## GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION GANDHINAGAR

Draft Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2017

Notification No. .... of 2017

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 181 (2) (x) read with Section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and under Section 42 (1) (b) of the Gujarat Electricity Industry (Reorganisation and Regulation) Act, 2003 (Gujarat Act 24 of 2003), and all powers enabling it in that behalf, the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby amends the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2016 and the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2015, "the principal Code".

- 1. Short Title, Extent and Commencement
  - 1) These regulations may be called the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2017.
  - 2) These regulations shall come into force from date of their publication in the official gazette;

## Amendment in Section 6 of the principal regulations:

- 2. Clause 6.77 of the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2016 shall be substituted as under:
  - "6.77 The licensee may issue a disconnection notice in writing, as per Section 56 of the Act, to any consumer who defaults on his payment of dues, giving him a notice period of 15 clear days to pay the dues. The notice can be embedded in the energy bill. In case a cheque is dishonoured,

the licensee shall inform the consumer and require him to pay the bill within 7 days in cash or through company's online payment portal or banker's cheque (pay order) or through RTGS/NEFT. The consumer shall be liable to pay the late payment surcharge, as applicable, as well as a charge on account of the dishonour of the cheque. If there is one instance of dishonour of cheques of a consumer in a financial year, the consumer shall be required to make all payments only in cash or through company's online payment portal or banker's cheque (pay order)] or through RTGS/NEFT till the end of the following financial year."

## **Amendment in Section 8 of the principal regulations:**

- 3. Clause 8.3 (1) of the principal Regulations shall be substituted as under: "8.3 The supply may be disconnected temporarily in following cases:
  - (1) On non-payment of the licensee's dues: The licensee may issue a disconnection notice in writing, as per Section 56 of the Act, to any consumer who defaults on his payment of dues, giving him a notice period of 15 working days to pay the dues. Such notice can be embedded in the energy bill also. Thereafter, the licensee may disconnect the consumer's installation on expiry of the said notice period by removing the service line/meter as the licensee may deem fit;"

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