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Clarification on the Implementation of Net Metering, Net Accounting and Net Plus Schemes Under the Two-Meter Arrangement.

Reference is made to your letter dated 31 August 2026 bearing Ref. DIR(ET&RA)/TRF/NCRE, addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Energy,

The Preamble to the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024 (as amended), together with Sections 2(i) and 25(3)(c), demonstrates a clear legislative intention to promote renewable energy and to facilitate non-discriminatory access to the electricity network. Any interpretation of the National Electricity/Tariff Policy should therefore support and not unnecessarily restrict the continued participation of rooftop solar PV customers in regulatory schemes that enable the effective utilization of renewable energy. Further, the National Electricity Policy requires that both the National Electricity Policy and the National Tariff Policy be interpreted and implemented consistently with the applicable laws of Sri Lanka.

Section 5.2, Subsection 1.4, Clause (e) of the National Tariff Policy aims to ensure effective measurement and management of rooftop solar PV capacity and energy. Further, Clause 5.1(c) requires prosumer invoices to show appropriate information relating to energy exported to the grid and the amounts reconciled against imports. These provisions indicate that the Policy recognizes the continued operation of such commercial arrangements while allowing gross imports and exports to be separately measured.

Accordingly, Clause 1.4(e) should not be interpreted in isolation as requiring the discontinuation of Net Metering or Net Accounting schemes. Rather, the requirement for implementation on a "Net Plus" basis shall be interpreted as requiring the separate measurement of electricity imported from and exported to the distribution network, while preserving the commercial settlement arrangements applicable under Net Metering, Net Accounting or Net Plus. Such an interpretation is consistent with the Act, the National Electricity Policy and the other express provisions of the National Tariff Policy.

In addition to that, as per the Cabinet decision taken on 2026-07-13, the Cabinet of Ministers have approved the financing arrangements for the Rooftop Solar Aggregation and Virtual Net Metering Project, which was identified as a priority project for facilitating the effective use and distribution of

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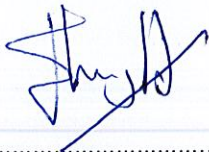
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solar energy. This approval provides further support for the recognition of Virtual Net Metering at the policy level and strengthens the position of virtual energy offsetting or billing reconciliation.

Further, section 5(2) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 36 of 2024, as amended, requires the Regulator to act reasonably, fairly, impartially, independently, and objectively and consistently with the principles and provisions of the Act. In discharging this statutory responsibility, the Commission's decision should not unnecessarily restrict prosumers who wish to avail themselves of the Net Metering or Net Accounting schemes, which have been established for more than a decade in the rooftop solar PV sector. Accordingly, continuing Net Metering, Net Accounting and Net Plus under an improved two-meter arrangement provides a reasonable and objective means of meeting the Policy's measurement requirement while giving effect to the renewable energy objectives of the Act.

Therefore, the Commission is firmly of the view that its decision to continue the Net Metering and Net Accounting schemes under the two-meter arrangement is consistent with the National Electricity Policy and National Tariff Policy. Accordingly, the EDL is required to implement the Commission's decision in accordance with the prevailing regulatory requirements.



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