

Andhra Pradesh Solar Power Policy, 2015,

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Sl. No.	Description	Summary
1.	Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To target a minimum total solar power capacity addition of 5,000 MW in the next five years in the State with a view to meet the growing demand for power in an environmentally sustainable manner. 2. To develop solar park(s) with the necessary utility infrastructure facilities to encourage developers to set up solar power projects in the State. 3. To promote distributed generation that can help in avoiding upstream network cost and contribute towards loss reduction. 4. To deploy solar powered agricultural pump sets and meet power requirements of farmers during day time. 5. To promote local manufacturing facilities which will Generate employment in the State.
2.	Operative Period	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. This policy shall come into operation with effect from the date of issuance and shall remain applicable for a period of five (5) years and/ or shall remain in force till such time a new policy is issued. 2. Solar Power Projects (SPP) that are commissioned during the operative period shall be eligible for the incentives declared under this policy, for a period of ten (10) years from the date of commissioning - unless otherwise the period is specifically mentioned for any incentive.
3.	Eligibility	All registered companies, Government entities, partnership companies/ firms, individuals and all consumers of APDiscom(s) will be eligible for setting up of Solar Power Projects within the State for sale of electricity/captive use, in accordance with the Electricity Act-2003, as amended from time to time.
4.	Sale of power to AP Discom(s)	The government will promote setting up of Solar Power Projects for sale of power to APDiscoms. It is envisaged that the Discoms would procure around 2,000 MW of solar power capacity in a phased manner within the next five (5) years. The Discoms would enter into long term PPA of 25 years with developers who are selected based on a competitive procurement process.
5.	Third party sale / Captive use	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The government will encourage solar power producers to set up Solar Power Projects for captive use within the State or third party sale within and outside the State of Andhra Pradesh. 2. These projects will also qualify for Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) subject to applicable regulations/ guidelines issued by the appropriate commission.
6.	Solar Parks	The Govt. of A.P will develop Solar Parks with capacity additions of around 2,500 MW in the next five (5) years to promote Solar Power Projects development in clusters of 500-1000 hectares. The State Government, under this policy, will help facilitate in building up the necessary infrastructure like power evacuation, water requirements and internal roads.
7.	Solar Rooftop Projects – Gross/Net Metering	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The consumer(s) are free to choose either net or gross meter option for sale of power to Discom under this policy. 2. The metering facility will be extended for all Eligible Developers who intend to set-up solar photovoltaic plants at their premises. 3. All approvals/clearances shall be disposed by the respective Discom within 14 days from the date of application.

		4. The projects of capacity upto 1000 KWp at a single location will be permitted.
8.	Solar Pumpsets	The State government in collaboration with the Central Govt/MNRE/MOP/Multilateral agencies will undertake measures to enable gradual replacement of conventional pumpsets to solar powered pumpsets through subsidy support. Nodal agency will facilitate with government agencies for availing subsidies, grants and/ or incentives on behalf of APDiscoms.
9.	Transmission/distribution Charges	Transmission and Distribution charges shall be exempted for wheeling of power generated from Solar Power Projects for only captive use/thirdparty sale within the State.
10.	Distribution Losses	Distribution losses shall be exempted only for Solar Power Projects injecting at 33 kV or below irrespective of voltage-level of the delivery point within the Discom.
11.	Energy Banking	Banking of 100% of energy shall be permitted for all Captive and Open Access/ Scheduled Consumers during all 12 months of the year. Banking charges shall be adjusted in kind @ 2% of the energy delivered at the point of drawal. The banking year shall be from April to March.
12.	Open Access	Intra-state Open Access clearance for the whole tenure of the project or 25 years whichever is earlier will be granted as per the APERC Regulations amended from time to time. In absence of any response or intimation from the Nodal Agency to the generator within 21 days, then such application shall be considered to be deemed open access.
13.	Electricity Duty	Exempted
14.	Cross Subsidy Surcharge	Exempted for a period of five (5) years from the date of commissioning of the SPP.
15.	Renewable Energy Certificate (REC)	All projects developed with the above incentives will be eligible for REC benefits subject to applicable regulations/orders of the appropriate commission.
16.	Grid Connectivity and Evacuation Facility	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Solar Power Projects will be exempted from paying the Supervision charges to APTransco/Discom(s) towards the internal evacuation infrastructure within the project site and upto interconnection point. 2. APTransco /Discom(s) will dispose the proposals for the technical feasibility for evacuation within 14 days from the date of receipt of application. Any upstream system strengthening requirement shall be borne by APTransco/ Discom(s) on a priority basis.
17.	Non Agriculture Status	Deemed Non-Agricultural (NA) status for the land where Solar Power Projects will be accorded, on payment of applicable statutory fees.
18.	Must Run Status	Injection from Solar Power Projects shall be considered to be deemed scheduled.
19.	Land	It is the responsibility of the project developer to acquire the land required for the project. However, in case of land owned by Revenue Department, the land allotment shall be done as per the prevailing government policy.
20.	Pollution Clearance	Solar PV power projects will be exempted from obtaining any NOC/Consent for establishment under pollution control laws from AP Pollution Control Board.
21.	Nodal Agency	New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of A.P. Ltd (NREDCAP) shall act as a Nodal Agency under this policy and as decided by the government from time to time.

22.	Registration Fee	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The applications received from the Eligible Developers as per the provisions of this policy should be in the prescribed format along with a registration fee of Rs.1000 for capacities upto 5 KWp; Rs. 5,000 for capacities above 5 KWp to 100 KWp; Rs,10,000 for capacities above 100 KWp to 1000KWp and Rs.10,000 per MW for capacities more than 1000 KWp. 2. In addition, a facilitation fees of Rs 25 per kW shall be applicable for the Eligible Developer who seeks assistance from the Nodal Agency for obtaining single window clearance support as per the above para.
23.	Migration of Solar Projects	A onetime opportunity will be extended to all Solar Power Project Developers other than those who have already signed PPAs and registered under AP Solar Power Policy 2012 and not commissioned before 30th June, 2014 to migrate to the new Policy. Such developers shall register with the nodal agency within two months from the date of notification of the new policy.
24.	Mid-Term Review	State Govt. may undertake a mid-term review of this policy after a period of two years or as and when need arises in view of any technological breakthrough or to remove any inconsistency with Electricity Act 2003, rules and regulations made there under or any Govt. of India policy.