
FAIR TRADING COMMISSION

BARBADOS

FTCUR/MTNORD2014-02

FAIR TRADING COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER of the Fair Trading Commission Act, CAP. 326B of the Laws of Barbados;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Utilities Regulation Act, CAP. 282 of the Laws of Barbados;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) Rules, 2003 and the Utilities Regulation (Procedural) (Amendment) Rules, 2009;

AND IN THE MATTER of the Application by the Barbados Light & Power Company Limited for a Motion for review of the Renewable Energy Rider Decision of the Fair Trading Commission dated the 8th day of August, 2013.

BEFORE:

Sir Neville Nicholls
Dr. Philmore Alleyne
Mr. Andrew Brathwaite
Mr. Gregory Hazzard
Mr. Andrew Willoughby

Chairman
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner
Commissioner

ORDER

UPON READING the Motion for Review filed by the Barbados Light & Power Company Limited (Applicant);

AND UPON READING the written submissions of the Applicant; CARITEL; Sir Allan Fields; Mr. Dick Stoute; Williams Industries Inc; Barbados Renewable Energy Association (BREA); Mr. Aidan Rogers; Solar Watt Systems Inc. and Mr. John Hayward;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AS FOLLOWS THAT:-

1. The terms and conditions relating to the billing arrangement and metering system in the RER Decision shall be varied as follows:

a. Billing Arrangement

- (i) All new Domestic/General Service and Employee RER customers with renewable generating systems with a capacity of 2kW and below will have the option to choose either the “sale of excess” or “buy all/sell all” billing arrangement. This choice of the selected billing arrangement will remain in place for the duration of the contract;**
- (ii) All new Domestic/General Service and Employee RER customers with renewable generating systems above 2kW will be billed under the “buy all/sell all” billing arrangement;**
- (iii) All new SVP and LP RER customers will be billed under the “buy all/sell all” billing arrangement;**
- (iv) All existing RER customers may remain with their current billing arrangement or exercise the option, within three (3)**

months of the effective date of this Decision, to change from “sale of excess” to the “buy all/sell all” billing arrangement.

The term “existing” refers to RER customers who, before the effective date of this Decision, were connected to the Applicant’s Grid under an agreed billing arrangement.

b. Metering System

Meter Configurations 1 and 2 are both permitted. Meter Configuration 2 is however not available if the “sale of excess” billing arrangement is chosen.

2. The following terms and conditions of the RER Decision will remain applicable.

a. Value of Permanent RER Credit -

“The Commission has approved the RER credit of 1.6 times the FCA”;

b. Minimum Credit -

“The Commission has determined that no predetermined minimum credit shall apply”;

c. Capacity Limit -

“The national intermittent RE capacity should remain at 10% of peak demand, but the capacity limit for distributed intermittent RE generation should be increased to 7MW (from the proposed 5MW) as this will have minimal effect on the value of the RER credit but would provide for greater participation in the programme. The Commission is also of the view that 1MW of this additional intermittent RE capacity should

be reserved for Domestic, Employee and General Service customers.

The individual customer capacity limit of 1.5 times the customer's current average usage up to a maximum capacity of 150kW is accepted in view of the fact that the RER programme is intended for customers who have purchased the systems for their private use. This average usage is normally calculated based on the most recent 12 months that the customer relied on the grid. It must be noted that the RER credit at 1.6 times the FCA will only be applicable to a maximum of 1.5 times the customer's average usage, thereafter RER customers will be reimbursed at 1 times the FCA";

d. RER Customer Reimbursement of Credit -

"The Applicant shall reimburse RER customers on a quarterly basis where the applicable credit is greater than or equal to \$100.00";

e. Contract Period -

"That RER customers shall be offered a contract for access to the grid for a minimum of 10 years. The value of the RER [credit] shall be subject to review every three years from the date of implementation of this Decision".

- 3. The Applicant is required to amend its RE Interconnection Agreement and the RE Power Purchase Agreement in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the RER Decision as varied by this Decision on the Motion for review. The Applicant is also required to submit these amended Agreements to the Commission for approval on or before WEDNESDAY AUGUST 27th 2014.**

4. This Decision shall be effective from MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1st, 2014.

Dated this 8th day of August 2014

Original Signed by

.....

Neville V. Nicholls
Chairman

Original Signed by

.....

Philmore A. Alleyne
Commissioner

Original Signed by

.....

Andrew F. Brathwaite
Commissioner

Original Signed by

.....

Gregory F. M. Hazzard
Commissioner

Original Signed by

.....

Andrew W. Willoughby
Commissioner