

Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission

Draft NOTIFICATION

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Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code)(Third Amendment)Regulations, 2020

No.AERC.280/2007/Part-I/ —In exercise of powers conferred under Section 181(2) (x) read with Section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling in this behalf and after previous publication, the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission, hereby makes the following regulations, to amend the AERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the “Principal Regulations”) ----

1. Short Title and Comments

1.1 These regulations shall be called “The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) (Third Amendment), Regulations, 2020.

1.2 These regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Assam Gazette.

2. Amendment of Regulation 2.2 (Classification of Voltage of Supply to consumers)

The Regulations 2.2.1 (a) and 2.2.1 (b) of the Principal Regulations are replaced as below:

2.1 Supply voltage for different connected loads

The supply voltage for different connected load shall normally be as follows-

Category	System of Supply
Low Tension	
All installations with a connected load less than 5 KW	Single phase at 230 V
All installations with a connected load of 5 kW or more upto 25 kW or 30 kVA*	3 phase, 4 wire at 400 V
High Tension	
Connected load exceeding 25 kW or 30 kVA upto 2000 kVA**	11 kV
Connected load exceeding 2000 kVA upto 10000 kVA**	33 kV
Extra High Tension	
Connected load above 10000 kVA	132/220 kV

A power factor of 0.85 is considered.

** Providing of supply at 11 kV and 33 kV upto the connected load specified above is subject to availability of necessary line and transformer capacity in the respective voltages, otherwise the applicant will have to construct a dedicated line.

3. Amendment of Regulation 5.3.1 (a) (Load Security)

The Regulation 5.3.1 (a) of the Principal Regulations is replaced as below:

- 3.1. All consumers shall have to deposit an amount as specified in this Code against his consumption as Load Security to cover of his monthly energy bill, as per Schedule of Tariff applicable from time to time.

The Security Deposit amount required to be maintained with the licensee will be computed as follows:

- (i) A sum equal to 1.5 times of the monthly charges (energy charge based on consumption + fixed/demand charge based on contract demand) calculated in prevailing tariff.

- (ii) For new consumer:

The new consumers shall pay an initial Security Deposit based on the estimated consumption as specified in **Appendix I** of the Principal Regulations and calculated as per (i) above on the Contract Demand.

- (iii) For existing consumer:

The Security Deposit shall be reviewed annually as per procedure specified below:

At the beginning of the financial year, the licensee shall review the consumption pattern of the consumer for the adequacy of the Security Deposit from April to March of the previous year. The average monthly consumption and the contract demand of the consumer shall be considered for calculating the load security amount as per (i) above.

- (iv) For extension of load, Security Deposit for the existing load shall be calculated as per (iii) above and for the additional load the Security Deposit shall be calculated as per (ii) above.
- (v) The basis and details of working out the Security Deposit of a consumer along with details of number of instalment, if any, for payment/adjustment as the case may be intimated to the consumer.

Provided that for a consumer whose electricity connection is less than 1 year old, the Security Deposit shall not be revised at the beginning of the first financial year, but from the next financial year.

Provided that a consumer shall be required to provide additional Security Deposit or the excess amount will be refunded to him as the case may be if the Security Deposit maintained by him exceeds/or lowers by 20% of the security amount as calculated as per (iii) above.

- (vi) The Security Deposit available with the licensee in respect of each consumer shall be shown in the energy bills issued to the consumer. Any excess/deficient amount as and when arises, shall be adjusted within two or more subsequent bills of the consumer.

By order of the Commission

Secretary

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