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To, Shri Debranjan Chattopadhyay Deputy Secretary Ministry of Power

Shram Shakti Bhawan New Delhi.

Subject: Suggestions/Recommendations on the Electricity (Rights Of Consumer) (Amendment) Rules 2021

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Solar Power Developers Association.

We are an independent industry association, committed to promoting the solar sector in India. We provide a neutral platform for policy advocacy, discussions, and examination of issues critical to the development of the solar sector and are well recognized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (GoI). SPDA represents around 50-member companies from the solar, wind sector providing their assistance in policy evolution and a healthier investment climate for renewable energy projects and services. We shall be reducing the carbon foot print and help mitigation of climate change through our part of clean energy initiatives and innovative ideas like Grow Forest Certificate (GFC) Mechanism.

At the outset we would like to express our gratitude and commend Ministry of Power's efforts for taking multiple initiatives to ensure growth of power sector in the country and towards consumer empowerment in India. To meet the Hon'ble Prime Minister;s vision to promote "Green Energy", the Central and the State Governments has pioneered the wayforward for "The National Solar Mission". The mission is one of the several policies of the National Action Plan on Climate Change. Moreover, the program has ambition to achieve 100 GW as envisioned by Hon'ble Prime Minister in the 2015. Eventually, India increased its solar power generation capacity multifold from 2,650 MW on 26th May 2014 to around 40 GW making the country positioned at 6th.

We highly appreciate the initiative taken by the Ministry of Power to revisit the Electricity Amendment (Right to Consumer) Rules 2020 and we believe that the amendment is in the right direction in making provision of Net metering for rooftop power project upto 10 kW capacity in India. Therefore, we request to consider the below observations on behalf of our industry members as suggestions or recommendations on the Draft Consumer Rules Amendment 2021 as a separate Annexure-I for your reference.



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- 1. Net Metering for RESCO Model
- 2. Energy Accounting under Net Metering/Gross Metering
- 3. Imposition of Cross-Subsidy and other OA Charges on Rooftop Solar Projects by some states
- 4. Net metering For Central Government /State Government Buildings

We sincerely hope our submission shall go favourably at your end and we shall be informed accordingly.

We look forward to your support in this matter.

Thanking you.

Yours Sincerely

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CC:

1. To,

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Secretary,

Ministry of Power Shram Shakti Bhawan New Delhi

2. To,

Shri Indu Shekhar Chaturvedi Secretary,

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy CGO Complex, New Delhi

3. To,

Shri Amitesh Kumar Sinha, Joint Secretary,

Ministry of New and Renewable Energy CGO Complex, New Delhi