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The Secretary,
TSERC, 5th Floor, 11-4-660, Singareni Bhavan
Red Hills, Hyderabad - 500 004

Dear Sir,

Sub:- Request for removal of Cross Subsidy, ASS & TOD charges for Solar Open Access
Developers -Reg.

Ref:- ARR and Tariff proposals for the retail supply business, Cross Subsidy Surcharge
proposals and ASS proposals for the FY2018-19

At the outset, we commend the honorable commission (TSERC) in taking great strides towards encouragement of solar power in the state of Telangana. This has resulted in making Telangana one of the fastest growing states in the country in terms of addition of solar power generation capacity. However, we want to direct your immediate attention on the burning challenges being faced by solar open access developers in the state.

The honorable commission (TSERC) vides its order dated: 22-12-2017 in O.P.No.22 of 2016 & O.P.No.23 of 2016, passed an amendment order to the retail supply tariff order for the year 2017-18, duly exempting solar projects from levy of CSS in line with the Combined AP Solar Policy of 2012 and Telangana Government Solar Policy of 2015.

Now in line with these government policies it is requested to Honorable Commission (TSERC) for exempting solar projects from levy of **CSS and Additional Surcharge(ASS)** in its retails supply tariff order for the year 2018-19.

With respect to APERC order APERC/Sery/25/2013 dated 04-05-2013 we request Honorable Commission (TSERC) to give relief to solar developers/generator/consumers by exempting from the levy of **TOD charges** by including it in the tariff order.

The exemptions requested above be allowed to the solar projects set up under A.P.Solar Policy, 2012 & Telangana Solar Policy, 2015.

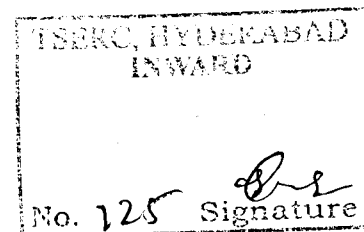
This hefty **CSS, Additional Surcharge and TOD** levy is compounding to our already existing heavy burden emanating from all other outstanding issues in open access power supply which is making our life miserable and we are sure we cannot survive any further. We are unable to honour our bank debt obligations, pay salaries to our employees and operate our plant smoothly in the current environment. And we are running from pillar to post every year on the same issue. While, EASE OF DOING Business provisions are hardly being manifested by the utilities as the enabling provisions are hardly been proactively implemented. Investment climate in our newly born state has been greatly being jeopardized. It seemed we have just had relief of Cross Subsidy Surcharge and in no time we are again in threat of Additional Surcharge.

We humbly request you to kindly take immediate permanent measures to alleviate this distress.

Thanking you and looking forward to receiving your favourable response at the soonest.

For INDIAN SOLAR POWER PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION,


NARENDER SURANA
PRESIDENT



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