

टिप्पण: (1) गोवा राज्य और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के लिए संयुक्त विद्युत विनियामक आयोग (विद्युत आपूर्ति संहिता) विनियम, 2018 को भारत के राजपत्र (असाधारण) के भाग III – खंड 4, सं. 456 द्वारा दिनांक 26 नवंबर, 2018 को प्रकाशित किया गया था।

(2) गोवा राज्य और संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों के लिए संयुक्त विद्युत विनियामक आयोग (विद्युत आपूर्ति संहिता) विनियम, 2018 (प्रथम संशोधन) विनियम, 2019 को भारत के राजपत्र के भाग- III – खंड सं.111 (असाधारण) द्वारा दिनांक 25 मार्च, 2019 को प्रकाशित किया गया था।

JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
(FOR THE STATE OF GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES)

NOTIFICATION

Gurugram, the 25th June, 2021

The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Electricity Supply Code) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021

No. JERC: 23/2018.—In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 181 read with Section 50, thereof and all other power enabling it in this behalf, and after previous publication, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following regulations, to amend the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2018 (herein after referred to as “the Principal Regulations”)

1. Short title and Commencement:

1. These Regulations may be called the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Electricity Supply Code) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2021.
2. These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in official Gazette.

2. Amendment to Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations:

The following definitions shall be amended/added in Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulation:

- 2.1 In Clause 2.3(29): The words “**or remote disconnection**” shall be added after the words “physical separation” and before the word “of user or consumer”
- 2.2 In Clause 2.3(47): The word “**would**” shall be added after the word “which” and before the words “have been consumed”.
- 2.3 In Clause 2.3(52): The word “**tenant**” shall be added after the word “owner,” and before the words “or person”
- 2.4 In Clause 2.3(63): The word “33 kV” shall be substituted with “**11kV**” in the third line.
- 2.5 A new Clause, namely 2.3(41a) shall be inserted after Clause 2.3(41) of the Principal Regulations as under:

“**2.3(41a) Initial period of agreement**” means the period of six months in case of LT supply, one year in case of HT supply and two years in case of EHT supply starting from the date of commencement of supply as per agreement. The initial period of agreement shall continue till the end of Billing cycle, in which the end date of the six months/one/two year’s period expires.

3. Amendment to Regulation 4 of the Principal Regulations:

3.1 In Clause (4.7) of Regulation 4 of the principal regulations, the words, “(except for Domestic Consumers upto 25 kW) shall be added after the words “Consumers having a contracted demand of 20KW” and before the words “and above shall have” in the first line of the first paragraph.

3.2 In Clause (4.16) of Regulation 4 of the principal regulations, the second line, “However, the consumer may install generator, inverter, solar generating plant only after the consumer has installed automatic 4 pole changer and a manual double link switch changer” shall be substituted with “The

consumer shall install automatic 4-pole changer for 3-phase voltage supply and 2-pole changer for 1 phase voltage supply or manual four pole link switch for 3 phase voltage supply and automatic 2 pole changer or manual double link switch changer for 1 phase voltage supply whenever the consumer install generator, inverter, solar generating plant”.

4. Amendment to Regulation 5 of the Principal Regulations:

4.1 In Clause (5.16) of Regulation 5 of the principal regulations, the word, “**only**” shall be added after the words “Supervision Charges” and before the words “on the labour component” in the first line.

4.2 In Clause (5.16) the line, “**excluding of service connection charges**” shall be added after the words “on the labour component of the work” and before the words “at the rate of 15%” in the second line.

4.3 In Clause (5.16) of the Regulation 5 of the principal regulations, the line, “**No service connection charges shall be paid if the Consumer has provided service cable/Distribution mains**” shall be added after the first sentence of the clause.

4.4 In Clause (5.26) of the Regulation 5 of the principal regulations, the words, “**mobile application**” shall be added after the word “website,” and before the words “call centres,” in the second line.

4.5 In Clause (5.49) of the Regulation 5 of the principal regulations, the line, “**After the expiry of period of two months, the application shall be deemed to have cancelled. Revival fee (one time only) for cancelled application shall be twice the demand notice extension fee as prescribed and will be done by load sanctioning authority for another two months only**” shall be added at the end of the clause.

4.6 In Clause (5.56), the words, “**Showrooms (Shop Cum Offices SCOs)**” shall be added after the words, “Group Housing,” and before the words “etc.,” in the first line.

4.7 In Clause (5.56), the words, “**as decided by the Licensee**”, shall be added after the words “In case the connected/contracted load of any connection,” and before the words, “is projected to be more than 100kVA” in the first line of the second paragraph.

