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Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
SPV Division

Sub: - Empanelment of Rural Energy Service Providers

Under Off grid and Decentralized Applications Programme of National Solar Mission, Mini/micro grids are one of the key segments. However the propagation this segment is lagging behind compare to other segments in the programme. This is due to risk involved in the segment, mobilization of capital, long breakeven for capital deployed. Apart from these reasons the Ministry also identified lack of experienced players in the area also one of the reason for slow movement of minigrid segment. To overcome such possibility and to give more thrust on the minigrids the Ministry propose to empanel entities (Companies/ NGOs) to promote the programme in large scale. The eligibility conditions of these entities are

- a. Must be registered as Public or private limited company or Society
- b. Must have implemented minigrid projects in the country or home systems or both supply of energy
- c. Not blacklisted by any organization or not defaulter in any occasion
- d. Must have adequate capital deployment capability to invest in minigrids
- e. May be having tie up with multilateral agencies to mobilize funds and invest in the programme in the country
- f. Having enough technical manpower

This empanelment is not for suppliers or manufacturers of equipment. This is for organizations supplying energy through mini/micro grids/home systems (own & operate) on long term basis

Any entities having above mentioned points may approach rating agencies approved by the Ministry to get the rating to accredit to participate in Rural Energy Service Providers

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