic coal at notified price in significant amount in power exchange, their rakes will be reduced accordingly.
- ▶ Surplus power may be made available to other Discoms through PuShP portal developed by the CEA.
- ▶ In view of above, all the States are directed to immediately make arrangement for shortfall in domestic coal so as to fully met the power demand.



- ▶ Solar projects commissioned by March 31, 2024 will be exempted from the requirement of procuring modules listed under ALMM, as Amended Rules have come after implementation of the ALMM Order for Financial Year 2023-24 which has been kept on hold by the Government.

- ▶ Revised guidelines provides for following exceptions to qualification criteria:

- ▶ An ALMM enlisted model of a brand owner is manufactured under a Co-branding arrangement in the ALMM enlisted manufacturing facility of another OEM using same manufacturing process and bill of materials.

- ▶ An ALMM enlisted model of an OEM is manufactured under a co-branding arrangement in the OEM's ALMM enlisted manufacturing facility using the same manufacturing process and bill of materials but bears the brand name of another ALMM enlisted manufacturer.

- ▶ As per new clause, both the brand owner and the OEM must be enlisted in ALMM.

**RENEWABLES****» ALMM ENLISTMENT GUIDELINES FOR CO-BRANDED SOLAR MODULES CLARIFIED BY GOVERNMENT**

- ▶ MNRE has modified the Approved list of Models and Manufacturers (ALMM) guidelines and broaden the qualification criteria through an exception for modules produced under agreements between an OEM and brand owner.



**RENEWABLES****» 'NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON BIOMASS -3P- PELLET TO POWER TO PROSPERITY' HELD ON 24TH MARCH 2023**

- ▶ The National Conference on Biomass -3P- Pellet to power to prosperity has hosted as National Mission on the use of Biomass in coal based thermal Power Plants (SAMARTH) in association with NPTI by the Power Ministry.
- ▶ The objectives of the conference are:
 - › Foster an enabling environment to boost co-firing of biomass pellets in thermal Power plants
 - › To provide common platform to all stakeholders to share their knowledge and experience
 - › Additional income for farmers and reduction in coal imports
- ▶ SAMARTH may be a one stop solution to multiple problems being faced in the disposal of surplus biomass.
- ▶ Co-firing of biomass pellets in thermal plant will save the environment from harmful effects of stubble burning.
- ▶ In Lok Sabha, Singh informed that experiments carried by NTPC-NETRA in NTPC Dadri Coal based thermal power plants to ascertain the impact of co-firing biomass on thermal power plants (TPPs)
- ▶ Studies suggest that 5-10% of biomass can be safely co-fired with coal in TPPs without having any adverse impact on the plant.



**POLICY And REGULATORY****» MOP ISSUED DRAFT ELECTRICITY (RIGHTS OF CONSUMERS) AMENDMENTS RULE 2023**

- ▶ MoP vide letter dated 24.03.2023 has issued Draft Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendments Rule 2023 and sought comments from stakeholder on or before 14.04.2023.
- ▶ MoP has amended following rule from the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rule 2020 (referred as Principal Rule)

› Rule 5(5):

- › The remote reading of smart meters changed to at least once in a day from at least every month. Consumers having smart pre-payment meters may also be given the data access for checking their consumptions and balance amount on real time basis.
- › No penalty shall be imposed on consumer based on maximum demand recorded before the period of installation. In case of maximum demand exceeding sanctioned load, it shall be calculated based on actual recorded demand.
- › For increase in maximum recorded Demand, the lowest of the Maximum Demand of three months exceeding the

sanctioned load shall be considered as revised sanctioned load and same shall be automatically reset from the billing cycle in next calendar year. For decrease in maximum demand, the revision of Sanctioned load shall be done in accordance with the Supply codes issued by respective Regulatory Commission.



**POLICY And REGULATORY****» MOP ISSUED DRAFT ELECTRICITY (RIGHTS OF CONSUMERS) AMENDMENTS RULE 2023****» Rule 6(1)**

- » Time of Day (ToD) Tariff shall be made effective immediately after installation of Smart meters, for the particular category of consumers with smart meters.
- » ToD Tariff for commercial and Industrial (C&I) consumers having Maximum Demand up to 10 kW shall be made effective not later than 1st April, 2024, and for other consumers except agricultural consumers, the TOD tariff shall be made effective not later than 1st April 2025. ToD Tariff specified by the State Commission for C&I consumers during peak period of the day shall not be less than 1.20 times and for other consumers it shall not be less than 1.10 times the normal tariff.
- » Tariff for solar hours of the day specified by the State Commission shall be at least 20% less than the normal tariff for that category of consumers, given that the duration of peak hours shall not be more than solar hours as notified by the State Commission for SLDC.
- » Tariff for each category of consumers shall be displayed on distribution licensee's website and consumers shall be notified of change in tariff including fuel surcharge and other charges, a full billing cycle ahead of time through energy bills/SMS/Mobile App etc.

