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PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION

The 17th March, 2026

No. PSERC/Secy/Regu. 201.- In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 181 read with Sections 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 126, 127, 135, 152, 154 & 163 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) read with Electricity (Amendment) Act, 2007 (No. 26 of 2007) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes following regulations to amend the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as “the Principal Regulations”) namely:

1. **SHORT TITLE, COMMENCEMENT AND INTERPRETATION**

- 1.1 These Regulations may be called the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code, Standards of Performance and Related Matters) (1st Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
- 1.2 These Regulations shall be applicable to all the licensees (including entities exempted under Section 13 of the Act) in their respective licensed/supply areas and all consumers/persons in the State of Punjab.
- 1.3 These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the official gazette of the State.

2. **Amendment of Regulation 49 of the Principal Regulations**

The 1st proviso to clause (v) of sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 49 of the Supply Code, 2024 shall be substituted as under:

Provided that in case the increase in demand in a billing cycle exceeds the sanctioned contract demand by 10% and also results in change in tariff category, the consumer shall be served with a written notice within 7 days of generation of bill to restrict its demand within the contract demand sanctioned by the distribution licensee and not to repeat the default. However, the consumer shall be liable to pay demand surcharge as approved by the Commission for the demand in excess of sanctioned demand for the first default and also for the default, if any, in the immediate succeeding billing cycle during which the notice was issued. On any subsequent default(s), after the aforementioned

immediately succeeding billing cycle if the demand exceeds the sanctioned demand by 10% again and also results in change in tariff category, then such consumer shall be liable to be booked under UUE for the billing cycle(s) during which the default(s) occurs. This shall be without prejudice to the right of the distribution licensee to disconnect the connection after serving a 15 days notice.

[Explanation: Tariff category for this regulation means category having different schedule as specified in Schedules of Tariff annexed to the Tariff Order for the relevant year approved by the Commission.

Further, the fixed plus energy charges shall be the criterion to determine which tariff category is having higher tariff.]

3. **Amendment of Regulation 16 of the Principal Regulations**

Regulation 16 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under;

“16. RELEASE OF CONNECTIONS IN ABANDONED COLONIES

- (1) In case a promoter has not obtained the NOC from the distribution licensee after getting the license or approval from the competent licensing authority even after the lapse of the specified time or has not fulfilled or violated the conditions of the NOC issued by the distribution licensee such as non-completion of LD system or has not deposited the Bank Guarantee (BG) or the connectivity charges within the stipulated time and in the manner as specified in these regulations, it shall be sufficient grounds to initiate action to get the license of such a promoter suspended or cancelled from the licensing authority as per the PAPRA/bye-laws of the State Government.
- (2) The distribution licensee shall report all such cases of violation of the provisions of the PAPRA/bye-laws or conditions of license or NOC issued by the distribution licensee by the promoters to the competent licensing authority. The distribution licensee shall also intimate to the licensing/competent authority of the State Government the estimated cost of completing the LD system in such a colony and the connectivity charges including system loading charges as per Regulation 12(3) of this Code, less the estimated amount of the Service Connection Charges (SCC) which are recoverable from the residents against the estimated load and BG as available with the distribution licensee.
- (3) The Licensing Authority may suspend or cancel the license of the promoter and get the work of erection of LD System carried out at its level and recover any additional expenditure from the promoter and the allottees as per the provisions of PAPRA. Alternatively, the Licensing Authority may get this work completed from PSPCL by depositing the amount worked out above.
- (4) In case the competent licensing authority of the State government does not act against the promoter or initiate action under the PAPRA/bye laws as specified in sub-regulations (2) & (3) of this regulation within 3 months, the distribution licensee shall approach the competent court or the authority as per law to get necessary directions to the competent licensing authority to proceed against the developer and initiate further action as per the PAPRA/bye laws of the State Government.
- (5) In case the license is suspended or cancelled by the competent licensing authority of State Government as specified in sub-regulation (3) and (4) of this regulation, the colony shall be treated as Abandoned colony. However, in case the licensing authority does not take action and after the expiry of 3 months period as specified in sub-regulation (4) of this regulation, the residents of such colony/complex approach the distribution licensee for release of electricity connections, then the distribution licensee shall release the electricity connections in case the colony is declared as “abandoned” by the distribution licensee in accordance with the criterion approved by the Commission for declaring a colony as “abandoned”. The distribution licensee shall submit draft criteria for declaring a colony as “abandoned” for the approval of

