

KARNATAKA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

BENGALURU-560 001

NOTIFICATION

No: KERC/CoS/D/18-19, Bengaluru, dated 04.10.2018

Draft Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) (Seventh Amendment), 2018

Preamble

The Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) were notified in the Karnataka Gazette on 17th June, 2006, in exercise of the power conferred by Section 16 of the Electricity Act, 2003, (Central Act No 36 of 2003). Subsequently the said Conditions of Supply have been amended from time to time.

Whereas now, the Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd (BESCOM), a distribution licensee, vide its Petition OP No. 110/2017 filed before the Commission has requested for suitable amendment to the CoS to provide for making pre-paid energy meters mandatory to installations relating to water supply, streetlight and the Government offices under LT-3 (commercial), for ensuring timely payments from these installations.

Further, the Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Karnataka, Energy Department, has requested to amend Clause 4.02 (1) (iv) of the CoS, so as to extend the current exemption from indicating the name and address of the Licensed Electrical Contractor, available to applicants/consumers seeking supply of electricity for domestic and commercial purpose with load below 7.5kW, to other consumers also, on the ground that, CEA's 'Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply Regulations, 2010', at clause 29, mandates every consumer seeking electricity service connection to get the wiring done by only licensed contractor and therefore, the name of licensed contractor who takes up such work, could be indicated only in the completion-cum-test report and the wiring diagram.

Further, he has also requested for amendment to clause 8 of the CoS, to insist for occupancy certificate from HT consumers also under clause 8 as in the case of consumers under clause 9, to avoid discrimination.

Considering the above requests to be acceptable, the Commission, in exercise of powers conferred by Section 16 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act No. 36 of 2003) and the Clause 46 of CoS, proposes to make the following further amendments to Clauses 4.02 (1) (iv), 4.03(ii) (d), 8.11 and 25.01 of the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka.

Hence, the following draft of the amendments to the CoS is being published inviting suggestions/objections/views from the general public and interested persons. General public and interested persons may file their suggestions/objections/views, if any, on the proposed amendments to the Conditions of Supply of Electricity of

Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka on or before 31.10.2018 before the Secretary, KERC, # 16C-1, Millers Tank Bed Area, Vasantha Nagar, Bengaluru 560 052.

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Conditions of Supply of Electricity of Distribution Licensees in the State of Karnataka (CoS) (Seventh Amendment), 2018.

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) (Seventh Amendment), 2018.
- (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.-

1 Clause No:	2 As existing	3 As proposed to be amended
4.02 (1)(iv)	<p>The Applicant shall indicate in the application form the name and address of the Licensed Electrical Contractor (LEC) with whom he intends to get the interior wiring work done.</p> <p>Note: This Clause shall not be applicable to an applicant / a consumer seeking supply of electricity for domestic and commercial purpose with a load below 7.5kW, in a premises.</p>	-Deleted -
4.03(ii) (d)	Submit the Licensed Electrical Contractor's completion-cum-test report along with the wiring diagram in duplicate.	Submit the Licensed Electrical Contractor's completion-cum-test report along with the wiring diagram in duplicate, duly indicating the name and address of the Licensed Electrical Contractor (LEC) who has carried out the interior wiring work.

	The applicant shall produce an undertaking on plain paper for having installed the Solar Water heater before issue of the Work Order. The Licensee shall acknowledge the receipt of the above documents and issue an acknowledgement slip for having accepted the same.	The applicant shall produce an undertaking on plain paper for having installed the Solar Water Heater before issue of the Work Order. The Licensee shall acknowledge the receipt of the above documents and issue an acknowledgement slip for having accepted the same.
8.11	The servicing of the installation of the Applicant shall be carried out on production of the copy of the approval of his installation by the Electrical inspectorate and also "Test and Commissioning Certificate" of the equipments installed as required by the Licensee	The servicing of the installation of the Applicant shall be carried out on production of the copy of the Occupancy Certificate , the approval of his installation by the Electrical inspectorate and also "Test and Commissioning Certificate" of the equipments installed as required by the Licensee Explanation: The Occupancy Certificate means, the occupancy certificate, or such other certificate, by whatever name called, issued by the competent authority, permitting occupation of the building, as provided under local laws, which has provision for infrastructure such as water, sanitation and electricity and such occupancy certificate shall be furnished for servicing of any additional floors or additional built-up area to the existing building also.
25.01	No installation shall be serviced without a meter. Note: a) xxxxx b) xxxxx c) xxxxx d) xxxxx	No installation shall be serviced without a meter. Note: a) xxxxx b) xxxxx c) xxxxx d) xxxxx

		<p>e) Pre-paid energy meters shall be provided to installations of public water supply, public lamps (streetlights) and offices of the Government.</p> <p>Provided that the Meter Security Deposit (MSD) equivalent to the cost of the pre-paid energy meter shall be paid by such consumer.</p> <p>Provided further that, notwithstanding anything contained in this Regulations or any other Regulations issued by the Commission, the Distribution Licensee shall buy back any electro-mechanical/electronic energy meters fixed at the existing installations of such consumers, who shall pay the difference in the depreciated value of the existing energy meters and the meter security deposit equivalent to the cost of new pre-paid meters, to the distribution licensee in equal annual installments over a period of five years.</p>
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By the Order of the Commission


Secretary

Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission