

# Open Access Guide

Energy, Power & Renewables

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This guide explains what the tool produces, how to use the output, and what to watch for. The actual output (draft/report) is generated on the tool page.

## Background

Explains open access for a C&I consumer — what it is, eligibility (load threshold), models (third-party, group captive), the charges (wheeling, cross-subsidy surcharge, banking, transmission), the application process and savings vs DISCOM tariff. Use this to buy cheaper renewable power. Open-access rules and charges vary by state; confirm locally.

## Purpose of this tool & output

Buy cheaper power via open access

## How the output is used

Use it to buy cheaper power via open access — eligibility, application, scheduling and the charges (wheeling, cross-subsidy, additional surcharge).

## Who receives it

The application goes to the State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC)/nodal agency and the DISCOM, under the State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SERC) open-access regulations.

## How to submit / file it

Apply for short, medium or long-term open access with consumer/generator details, connectivity and scheduling, and an undertaking on the applicable charges.

## Fees & charges

Open-access charges — wheeling, cross-subsidy surcharge, additional surcharge, transmission and SLDC charges — as fixed by the SERC.

## Who should vet it

An energy consultant or lawyer familiar with your state open-access regulations.

## Important cautions

AI-generated guide; open access rules and charges vary by state, confirm locally.

## Companion documents

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- Energy Project Approval Finder
- Electrical Inspector (CEIG) Approval
- Environmental Clearance Guide
- DISCOM & Nodal Agency Process
- RPO / Renewable Obligation Guide
- Electrical Safety Compliance

This is AI-assisted guidance. Verify with a qualified professional before any binding decision. Fees, authorities and processes vary by state and change over time — confirm with your state authority.