

Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Explanatory Note on the Amendment in Delhi Electricity Supply Code & Performance Standards Regulations, 2007.

The Commission in the exercise of its powers under section 181 (2) (x) and 181 (2) (za) read with section 50 and sub-section (1) of section 57 of Electricity Act has framed Electricity Supply Code and Standards of Performance for the Licensees. The Commission now intends to modify some of the provisions of Delhi Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards, Regulations, 2007.

The Commission has received various representations and noted from the newspaper clippings etc, regarding the load shedding in the areas of the distribution licensees of Delhi and further, the directions received from GoNCTD under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 regarding disruption in electricity supply to consumers and compensation payable.

In order to ensure the uninterrupted power supply, the Commission is of the view that maximum time limit for restoration of supply should be reduced from the existing levels already specified in the Delhi Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards, Regulations, 2007 and further the compensation payable to the affected consumer shall also be made stringent so that the disruptions of power supply are kept at a minimum and uninterrupted power supply is maintained in the areas of the distribution licensees. Accordingly, the Commission has proposed to modify the time limit for restoration of power supply and the compensation payable to the affected consumers.

The Commission has already specified the manner for payment of compensation in Delhi Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards, Regulations, 2007. There was need to bring more clarity in the existing provisions. The Commission has considered the payment of compensation to the affected consumer only when it is claimed by the consumer except for the consumers affected by the failure of power supply. In case of failure of power supply, the compensation shall be payable suo-moto, by the Distribution Licensee.

The Commission has received a letter No. F.11(71)/2006/Power/2775 dated 07.11.2007 and the subsequent communication dated 10.01.2008 from GoNCTD regarding the applicability of charges to be borne in case of electrification including the EHT electrification of areas. In the wake of this request, the Commission studied the issue and had meetings with

the representatives of Government, DISCOMs and also land owning agencies. The Commission vide letter dated 14.01.2008 and 08.02.2008 has clarified that the cost of electrification for EHT system shall be borne 100% by the developer so that the consumers of Delhi are not burdened with these high development costs, in the public interest. This finds mention in the draft Delhi Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards, Regulations, 2012. This principle of sharing of cost on EHT system is operating consistently from 2008 and is now being regularized in the present amended Regulations.