

MEGHALAYA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION SHILLONG

NOTIFICATION

The 9th December, 2009

No. MSERC/Amend-17/09/25. In exercise of the power conferred by section 181(1) (x) read with section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all powers enabling it in that behalf, the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Code to amend the Meghalaya Electricity Supply Code, 2006 (7 of 2006), the same having been previously published with Gazette of Meghalaya of issue dated September 24, 2009 and the views and suggestions received from interested parties duly considered, namely –

The Meghalaya Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code, 2009.

(6 of 2009)

1. **Short title and comment.** (1) This Code may be called the Meghalaya Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code, 2009.
(2). It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Gazette of Meghalaya.

2. **Amendment of clause 4.** In clause 4 of the Meghalaya Electricity Supply Code, 2006 (7 of 2006) (hereinafter referred to as the principal Code)-
 - (i). In sub-clause (A), item (e), for the words “halls and” occurring between the words “community” and “institutions” the words “halls, crematoriums and” shall be substituted.
 - (ii). After sub-clause (D), the following sub-clause shall be inserted as sub-clause (E), namely –
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“(E) Agricultural consumption for pumping water for irrigating cultivable lands.”

3. **Amendment of clause 6.** In clause 6, sub-clause (1) of the principal Code, for the words “bi-monthly basis” the words “monthly basis and for rural areas on a bi-monthly basis” shall be substituted.

4. **Insertion of new clause 7A.** After clause 7 of the principal Code, the following shall be inserted as clause 7A, namely –

“7A Cheques dishonored.

“When payment of electricity bill or bills is made by a cheque and the cheque is dishonoured by the bank, every consumer concerned with the bill or bills shall notwithstanding any

liability under any law in that regard, be liable to pay a sum of rupees two hundred only as fee for processing and correcting the entries in the books or accounts.”

5. **Amendment of clause 13.** In clause 13 of the principal Code, for sub-clauses (1) and (2), the following new sub-clauses shall be substituted, namely –

“(1) An owner or occupier of a premises desiring to get supply of electricity thereto shall make an application to the licensee and the application shall be accompanied by –

(a). A test report;

(b). A fee of rupees two hundred only in the case of domestic consumption, commercial consumption, public service consumption and agricultural consumption; and

(c) a fee of rupees ten thousand only in the case of industrial consumption.”

“(2) The application and test report referred to in sub-clause (1) shall be in forms as may be prescribed by the licensee in consultation with the Commission.”

6. **Amendment of clause 15.** For the existing clause 15 of the principal Code, the following shall be substituted, namely –

“15 Giving of security.

“(1). A person who requires supply of electricity shall give in one installment security equivalent to the average of three months’ charges determined by the licensee.

“(2). The average charges referred to in sub-clause (1) shall be calculated taking into account the connected load, the load factor and formula as may be specified in the terms and conditions of supply of electricity and miscellaneous provisions referred to in section 19A of this Code.

“(3) When a person who has given the security no longer requires the supply of electricity and applies for its refund the licensee, on disconnection of the supply and clearance of dues, if any, refund it with interest calculated at bank rate prevailing at the time of the refund.

“(4) When change of ownership of a property or proprietorship of a company or establishment takes place due to sale or otherwise, the owner or proprietor, as the case may be, shall be required to give fresh security.

“(5). For removal of doubts, mere change in the name of an owner of premises due to inheritance of property or mere change of nomenclature or designation due to internal reorganization of a company, society or association shall not require giving of fresh security and refund of security of the previous owner shall not arise.”

7. **Insertion of a new sub-clause in clause 17.** In clause 17 of the principal Code, after the existing sub-clause (1), the following shall be inserted as sub-clause (2), namely –

“(2). A fee of rupees two hundred only shall be leviable for processing and effecting a change of name of a consumer.”

8. **Amendment of clause 18.** In clause 18 of the principal Code,
 - (a). In the clause-heading, the words “and sale of meters”, and
 - (b). Sub-clause (2),Shall be omitted.
9. **Insertion of a new clause 19 A.** In the principal Code, after clause 19, the following shall be inserted as new clause 19 A, namely –

“19 A. Terms and conditions of supply.

“(1) A licensee may prescribe terms and conditions and other miscellaneous provisions for supply of electricity to consumers and such terms, conditions and provisions shall be deemed to form part of this Code.

“(2) The terms, conditions and other miscellaneous provisions referred to in sub-clause (1) shall require prior approval of the Commission.”

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