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# KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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#### NOTIFICATION

No: KERC/CoS/Tech/DDD/05/20-21/63@ Bengaluru, dated 12.10.2020

Draft – Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) (Ninth Amendment), 2020, the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) (Eleventh Amendment) Regulation 2020 and the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

#### Preamble

The Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) was notified in the Karnataka Gazette on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2006, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 16 of the Electricity Act, 2003, (Central Act No 36 of 2003) and subsequently eight (8) amendments were issued from time to time.

Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulation, 2004 was notified in the Karnataka Gazette on 16.12.2004 in exercise of the power conferred by Section 46, read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, (Central Act No 36 of 2003) and subsequently ten (10) amendments were issued from time to time.

Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2007 was notified in the Karnataka Gazette on 11.10.2007 in exercise of the power conferred by Section 47, read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, (Central Act No 36 of 2003) and subsequently one (1) amendment is issued.

Whereas, Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd., (BESCOM), a Distribution Licensee has filed a petition OP 21 / 2020 before the Commission under clause 46 of the CoS of Electricity of the Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka. In the petition, BESCOM informed that the Ministry of Power, Government of India has expressed its keenness to improve the Ease of Doing Business (EODB) in Bengaluru city on par with Delhi and Mumbai in pursuance of the World Bank's proposal to include Bengaluru in the country ranking mechanism of 'Ease of Doing Business 2021' with respect to assessing the country's performance in respect of ten parameters which also includes 'Getting Electricity' on the following parameters:

- i) Procedure required to be completed for getting new electricity connection.
- ii) Time taken to get electricity connection.

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<li>iii) Cost required for getting a new cor</li>	nection	
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iv) Reliability of power supply and transparency of tariffs index.

As 'Getting Electricity' is one of the 10 parameters which will be assessed by the World Bank for the Purpose of EODB index and as Bengaluru is proposed to be included in the country ranking mechanism for the determination of India's EODB score, to implement the reforms and the procedure within the timeline the Government of Karnataka directed BESCOM on the following issues;

- to initiate arranging power supply on LT basis, up to 150 kVA within 07days where Right of Way (RoW) permissions are not required and within 15 days in case of requirement of RoW permission (provided BBMP / KPWD / other civic authorities provide consent for RoW within 07days),
- to introduce self-certifications instead of completion report, CEIG approvals, LIFT and Fire clearances, agreements etc.,
- adopt fast track mechanism under the EODB route for providing new electricity connection up to 150 kVA,
- provide options of self-execution or deposit contribution works (DCW) for the consumer to execute the work and to develop and create the required infrastructure within 3 days,
- allow option for making payment of charges viz., Initial Security Deposit (ISD), Meter Security Deposit (MSD), normative charges determined for DCW work etc., at the time of registration of application.

BESCOM vide the said petition has requested to amend the various clauses viz.,

- i) 3.02 (b), 3.02 (c), 9.09 (e), 9.09 (f), 29.04 (a), 29.04 (a) (i), 29.04 (a) (ii) of the Conditions of Supply (CoS) of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka, 2006. BESCOM has also requested to add a new Clause 4.10 and include a new Annexure 12 to the CoS.
- ii) 3.1.1 (A), Note (ii), (iii), (iv) and (v) of 3.1.1 (A), 3.1.1 (B), Note (b) and (c) of 3.1.1 (B) of the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2004 (RoE).
- iii) 7 (i) of the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2007.

The Commission after hearing the petition, admitted the petition with the directions to implead all the Distribution Licensees in the petition as the CoS, RoE and other regulations



issued by the Commission are uniformly applicable to the entire State. All the distribution... Contd. licensees have filed the petitions under Section 94(2) of the EA 2003 read with order 1 Rule 10 (2) of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908 before the Commission, seeking the changes as requested by BESCOM in the OP 21 / 2020.