the Commission within 15 days of the issue of this notification. The competent authority of the distribution licensee, which shall be at least one step higher than the authority competent to sanction the load of such colony, may declare a colony as 'Abandoned Colony' in accordance with the criteria approved by the Commission. For release of electricity connection, the applicants of such colony/complex shall submit the documents as specified in Regulation 10 of these regulations. The other terms and conditions for release of connections in such abandoned colony shall be as under:

(i) In case the distribution licensee has accepted a BG at the time of issuance of NOC or at the time of allowing partial connectivity to a colony as per the provisions of these regulations, then the distribution licensee shall be responsible to complete the remaining LD system and release connections to the residents by recovery of Service Connection Charges from the residents.

In case partial connectivity has been released by the distribution licensee without getting a BG as per regulations then also the remaining LD system shall be completed by the distribution licensee at its cost and connections shall be released by recovering Service Connection Charges from the residents as approved by the Commission since the distribution licensee was obligated to obtain a BG before allowing connectivity to a partially completed LD system. Any financial loss may be recovered by the distribution licensee from the delinquent officials/officers as per law.

(ii) In case the RWA or any group of residents of such colony declared as "Abandoned" offers to complete the work of LD system in the colony or a part of the abandoned colony, as per the norms and specifications of the distribution licensee, the same may be permitted by the distribution licensee and connections may be released in the electrified area by recovering Service Connection Charges applicable to the concerned category of consumers as per Regulation 12(8) of these regulations along with the 'Development Charges' @Rs. 3000/- per kW or Rs. 2850/- per kVA on normative basis or as may be decided by the Commission from time to time in lieu of connectivity charges including system loading charges.

(iii) In cases not covered under clause (i) or clause (ii) above, in pursuance to the action initiated by the distribution licensee against the promoter with the licensing/competent authority or appropriate court as specified in sub-regulation (2) to (4) of this regulation, the individual residents may seek electricity connections from the distribution licensee by paying the 'Development Charges' @Rs. 3000/- per kW or Rs. 2850/- per kVA on normative basis or as may be decided by the Commission from time to time along with the normal Service Connection Charges applicable for the category of the consumer as approved by the Commission in the cost data.

The distribution licensee shall erect the distribution system only for providing supply to the residents who have deposited the above charges and would not be required to complete the LD system of the colony.

(6) In case of recovery of expenses from either the promoter or the licensing authority as per sub-regulation (2) and (3) above, the development charges deposited by the residents shall be refunded through energy bills.

(7) The declaration of a colony/complex as "Abandoned" as per the provisions of this regulation shall be limited only to the release of electricity connections to the residents/occupiers of such colonies and shall not absolve the promoter of his obligations and liabilities as per the conditions of license and/or NoC issued by the distribution licensee.

4. Amendment in Regulation 12 (8) of the Principal Regulations

The sentence “*However, in case the service cable up to the metering point or up to the main switch, as the case may be, is not provided by the distribution licensee.....*” in Regulation 12 (8) of the Principal Regulations shall be read as “*However, in case the service cable up to the metering point or up to the main switch, as the case may be, is not provided by the promoter.....*”

Sd/-

Secretary to the Commission

Note: **The Principal Regulations** were issued vide Notification No. PSERC/Secy./Regu.191 dated 23.10.2024 published in Punjab Govt. Gaz.(Extra) dated 23rd October, 2024.