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NOTIFICATION

Dated, the 9th December 2024

No. OERC-Engg-92/2003 (Vol.VIII) / 1424 / Dt. 09.12.2024 - In exercise of powers conferred under Section 50 read with Section 181(2)(t),(v),(w) & (x) read with Part-VI of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission had framed OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 which was published in the Odisha Gazette extraordinary No.1927 dt. 11th October, 2019.

In the meanwhile, the Ministry of Power, Government of India, had come up with the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 which cover various aspects of power supply to consumers in the country, including service connection charges and the timeline for the new connection. Further, there have been subsequent amendments to these Rules and such amendment called the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2024 provides the revised timeline for the new connection. Further, during the 3rd National Conference of Chief Secretaries held on 27th-29th December 2023, it was decided that the States were required to bring in certain citizen-friendly reform measures in terms of the timeline of new electricity connection, simplification and standardisation of fees to be paid for new connections etc. in line with Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and subsequent amendment. However, the amendment of the OERC Distribution (Condition of Supply) Code, 2019 is under active consideration of the Commission which requires more time. Considering the above, the Commission in the exercise of the powers conferred under Regulation 201 of the OERC Distribution (Condition of Supply) Code, 2019 hereby notifies the following directions for implementation of the timelines and fee structure in line with Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 so that OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 can be smoothly operationalised in this regard.

1. Timelines for new connections:

The timeline for giving a new connection as per Rule 4(11) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Amendment Rules, 2024 shall be followed in lieu of the timelines provided under Regulation 33(a) and 33(b) of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019. Therefore, Regulation 33(a) and 33(b) of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 shall be read as follows:

“33. The Distribution Licensee/supplier shall give supply of electricity to the premises pursuant to the application under Regulation 32 above as hereunder:

(a) Where no addition/augmentation/upgradation/extension of distribution main or commissioning of the new substation is required the distribution licensee/supplier shall effect such supply within **seven days in municipal areas and fifteen days in rural areas** after submission of the application complete in all respects, payment of fees, charges and security amount as applicable.

(b) In case where such supply requires the extension of distribution mains or commissioning of new substations, the distribution licensee shall supply the electricity to such premises immediately after implementation of such extension or commissioning within a period not exceeding **ninety days** after submission of the application complete in all respects, payment of fees, charges and security amount as applicable.

Provided that the Distribution Licensee/supplier may approach the Commission for extension of the time specified above, in specific cases where the magnitude of extension is such that the Licensee/supplier will require more time, duly furnishing the details in support of such claim for extension and if satisfied with the justification given by the Distribution Licensee/supplier, the Commission may extend the time for commencing the supply.”

2. **New service connection charges:**

Notwithstanding anything provided under Regulation 22 (vi) of the OERC Distribution (Condition of Supply) Code, 2019, the following new connection charges excluding processing fee, meter cost and security deposit shall be paid by the consumer at the time of application for new connection with due regard to Regulation 134 of the OERC Distribution (Condition of Supply) Code, 2019, provided where addition/ augmentation/ upgradation/extension of distribution main or commissioning of new substation is not required,

<i>Contract Demand</i>	<i>Service Connection Charges (excluding GST)</i>
<i>5-10 kW</i>	<i>₹ 4,500.00</i>
<i>11-20 kW</i>	<i>₹ 7,000.00</i>
<i>21-40 kW</i>	<i>₹ 10,000.00</i>
<i>41-50 kW</i>	<i>₹ 19,500.00</i>
<i>51KW-100 kW</i>	<i>₹ 33,000.00</i>
<i>101-150 kW</i>	<i>₹ 60,000.00</i>
<i>Note: The above charges have been calculated based on an average 30-meter service length and the use of armoured cable.</i>	

This Notification shall come into effect from the date it is notified by the Commission and shall remain in force until the amendment of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 is enacted.

By order of the Commission

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(Dr. Priyabrata Patnaik)
Secretary