

## **GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION GANDHINAGAR**

Draft Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2014.

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 47 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and subsection (2) (v) and (w) of section 181 and all powers enabling it in that behalf has notified the Gujarat Electricity regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005 and their subsequent first amendment vide notification no. 8 of 2005 and 5 of 2010 respectively. The Commission has received many representations from various stakeholders regarding need to amend or incorporate some provisions in the above Regulations. The Commission has reviewed these issues in the State Advisory Committee and proposed to amend the existing Security Deposit Regulations. Brief information about the proposed amendment in the Security Deposit Regulations is as under;

1. Review of Security Deposit is proposed to be modified from existing provision of every year to ever two years in case of HT consumers and at every five years in case of LT consumers.
2. Time limit for refund of Security Deposit by the licensees is incorporated now.
3. The First Amendment of the Security Deposit Regulations allows the consumers, having contract demand of 1 MVA or above, to deposit Security Deposit in the form of Bank Guarantee. The same is modified and proposed to allow the Bank Guarantee in case of total Security Deposit amount to be paid by the consumers exceeds Rs. 10.00 lakhs.
4. The amount of Security Deposit of consumers lying with the licensees will now be shown in Electricity Bill of the consumers.
5. The amount of Security Deposit for consumers having CGP or wheeling power or availing Open Access was clarified in the Order No. 1 of 2008 by the Commission under Clause of Power of Removal of Difficulties of the Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005. The said provision is now incorporated in the proposed amendment.