

Before the
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Constitution of DF / DSM Consultation Committee under Regulation 5 of MERC (Demand Flexibility and Demand Side Management – Implementation Framework, Cost effectiveness Assessment; and Evaluation, Measurement and Verification) Regulations, 2024

NOTIFICATION

Date:17 January 2025

1. Regulation 5 of the MERC (Demand Flexibility and Demand Side Management – Implementation Framework, Cost effectiveness Assessment; and Evaluation, Measurement and Verification) Regulations, 2024 [MERC DF & DSM Regulations, 2024] provides for setting up of a separate DF / DSM Consultation Committee (DSM-CC) through a specific notification of the Commission with a stated tenure and terms of reference.
2. Accordingly, the Commission hereby constitute DF/DSM Consultation Committee as follows:
 - i. The Secretary, MERC - Head of the Committee
 - ii. Representative of MSEDCL - Member
 - iii. Representative of BEST Undertaking - Member
 - iv. Representative of AEML-D - Member
 - v. Representative of TPC-D - Member
 - vi. Representative of MEDA - Member
 - vii. Representative of Bureau of Energy Efficiency - Member
 - viii. Representative of Electrical Inspector, GoM - Member
 - ix. Representative of Electrical Dept. VJTI, Mumbai - Member
 - x. Representative of Energy Efficiency Services Ltd. - Member
 - xi. Representative of Prayas Energy Group - Member

In addition to above, the Convenor of the above Committee may request other experts in this sector to attend the meeting as a Special Invitee.

This Committee can also invite representative of Organisations/Institutions with whom MERC has signed MoU for knowledge exchange and capacity building.

3. Terms of Reference of DF/DSM Consultation Committee:
 - 3.1. To review and provide suggestions and objections on the DF / DSM programme portfolio submitted by the distribution licensees and recommend its findings on DF / DSM Programmes to the Commission for approval.
 - 3.2. Provide guidelines to conduct robust load research activities by the licensees.
 - 3.3. Evaluate the “DF / DSM Programme Portfolio and Implementation Plan” submitted by the distribution licensees and provide its recommendations to the Commission.
 - 3.4. Evaluation of the “Status report on DF / DSM implementation” submitted by licensees.
 - 3.5. Creation of sectoral expertise in the stakeholder groups to actively guide, design, implementation and evaluation of DF/DSM programmes.
 - 3.6. Any other works on subject matter as directed by the Commission from time to time.
4. Meetings of the DF/DSM Consultation Committee:
 - 4.1. The DF / DSM Committee shall meet as and when required but at least once in six months.
 - 4.2. Proceedings of the DF / DSM Consultation Committee shall be uploaded on website of the Commission.
5. The DF/DSM Consultation Committee may call for the records, data, documents, information, copies of proposal, etc. from the concerned Licensees and may also seek suggestions/submissions for improvement in the DSM proposals.
6. Tenure of the DF/DSM Consultation Committee constituted through this notification shall be 5 years from date of this notification.

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