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REVISED LICENCE PROCEDURE FOR PROCESSING OF WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LICENCE FOR UTILITY SCALE GRID-CONNECTED SOLAR PV PLANTS

The Energy Commission has reviewed the procedure for processing of licence application for WHOLESALE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY LICENCE FOR UTILITY SCALE GRID-CONNECTED SOLAR PV PLANTS as follows:

1. Upon an application and submission of an approved Dynamic Grid Impact Studies from the Electricity Transmission Utility (ETU) or the Distribution Utility and Exhibits 19 – 30 of the Renewable Energy Licensing Manual, the licensee may be granted a Construction Permit to construct the solar PV plant.

2. Subject to the acquisition of a Construction Permit, the capacity of the plant a licensee can construct shall be determined by:
   (i) The ability of the grid to evacuate the power safely;
   (ii) The ability of the off-taker to take up and pay for the power; and
   (iii) A Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) approved by the Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) specifically for the capacity of the project.

3. For any particular project site to be connected to the National Interconnected Transmission System (NITS), the maximum amount of solar PV capacity without energy storage system shall not exceed the maximum capacity the ETU is able to evacuate safely from the site without energy storage system.

4. For any particular project site to be connected to the distribution network, the maximum amount of solar PV capacity without energy storage system shall not exceed the maximum capacity the Distribution Utility is able to evacuate safely from the site without energy storage system.

5. Any capacity in excess of the maximum determined by the ETU or the Distribution utility shall have equivalent energy storage capacity or grid stability systems.

6. The ETU or the Distribution Utility concerned shall confirm in writing that it is capable of evacuating the power from the facility to be constructed in addition to the total cumulative intermittent power sources already connected to the NITS or the Distribution Utility’s System.

7. Where the land for the installation of the solar PV plant is arable or has economic trees, the design of solar PV installation shall be such that part of the land is reserved for the cultivation of appropriate food crops/economic trees. Evidence of such design shall be part of the documentation in the application for Construction Permits for the solar PV plant.

8. The use of land as equity by land owners in Solar PV power plants is encouraged.

Thank you.

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