4.8 In Clause (5.74) the line, “**If a person, after applying for connection, withdraws his application or refuses to take supply, Application processing charges, if any, shall be forfeited**” shall be added at the end of the clause.

4.9 In Clause (5.79), the words, “**(other than an applicant for name change by legal heir & purchaser of property)**” shall be added after the words “No-Objection Certificate (NOC) from the person” and before the words, “in whose name the connection” in the fourth line of the clause.

4.10 In Clause (5.87) subclause (1), the line, “**A “No Objection Certificate” from the registered consumer/ authorized person/ previous occupant of the premises shall be required for cases involving transfer of security deposit in the name of applicant. The Licensee shall process the application form in accordance with Regulations 5.80 to 5.83 of this Supply Code, 2018**” stands deleted.

4.11 In Clause (5.87) subclause (2), shall be substituted with, “**The security deposit in the name of preceding consumer shall stand transferred in the name of the applicant and no additional security deposit shall be taken if consumer continues with same load.**”

Provided further that in cases, if the property is being transferred in the name of multiple owners, the connection will be transferred in the name of first owner:

Provided in case if connection is requested to be transferred in name of second co-owner then the same shall be accepted on receipt of NOC from other co-owners:

Provided also that if other co-owner, upto two, of the property want to add their name for electricity connection, they shall apply jointly for name change.”

4.12 In Clause 5.87 subclause (3), the word “in” shall be deleted and the word “effect” shall be replaced by “effected”

4.13 In Clause 5.88 subclause (2), first line, the words “and the shortfall in security deposit calculated as specified in Annexure XVIII of this Supply Code, 2018, if any, shall be payable by the applicant” *shall be deleted* and the words “**and no additional security deposit shall be taken if consumer continues with same load.**” *shall be added.*

4.14 In Clause 5.88 subclause (2), the following proviso *shall be added* “**Provided further that in cases, if the property has been transferred in the name of multiple owners, the connection will be transferred in the name of first owner:**

Provided also that if other co-owner, upto two, of the property want to add their name for electricity connection, they shall apply jointly for name change.”

4.15 In Clause 5.89, the following proviso *shall be added* after “Table 5”, “**Provided that if for conversion of services from HT to LT requires replacement of existing equipment, then the consumer shall pay the necessary charges as per this code and the difference between the security deposit required for the reduced load and that already deposited shall be adjusted in the Bills within next 3 billing cycles.”**

4.16 Clause 5.107, *shall be substituted* with, “**The Application for load reduction shall be accepted only after six months from original energization for LT connections, after 1 (one) year for HT consumers and 2 (two) year from original energisation for EHT connections.”**

4.17 Clause 5.122, *shall be substituted with*, “**If any Consumer terminates his Agreement within six months from original energization for LT connections, after one year for HT consumers and 2 year for EHT connections of the commencement of new or additional supply (or where no formal Agreement is tendered, if the supply is not utilized for the above period, which would have been applicable if an Agreement has been tendered), the consumer shall be liable to pay the Fixed/Minimum charges for each month short of the said period.”**

5. Amendment to Regulation 6 of the Principal Regulations:

5.1 In Clause (6.7), the following line to be included at the end of the sentence “**and preferable be prepaid meters. Prepaid meters installed shall be exempted from Security Deposit while ensuring sufficient advance payment thereof.**”

5.2 In Clause (6.20), last sentence of the clause, the words, “**Calibrated check meter/**” *shall be added* before “Standby meter readings”

5.3 Clause (6.39), *shall be substituted* as follows, “**The licensee shall dispatch the test report to the consumer, to be received under acknowledgement, within 7 working days of the date of testing. When the meter is found to be slow beyond permissible limits, as specified and the consumer does not dispute the accuracy of the test, the Licensee/consumer, as the case may be, shall replace/rectify the defective meter within the period as specified by the Commission. The consumer shall pay the difference due to the defect in the meter at normal rates, based on percentage error, for a maximum period of six months or from the date of last testing, whichever is later, on the basis of the test report, shall be adjusted or accounted for in the subsequent bill.”**

6. Amendment to Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulations:

6.1 In Clause (7.2), in the last line, the word “six” *shall be substituted with* “**twelve (12)**”.

6.2 In Clause (7.4), in the last line, the number “14” *shall be substituted with* “**seven (7) working**”.

6.3 In Clause (7.6), the following line shall be included after the last sentence, “**Provided that in case of delay in serving a bill by more than 60 days, the consumer should be given the option to pay the bill in monthly instalments without any Late Payment Surcharge, fine or penalty.”**

