

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
AMENDMENT IN SUPPLY CODE, 2014

Explanatory Memorandum

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 181 read with Sections 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 50, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 126, 127, 135, 152, 154 & 163 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) read with Electricity (Amendment) Act, 2007 (No. 26 of 2007) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf and in compliance of Electricity (Removal of Difficulties) Order, 2005, issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India bearing No.S.O.790 (E) dated 8th June 2005, notified the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2014 vide notification dated 5th November, 2014 (in short Supply Code, 2014). The first amendment was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy /Regu. 114 dated 22.06.2016, second amendment was issued vide notification no PSERC/Secy./Regu.116 dated 05.10.2016, third amendment was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy./Regu.119 dated 21.03.2017, the fourth amendment was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy./Regu. 125 dated 17.05.2018, the fifth amendment was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy /Regu. 137 dated 28.01.2019, the sixth amendment was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy./Regu. PSERC/Secy./Regu.146 dated 09.01.2020, the seventh amendment was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy./Regu.151 dated 18.09.2020 published in Punjab Govt. Gaz. (Extra) dated 18.09.2020, the eighth amendment was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy./Regu. 155 dated 10.03.2021 published in Punjab Govt. Gaz (Extra) dated 10.03.2021, the ninth amendment was issued vide notification

no.PSERC/Secy./Regu.157 dated 20.07.2021 published in Punjab Govt. Gaz (Extra) dated 20.07 2021, the tenth amendment was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy./Regu. 162 dated 02.02.2022 published in Punjab Govt. Gaz (Extra) dated 17.03.2022, the 11th amendment to the Principal Regulations was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy /Regu 164 dated 08.09.2022 published in Punjab Govt. Gaz. (Extra) dated 08.09.2022 and the 12th Amendment to the Principal Regulations was issued vide notification no. PSERC/Secy /Regu. 173 dated 29.03.2023. The Supply Code, 2014 including first to twelfth amendments hereinafter shall be referred to as Principal Regulations.

The Commission has defined “Essential Services” vide clause (za) of Regulation 2 of the Supply Code. In this regard, PSPCL referred to a request received from the office of ADGP (Jails), Punjab for release of hotline electricity connection through independent feeder and requested to add 'Jails' to the list of essential services.

Further, the Supply Code Regulations specify the provisions regarding installation of cluster sub-station to be fed through HT/EHT line from the feeding grid sub-station. In this regard, a proposal was received from PSPCL that in case of constraint in Right of Way (ROW) in erection of independent line from the feeding sub-station to the cluster sub-station, the latter be fed either by tapping an existing line or by extending the line from the nearest in-between sub-station. Other amendments regarding, inter alia, apportionment of the cost among constituent members were also proposed. Since ROW has become a bottleneck due to urbanization and industrialization, it may be necessary to allow alternative arrangements for feeding cluster sub-station.

In view of the foregoing, amendments in Regulation 2 and 4.3 of the Supply Code have been proposed.

Draft PSERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (13th Amendment) Regulations, 2023 are enclosed as Annexure-A. The comments/suggestions/objections from all the stakeholders are solicited under Sub- section (3) of Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Rule 3 of the Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publication) Rules, 2005 on the proposed amendments in Supply Code, 2014.