

CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI

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DRAFT AMENDMENT

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 178 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf and after previous publication, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, hereby makes the following regulations, to amend the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulations"), namely: -

1. Short Title and Comments

- 1.1 These regulations may be called the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
- 1.2 These regulations shall come into force with effect from 01.07.2026.

2. Amendment of Regulation 3 (Definitions and Interpretation) of the Principal Regulations:

- 2.1 In sub-clause (j) (iii) of Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations, the words and expressions “weighted average ACP of the Integrated-Day Ahead Market segments of all Power Exchanges for the respective time block” shall be substituted as “daily weighted average Area Clearing Price (ACP) of the Integrated-Day Ahead Market segments of all Power Exchanges for the day.”
- 2.2 In sub-clause (y) (iii) of Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations, the words and expressions “weighted average ACP of the Integrated-Day Ahead Market

segments of all Power Exchanges for the respective time block;” shall be substituted as “daily weighted average Area Clearing Price (ACP) of the Integrated-Day Ahead Market segments of all Power Exchanges for the day;”.

3. Insertion of a new clause after clause (4) of Regulation (8) of the Principal Regulations:

3.1 A new clause shall be inserted after clause (4) of the Regulation (8) of the Principal Regulations, as under:

“(4A) Notwithstanding the provisions of clause (4) of this Regulation, the charges for Deviation, in respect of a WS Seller, shall be treated at par with General Sellers in the following cases:

- (a) for projects under bidding route, with tendering or bid submission dates on or after 01.01.2027; and
- (b) for projects, other than those covered under sub-clause (a), having date of commercial operation on or after 01.01.2029.

4. Insertion of a Note after clause (5) of Regulation (8) of the Principal Regulations:

4.1 A Note shall be inserted after clause (5) of the Regulation (8) of the Principal Regulations, as under:

“Note: The charges for deviation in respect of a standalone ESS being a pumped hydro storage plant under Section 62 of the Act shall be computed at the energy charge rate as specified under Clause 3 of Regulation 66 of the CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024, as amended from time to time.”

5. Amendments to Clause (8) of Regulation (8) of the Principal Regulations:

5.1 In sub-clause 8(1) of Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations, the words and expression “The charges for injection of infirm power shall be zero, except in

cases specified under clauses (2) and (3) of this Regulation” shall be read as “The charges for injection of infirm power shall be zero, except in cases specified under clauses (2), (2A) and (3) of this Regulation”.

5.2 A new clause shall be inserted after sub-clause 8(2) of the Regulation (8) of the Principal Regulations, as under:

“(2A) In case of Standalone Energy Storage System (ESS), the infirm power injected into the grid from the date of first synchronization of ESS up to the successful completion of the trial run shall be paid @ Normal Rate of Charges for Deviations for each time block, subject to a ceiling of ₹ 2.00/kWh.”

5.3 In sub-clause 8(4) of Regulation 8 of the Principal Regulations, the words and expression “Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (2) and (3) of this Regulation,” shall be read as “Notwithstanding the provisions of clauses (2), (2A) and (3) of this Regulation,”.

6. Amendment to Regulation 10 (Schedule of Payment of Charges for deviation) of the Principal Regulations:

6.1 In clause (1) of Regulation 10 of the Principal Regulations, the words and expression “10 (ten) days of the issue of the statement of charges for deviation by the Regional Power Committee,” shall be substituted by “the timeline stipulated in the Detailed Procedure for implementation, maintenance and operation of the National Deviation and Ancillary Services Pool Account,”.

6.2 In clause (3) of Regulation 10 of the Principal Regulations, the words and expression “10 (ten) days from the date of issue of the statement of charges for deviation” shall be substituted by “the timeline stipulated in the Detailed Procedure for implementation, maintenance and operation of the National Deviation and Ancillary Services Pool Account”.

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Note:

- (i) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2024 were published in Part III, Section 4, No. 642 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 21.08.2024.
- (ii) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024 were published in Part III, Section 4, No. 1030 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 24.12.2024.
- (iii) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2025 were published in Part III, Section 4, No. 473 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) dated 25.06.2025.