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Revision of Rooftop Solar PV Tariff

Ceylon Electricity Board, has requested the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (the Commission) under section 43(6) of Sri Lanka Electricity Act No.20 of 2009 (as amended) for the Revised Roof-Top Solar PV Purchase Tariff as per the direction given by the cabinet of ministers through the cabinet decision No. 24/1159/621/059 dated 02nd July 2024.

As per the General Policy Guideline for Electricity Industry issued by Ministry of Power under Section 5 of Sri Lanka Electricity Act No.20 of 2009, Sri Lanka's current energy policy has set a goal for renewable energy adoption in the electricity sector; 70% of electricity generation from renewable sources by 2030. Accordingly, the Long-Term Generation Expansion Plan (2023-2042) approved by the Commission, has identified technology specific targets to achieve the above policy goal, including the rooftop/ground mounted solar capacity to be added to the system in order to achieve the above policy goal.

The Commission has observed that the solar PV (Rooftop and Ground) capacity addition targets of the Long-Term Generation Expansion Plan have not been achieved so far (Target up to 2024 = 1660MW, but only 1167MW achieved so far. Further, target in 2024 = 483MW, but only 261MW achieved so far and target in 2025 = 505MW) with an additional 3,508 MW of solar PV capacity still required by 2030. Therefore, the Commission is of the view that the proposed reduction of the prevailing solar rooftop tariff may hinder the achievement of national energy policy targets.

The Commission also held discussions with the relevant stakeholders (Ceylon Electricity Board, Lanka Electricity Company, Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority, Solar Industry Association, Federation of RE Developers, Solar EPC Association and Solar Companies) and obtained their views/concerns and studied large number of consumer complaints received with related to the Revised Roof-Top Solar PV Purchase Tariff. The Commission requires further information to analyse and verify the submitted Revised Roof-Top Solar PV Purchase Tariff vide the said Cabinet decision.

Therefore, please be informed that the Commission has recommended the Cabinet of Ministers to continue the prevailing Roof-Top Solar PV Purchase Tariff (37 LKR/kWh and the variable tariff) until the Commission gathers required information, analyse and verify the submitted Revised Roof-Top Solar PV Purchase Tariff.

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