6.4 Clause (7.11), first paragraph, *shall be replaced* as follows, “**In all cases not covered by the Spot Billing system, if the Licensee is not able to read the meter, a provisional bill may be issued on the basis of the consumption for the corresponding period of the previous year wherein the meter was functional. However, the Licensee shall ensure that such provisional billing does not extend to more than two billing cycles at a stretch, and there are not more than two provisional bills generated for a consumer during one financial year. In that case, if the provisional billing continues for more than two billing cycles except under extraordinary situation due to force**

majeure, the consumer may refuse to pay the dues until bill is raised by the distribution licensee as per actual meter reading. If the premise of the consumer is inaccessible for more than two billing cycle continuously, a notice is to be affixed in the premises of the Consumer for temporary disconnection. If within 30 days from the affixation of such notice, if the consumer fails to make arrangement for meter reading, the supply shall be temporarily disconnected after giving one-month notice. The provisional bills shall be adjusted on the basis of the subsequent actual meter reading.

Notwithstanding the above, if the meter is inaccessible to the meter reader on two consecutive meter reading dates, the consumer shall have the option to send the picture of the meter indicating the meter reading and date of meter reading through registered mobile or through e-mail. In such a case, distribution licensee may not send any notice or provisional bill to the consumer.”

6.5 In Clause (7.12), the following sentence *shall be added* after the first sentence, “**However, if neither the consumption of corresponding period of previous year nor for the last three months is available then average of the consumption for the period the meter worked correctly during the last 6 months shall be taken for overhauling the account of the consumer**”

6.6 In Clause (7.12), the words, “**and no bills can be raised beyond the period of three months**” shall be added at the end of the clause.

6.7 In Clause (7.12), the word “months” in the fourth line *shall be replaced* by the words, “**billing cycles**”.

6.8 In Clause (7.40), the following line shall be added at the end of the clause, “**Further, Supplementary demand shall be shown separately in the bill.**”

7. Amendment to Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations:

7.1 In Clause (8.48), in the second line the number, “5” *shall be substituted with* the word, “**ten (10)**”.

7.2 In Clause (8.49), a new clause numbered (4) shall be added, “**(4) If a consumer is found indulging in extension of supply to premises for which the supply of electricity was not authorized then the consumer shall be liable for proportion of load extended at twice the tariff of that category till it continues.**”

8. Amendment to Regulation 9 of the Principal Regulations:

8.1 A new clause named Clause (9.2.1) *shall be added* after clause (9.2), “**Pre-payment meters will be designed to automatically cut off supply when the amount credited is exhausted. This shall however not be treated as a disconnection and the supply will be resumed whenever the meter is recharged.**”

8.2 In Clause (9.9), the following *shall be added* at the end of the clause before the proviso, “**The disconnection shall be done immediately after payment of the final bill. The balance amount due to any consumption between the final reading and the permanent disconnection, if any, may be adjusted against the security amount with the distribution licensee. The remaining security deposit shall be refunded to the consumer within seven days.**”

8.3 In Clause (9.12), the following proviso *shall be added* at the end of the clause, “**Provided that in case the disconnection has been done on account of non-payment of past dues, the licensee shall reconnect the consumer’s installation within next working day of receipt of past dues and other charges as applicable.**”

9. Amendment to Regulation 10 of the Principal Regulations:

9.1 In Clause (10.12), third line, the words “**lockdown**”, *shall be added* after the word, “fire,” and before the word, “etc.,”

10. Annexure-VIII

10.1 The following shall be added before the table, “**However, for domestic connections the higher of the Cooling Load (Air conditioners, coolers etc) or Heating load; excluding equipments used for cooking (Geysers, Heating rod etc.) only shall be taken for determination of Total load.**”

11. Annexure XVIII

Annexure XVIII shall be substituted as follows:

“Delimitation of Security Deposit amount

Security deposit amount for a consumer = Load (as calculated as per Annexure VIII) x Load Factor of the category in which the consumer falls x (30 days (except agricultural consumers) + 30 days) x H Hours x Average Billing Rate (ABR) of the relevant Tariff category as per Tariff Order

S. No.	Particulars	Load factor	Hours (H)
1.	Domestic	30%	12
2.	Commercial	50%	12
3.	LT Industrial	50%	10
4.	HT/EHT Industrial:		
	• Single shift industries	50%	10
	• Double shift industries	75%	18
	• Continuous industries	100%	24
5.	Agriculture / Water Supply	33%	4
6.	Street lights	40%	8
7.	Signals & blinkers	75%	12
8.	Railway Traction	50%	24

Note: For agricultural consumers the time period shall be 60 days.”

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Note : (1) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2018 were published in Part III- Section 4, No.456 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated November 26, 2018

(2) The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2018 (First Amendment) Regulations, 2019 were published in Part III- Section 4, No.111 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated March 25, 2019.