

# GRID-CONNECTED ROOFTOP SOLAR SYSTEM

FOR **COMMECIAL**AND **INDUSTRIAL**CONSUMERS

In a grid-connected rooftop solar (RTS) system, the DC power generated from solar panels is converted to AC power using a power conditioning unit/Inverter and is fed to the grid.

# METERING ARRANGEMENT FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL (C&I) CONSUMERS

# What is Gross Metering?

In gross metering, the power generated from the rooftop solar system is only fed to the grid. The system owner gets paid by DISCOM for such exported power at a pre-decided tariff.

### What is Net Billing?

Connections in the net billing RTS system are similar to net metering. However, at the end of the billing cycle (normally a month) any excess energy in the grid shall not be carried forward like in net metering, but shall be purchased by the DISCOM as per the pre-decided tariff. Therefore, energy banking in the grid is only within a billing cycle.

### POCKET-FRIENDLY SYSTEM

The rooftop solar system has a direct impact on the monthly electricity bill of each consumer. The average monthly generation from a 20kW system is 2700 units in Tamil Nadu. The detail of monthly calculation and saving is provided below:

Parameter	Unit	Values for C&I Consumers
Capacity	kWp	20
Cost per kWp (Tentative)	₹	60,000
Cost of system	₹	12,00,000
Total Subsidy (Central + State)	₹	NA
Net Cost of system	₹	12,00,000
Units generation per month	kWh	2,700
Average unit cost	₹	8.5
Savings from Electricity	₹	22,950
Pay back(Tentative)	Year	4.4
Life of Plant	Year	25

## SOCIO-ENVIRONMENT BENEFITS

- **Reduces air pollution** Electricity generation from fossil fuels can generate harmful carbon dioxide and methane gases that lower the quality of the air we breathe. A rooftop solar system uses solar energy which doesn't produce harmful gases.
- **No extra land requirement** Rooftop solar system doesn't require any separate piece of land for the installation. It can be designed in a manner where consumers can use the roof space for the solar plant.
- **Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels** With the use of rooftop solar system, we can reduce the dependence on imported fossil fuels, making India 'atmanirbhar'.



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