The Commission, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 16 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act No 36 of 2003) and the Clause 46 of CoS, hereby proposes to make further amendments to the various Clauses of the Regulations as indicated above;

Hence, the following draft amendments to the CoS, RoE and the Security Deposit Regulations are published to invite comments / views / suggestions / objections from the stakeholders, general public and interested persons. Stakeholders, interested persons may file their comments / views / suggestions / objections, if any, on the proposed amendments to the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (Ninth Amendment), 2020, KERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) (Eleventh Amendment) Regulations, 2020 and KERC (Security Deposit) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020 within 30 days from the date of publication of the draft in the State Gazette before the Secretary, KERC, # 16C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru 560 052.

In view of the prevailing Covid 19 situations, the Commission has decided NOT to conduct public hearing in the matter.



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### 1. Title and commencement. -

- a) This may be called as,
  - the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) (Ninth Amendment), 2020,
  - ii) the KERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) (Eleventh Amendment) Regulations, 2020 and
  - iii) the KERC (Security Deposit) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
- b) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette of the Karnataka State.
- c) It shall apply to all the Licensees engaged in the business of distribution of electricity and the consumers of electricity in the State of Karnataka.

#### 2. Amendment of certain clauses. -

In the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka, 2006, the existing Clauses mentioned in the Column – 2 of table below shall be substituted by the Clauses mentioned in the Column – 3.

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Clause No:	As existing	As amended / inserted
3.02	CLASSIFICATION OF SUPPLY	No change.
3.02 (b)	AT 400 V., 3 PHASE	No change.
	All installations below 50 kW (67 HP / 59 kVA)	All installations up to and inclusive of 150 kW (201
	of sanctioned load (inclusive of lighting	HP / 176 kVA) of sanctioned load (inclusive of
	load).	lighting load).
		However, in respect of temporary installations
		power supply at 400 V, 3 phase shall be
		arranged to a maximum extent of 50 kW / 67 HP.
	Note: The Consumer has the option to avail	Note: The Consumer has the option to avail
	himself of supply at High Tension even if the	himself of supply at High Tension even if the
	requisitioned load is less than 50 kW. The	requisitioned load is less than 150 kW. The
	minimum C.D. in such cases shall be 25 kVA.	minimum C.D. in such cases shall be 25 kVA.
3.02 (c)	HT SUPPLY, 3 Phase, 50 C/S, 11 / 13.2 kV	HT SUPPLY, 3 Phase, 50 C/S, 11 / 13.2 kV available
	available in the locality.	in the locality.
	All installations with a Contract Demand of	All installations with a Contract Demand of 151
	50 kW / 59 KVA and above up to and	kW / 177 kVA and above up to and inclusive of
	inclusive of 2000 kVA.	2000 kVA.



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Clause No:	As existing	As amended / inserted
		Temporary installations with a Contract Demand
		of 51 kW / 60 kVA and above up to and inclusive
		of 2000 kVA.
.10	New	CRITERIA FOR ARRANGING POWER SUPPLY UNDER
		EASE OF DOING BUSINESS (EODB);
	ii.	1. Applicable to the Cities as notified by the
		Government of Karnataka from time to time.
		2. Applicable for arranging power supply only
		for single installation in the premises.
		3. Applicable to the Category of consumers -
		Educational institution, Hospital, Warehouse
		Commercial, EV charging station, Industry
		on permanent basis.
		4. Applicable to the prospective consumers
		seeking power supply with a requisitioned
	2	load of 50 kW and above up to 150 kW, for
		whom 400 V, 3 phase Power supply can be
		arranged. The Consumer has the option to
		avail himself of supply at High Tension even
		if the requisitioned load is between 50 kW
		and 150 kW.
		5. Applicable for location of installation
		requiring a maximum line extension of 500
		meters from the nearest available source.
		6. The Applicant shall mandatorily furnish the
		following documents while seeking power
		supply under EODB;
	1-	a) Proof of identity,
	8	b) Proof of ownership,
		c) Occupancy Certificate,
		d) Scanned copy of power supply
		agreement.
		7. The applicant shall furnish online the self-
		declaration along with the application as
		per Annexure - 12 of Conditions of Supply for
		the following documents: