

**GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
GANDHINAGAR**

**Explanatory Note for Draft GERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related  
Matters) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2019**

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of the 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, has notified the GERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2015 (Notification No. 4 of 2015) vide notification dated 24.09.2015 taking reference of the Model Supply Code of the Forum of Regulators.

The Electricity Supply Code Review Panel (ESCRP) was also formulated in accordance with Clause 1.1 of the principal regulations. The role of ESCRP is also to consider and deliberate on the requests received for amendment in the Supply Code and recommend the conclusion of the deliberations to the Commission. The ESCRP deliberated on the proposals received from distribution licensees, various consumers and consumer organisations for amendments in the Supply Code and sent the final recommendations to the Commission. The Commission deliberated on the proposed amendments and now intends to amend the principal regulations. Brief information about the proposed amendments in the GERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2015 is as under:

1. The ESCRP submitted that in case of Agricultural connections, since the utilisation of excess load by the farmers is not an intentional act but may be due to change in water level, rewinding of the motor / pump, etc., it results in higher current drawl which is ultimately treated as 'Excess Load'. Moreover, there is no specific indication whereby a farmer can know his connected load vis-a-vis contracted load. In case of Un-metered Ag. Connections, ESCRP suggested to give 30 days' time period for load enhancement to those consumers where the connected load is found to be 10% or more than contracted load. The Commission finds it appropriate to accept the suggestion of the ESCRP.
2. In view of the difficulty faced by the Distribution Licensees where spot billing is not carried out, it is decided to modify the existing Clause 6.50 which states that the licensee shall arrange to get the name of the bill distributor rubber-stamped and the bill distributor shall write down the delivery date of the bill on the body of the bill before it is handed over to the consumer. The said clause shall now be applicable only in case of spot billing.
3. After deliberation on recommendation of the ESCRP to add one more condition in the cases where the supply may be disconnected temporarily, the Commission found it

appropriate to include that the Consumer shall not carry out any construction around the existing service position so as to hinder the access as already agreed. If it becomes necessary to do so due to remodelling of the structure or for any other reason, the Consumer shall notify the Distribution Licensee and get the service position shifted at his cost to a mutually agreed position.

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