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U.P. Govt provides online facility to industries for 'Open Access power'

- *Online ABT portal integrated with U.P. Power Transmission Corporation website*
- *Online facility provided to obtain NoC for getting short-term open access electricity*
- *224.42 Megawatt already availed by industries in U.P. out of a total of 347.56 Megawatt power sanctioned under open access mechanism*

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Following the directives of **Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Yogi Adityanath** to provide conducive business environment and top-class facilities to industries in the Uttar Pradesh, the State government has initiated important steps to facilitate procurement of power by industrial units through short-term open access, thereby fulfilling a longstanding demand of industries.

In this regard, **Additional Chief Secretary, Energy, Shri Arvind Kumar** has informed that Uttar Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (UPPTCL) has **uploaded the 'standard operating procedure' and integrated 'online ABT portal' on its official website online.upptcl.org/abt for granting permission, inspection and installation consent for Availability Based Tariff (ABT) meters.** The ABT meters provide a flexible solution for energy monitoring and billing bulk inter utility power flows, particularly for power supply through open access.

Moreover, the **customers, intending to avail short-term open access, can now obtain No-objection certificate (NoC) online through Uttar Pradesh State Load Dispatch Centre (UPSLDC) web portal www.eass.upsldc.org/eass/OAPreRegistration.jsp for 'One-Time Registration' on prescribed application format [FORMAT-ST11].**

Hon'ble Minister, Industrial Development, Shri Satish Mahana said that post-COVID-19 industries were facing pressure to reduce their operating costs and electricity entailed one of the major input costs, hence easing the process for obtaining open access would provide an affordable and optional source of power to the manufacturing units in particular.

Stressing on the commitment of U.P. government to provide quality power supply to rapidly rising industrial investment in the State, **Additional Chief Secretary, Infrastructure & Industrial Development, Shri Alok Kumar said** that acting on the long pending demand of industries for allowing and facilitating open access for power, the State government has taken steps **to mitigate human interface by providing online facilities to register for open access as well as installation of ABT meters, a necessity for injection or drawl of electricity through open access.**

"So far 63 short-term open access consumers have registered in the state, of which 58 are active registrations and consumers have already availed 224.42 Megawatt out of a total of 347.56 Megawatt power sanctioned under open access in U.P.", he informed.

Shri Alok Kumar said that open access was one of the strategic measures to create competitive and healthy industrial environment, whereby **medium and large consumers have access to the transmission and distribution networks to obtain electricity from suppliers other than the local distribution company (discom).**

According to U.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission (UPERC) regulations for open access, 'Short-term open access' means the right to use the intra-State transmission system and /or distribution system for a period of not exceeding 3 months at a time.

It may be noted that the registration of customer is aimed at recording basic inputs of open access transactions on the basis of which operational constraints in transmission and/or distribution system is assessed by the state load dispatch centre (SLDC) before permitting open access.