



Haryana Amended Green Energy Open Access Regulations

Why in News?

The **Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC)** has amended its **Green Energy Open Access Regulations, 2023**.

Key Points

- **Expanded Eligibility for Open Access:**
 - Consumers with a contracted demand of **100 kW** or more, whether through a single connection or multiple connections totaling **100 kW** or more within the same electricity operation division of a distribution licensee, are now eligible for **Green Energy Open Access**.
- **Extended Additional Surcharge Exemption for Offshore Wind Projects:**
 - Electricity generated from **offshore wind projects** commissioned until **December 2032** and supplied to open access consumers will be exempt from additional surcharges. This extends the previous exemption, which was applicable only until **December 2025**.
- **Clarifications on Open Access for Non-Independent Feeder Consumers:**
 - Eligible consumers not connected to **independent feeders** can access open access, provided they accept **system constraints** and any **power cut restrictions** imposed by their **distribution licensee**. Under-drawal due to such restrictions will not be compensated.

Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC)

- HERC was established on **17th August 1998** as an independent **statutory body corporate** as per the provision of the **Haryana Electricity Reform Act, 1997**.
- Haryana was the **second State in India** to initiate the process of **Reform & Restructuring** of the Power sector.
- The **Haryana Electricity Reform Act, 1997** was passed by the **Haryana State Legislative Assembly** on **22nd July 1997**. After receiving assent of the President of India on **20th February 1998**, this Act came into force on 14th August 1998.