

Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Case No. 197 of 2024

Petition filed by M/s. KSB Limited (KSBL) seeking directions to MSEDCL for enablement of Net Metering Arrangement.

M/s. KSB Limited (KSBL)...	Petitioner
M/s. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL)...	Respondent

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Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson
Anand M. Limaye, Member
Surendra J. Biyani, Member

Appearance:

For the Petitioner	:	Ms. Anjali Chandurkar (Adv.) Mr. Ghanashyam Thakkar (Rep.)
For the Respondent	:	Mr. Harinder Toor (Adv.)

ORDER

Date: 28 July 2025

1. M/s. KSB Ltd. (KSBL) has filed the present Petition on 18 November 2024 under Section 86 (1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003, MERC (Grid interactive rooftop renewable energy generating systems) (First Amendment) Regulations 2023 and MERC (Distribution Open Access) Regulations 2016 & its subsequent amendments. KSBL is categorically seeking directions to MSEDCL to treat Rooftop Solar Renewable Energy Generating Systems (REGS) at its (4) plant locations under Net Metering arrangement and corresponding retrospective energy and billing settlement.

2. **KSBL's major prayers are as follows:**

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a) *Direct the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited to treat Rooftop Solar REGS at 4 (four) locations of the Petitioner under Net Metering arrangement*

b) *Subject to grant of Prayer (a), direct Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited to retrospectively give adjustment of amounts paid by the Petitioner considering the energy settlement as per Net Metering arrangement from the start of open access for the consumer facilities of the Petitioner at 4 (four) locations as mentioned herein above in the Petition.*

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3. KSBL has installed Rooftop Solar REGS at following (4) plant locations:

Particulars	Vambori	Kesurdi	Sinnar	Pimpri
MSEDCL Circle	Ahmednagar	Khandala, Satara	Nashik Urban	Ganeshkhind
Consumer No.	800029000181	203739026640	75949006964	170149001452
Capacity (in kW)	452	772	772	586

4. To cater to the green power requirements and cost optimization, KSBL has also procuring power under captive mode.
5. With the notification of MERC (Distribution Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2023; a consumer having rooftop generating system is entitled to simultaneously avail Open Access and Net Metering. KSBL has approached the Commission with a limited grievance that in spite of the repeated requests made to MSEDCL, its consumption from Rooftop REGS has not been considered under Net Metering. Instead of permitting Net Metering, MSEDCL continued to bill the KSBL for all of its four (4) facilities by adopting the Gross Metering methodology.
6. The Commission heard IA No. 75 of 2024 in Case No. 197 of 2024 on 03 December 2024. The Advocate of KSBL pointed out that MSEDCL is not complying with the provisions of the MERC (Distribution Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2023 in respect of energy settlement. In reply Advocate of MSEDCL stated that KSBL has not followed the procedure for availing of Green Energy Open Access. In terms of Green Energy Open Access, MSEDCL is mere facilitator, and KSBL is bound to register its application on web portal developed by Central Nodal Agency. Considering the averments made, the Commission directed both the parties to sit together for resolving procedural aspects.
7. During the next hearing held on 11 March 2025, Advocate of KSBL submitted that in

compliance to Daily Order dated 03 December 2024, KSBL had meeting with the MSEDCL. MSEDCL is not allowing Net Metering arrangement under the garb of procedural difficulties. KSBL has already complied with the procedures stipulated for availing Green Energy Open Access. Limited issue herein is non-consideration of generation from Rooftop Solar System under Net Metering arrangement. MSEDCL is still considering its generation from rooftop Solar system under gross metering arrangement and billing has been carried out accordingly. Considering the averments, the Commission directed MSEDCL to clarify its stand and file detailed affidavit on the procedure on which it requires clarity. Further, till the disposal of the present matter, KSBL shall not be burdened with any adverse financial impact.

8. Post hearing, MSEDCL vide its communication dated 11 March 2025, requested MSLDC to provide the approval copies for STOA. On the same date, a Minutes of Meeting (MoM) was signed between KSBL and MSEDCL. Subsequently, MSLDC in its Reply dated 13 March 2025, provided the requested approval copies and confirmed that the said approvals were indeed under Regulation 2.1(32)(a) and the sixth proviso of Regulation 3.3 of the MERC (Distribution Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2023. Based on the approval copies received from MSLDC, MSEDCL assured that it will revise the bills of (4) consumer accounts of KSBL for the period from September 2024 to January 2025, incorporating credit for Rooftop Solar generation. These adjustments will be reflected in the electricity bills for May 2025, which will be issued in the month of June 2025. It is clarified that the above billing adjustments are provisional and subject to revision based on the final outcome in present matter and the clarificatory Petition filed by MSEDCL in Case No. 232 of 2024.
9. During the subsequent hearing held on 10 June 2025, Advocate appearing on behalf of KSBL submitted that MSEDCL in its submission dated 28 May 2025 agreed to carry out credit adjustments for units generated by (4) Solar REGS units under net metering modality. It has categorically agreed to give bill credits in the month on May 2025, which will be issued in June 2025. But energy bills received by it in the month of June 2025 is without any credit adjustment. In response, Advocate of MSEDCL assured that it is in process of issuing supplementary bills with credit adjustment.
10. The Commission notes that during the course of present proceedings, it directed parties to sit together and resolve the dispute amicably. Accordingly, MSEDCL in its written submission dated 28 May 2025 and oral argument during the hearing held on 10 June 2025 has categorically agreed to give credit adjustments based on Net Metering modality. MSEDCL has also assured that it will issue the supplementary bill by giving credit adjustments in the month of June-2025.
11. Considering above, as MSEDCL has agreed to give credit adjustment based on Net

Metering modality, subject to outcome of its clarificatory Petition pending before the Commission in Case No. 232 of 2024, the Commission finds that nothing survives in this matter which requires to be adjudicated. As agreed, MSEDCL shall continue to provide credit adjustment based on Net Metering modality as per provisions of Regulations, subject to outcome of Case No. 232 of 2024.

12. Hence, the following Order.

ORDER

- 1. Petition in Case No. 197 of 2024 is disposed off.**
- 2. MSEDCL to file compliance report providing details of credit adjustment.**

Sd/-
(Surendra J. Biyani)
Member

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(Anand M. Limaye)
Member

Sd/-
(Sanjay Kumar)
Chairperson


(Dr. Rajendra G. Ambekar)
Secretary

