

Mandatory Requirements:

1 The following eligibility requirements /pre-conditions are required to be fulfilled by the Open Access customer before applying/availing the Short Term Open Access (STOA):

A) Eligibility Requirements:

The eligibility requirements/conditions for grant of STOA shall be as laid down in the Principal Regulations, as amended from time to time, read with following requirements:

i) Availability of spare transmission & distribution capacity:

The short term Open Access customer shall be eligible for STOA over the surplus capacity available on the intra-State transmission system/distribution system after use by the long term customers and the medium term customers, by virtue of

- a) Inherent Design Margins;
- b) Margins available due to variation in power flows; and
- c) Margins available due to in-built spare transmission / distribution capacity created to cater to future load growth.

Provided that construction of a dedicated transmission line/distribution system shall not be construed as augmentation of the transmission system/distribution system for the purpose of grant of Short Term Open Access.

ii) Contract Demand (CD) & Voltage Level

The STOA shall be permissible to a customer having demand of 1 MW and above (except generating plants), connected at 11 KV or above. However, all the generating plants will be allowed open access for wheeling of power.

For the consumers of distribution licensee, the demand in MW shall be computed based on sanctioned CD and Power factor as defined in the General Conditions of Tariff approved by the Commission (present value of Power Factor approved by the Commission is 0.9) (restricted to sanctioned load).

The open access power granted under STOA shall be rounded off to nearest two decimal places.

For allowing STOA for purchase of power above contract demand, the specific permission of distribution licensee to draw the open access power above the sanctioned contract demand is required.

iii) Connectivity

The consumer/buyer or generating station/sellers seeking STOA should be connected to Transmission/Distribution System of PSTCL/PSPCL at 11KV or above.

An Open Access Customer shall be eligible to obtain connectivity at the voltage level specified in the Conditions of Supply of the licensee approved by the

Commission, unless already connected, and shall apply for connectivity in accordance with the State Grid Code/Principal Regulations.

iv) Feeder status/category supplying power to customer:

Open Access shall be allowed on all feeders except urban pattern supply feeders, AP feeders and category - I feeders serving mixed loads of urban / industrial consumers.

Provided that the customers connected to Category - II mixed industrial feeders, with no agricultural load on the feeder, shall be allowed open access subject to the condition that they agree to rostering restrictions imposed by the utility on such feeders.

v) A person having been declared insolvent or bankrupt or having outstanding dues against him for more than two months billing of distribution/transmission licensee at the time of application shall not be eligible for open access.

Similarly, a person having been debarred from availing open access as per Regulation 31 (5) of the PSERC (Terms & Conditions for Intra-state Open Access) Regulations, 2011, owing to Unauthorized Open Access Power Transaction, (as defined in Regulation 3(1)(cc) of the said regulations, shall not be eligible for Open Access during the period of debarment.

Provided that if the dispute regarding outstanding dues is pending with any Forum or Court and stay is granted by the competent authority, in that case the person shall be eligible for seeking open access.

vi) In case of Generators, besides fulfilling the connectivity requirement to PSPCL/PSTCL system, they shall also be required to furnish copy of compliance report to the feasibility clearance issued by PSPCL or PSTCL, as applicable, alongwith a copy of PEDDA clearance in case of NRSE projects, Chief Electrical Inspector to Govt. of Punjab clearance and any other statutory clearance.

In case of Captive Power Plants (CPPs), certificate from the competent authority, regarding captive status in line with Electricity Act, 2003 & Electricity Rules, 2005 is to be furnished.

2 On meeting the mandatory eligibility requirements, the applicant shall be issued the approval for grant of Short Term Open Access/NOC/Standing clearance/concurrence, whichever is applicable, by the Nodal Agency. Thereafter, the following pre-conditions are required to be fulfilled by the Open Access applicant:-

i) Metering Requirements:

- a. The Open Access Customer shall provide ABT compatible Special Energy Meters at the point(s) of injection and point(s) of drawl if not already provided. Special Energy Meters installed shall be of the make approved by PSPCL and shall be capable of time-differentiated measurements for time-block-wise active energy and voltage differentiated measurement of reactive energy in accordance with the State Grid Code. The Open Access Customer shall provide

Main Meters on its premises as specified in the State Grid Code. The distribution licensee shall provide along with Main Meters, Check Meters of the same specifications as Main Meters at the point(s) of injection and point(s) of drawl.

- b. An Open Access Customer may request distribution licensee to provide Main Meter(s). In that case, he shall pay security to distribution licensee and shall also pay rentals as per Schedule of General Charges for the Main Meter(s), which shall be maintained by the distribution licensee.
- c. The meters shall be duly tested and sealed in ME lab and shall also be tested at site by enforcement wing of the distribution licensee (MMTS) after installation.
- d. All open access customers shall abide by the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006, as amended from time to time.
- e. The Main and Check Meters shall be periodically tested and calibrated by State Transmission Utility / distribution licensee as per State Grid Code requirement.
- f. The Metering guidelines to be followed by Open Access customer shall be as per **Appendix I-C**.

ii) **Communication Facility:**

Main and Check Meters shall have facility to communicate their readings/data to the State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) on real time basis. In case of generators/sellers and open access customers (non-consumers of PSPCL), the facilities/equipment for communication/transfer of metering parameters to SLDC control room on real time basis through two independent channels are to be provided by them at their cost at their end.

iii) **Control Room :**

To communicate with SLDC & any of such upcoming Distribution Control Centers (DCCs) of PSPCL, an Open Access Customer shall be required to provide a round the clock control room at its premises with following facilities:

- a) Telephone/Mobile with STD.
- b) Transmission and receipt of fax and e-mail.

- 3 SLDC/PSPCL/PSTCL reserves the right to deny open access to customers or withdraw it any time in case of not fulfilling any of the eligibility conditions like change of feeder status, payment defaults, debarred for open access as per Regulation 31(5) of PSERC (Terms & Conditions for Intra-state Open Access) Regulations, 2011, due to unauthorized open access power transactions or otherwise due to any technical/operational constraints. Reasons for such denial/withdrawal shall be immediately conveyed to the customer.