

# **PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

## **AMENDMENTS 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 8<sup>th</sup> June 2005, notified the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) Regulations, 2014 vide notification dated 5<sup>th</sup> 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 and the 11<sup>th</sup> 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. The Supply Code, 2014 including first to eleventh amendments hereinafter shall be referred to as Principal Regulations.

Section 86(1)(i) of the Electricity Act, 2003 conferred the powers to the State Electricity Regulatory Commission to specify and enforce standards with respect to quality, continuity and reliability of service by licensees. The Commission has specified Standard of Performance (SoP) and few power quality parameters in the Supply Code regulations. The Commission has invited public objections/comments on draft PSERC (Power Quality) Regulations, 2023 containing all the power quality parameters including those specified in the Supply Code, 2014. Since the power quality parameters such as Harmonics, Reliability indices, Voltage fluctuation etc have been included in the Power Quality Regulations so it is proposed to delete these parameters along with related clauses from the Supply Code, 2014.

Further, in the meeting of the Supply Code Review Panel held on 06.08.2021, the Review Panel recommended the proposal of PSPCL that in case phase wise development has been allowed by PSPCL then the partially completed LD system should be taken over by PSPCL, after compliance of the conditions by the promoter, for release of connection and also to maintain it to provide better service to the consumers fed from such LD system. This provision is proposed to be added to Regulation 6.7.6 of the Supply Code, 2014.

Draft PSERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (12<sup>th</sup> Amendment) Regulations, 2022 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.