

Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission

Notification

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Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 11th January, 2016

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 50 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf and after previous publication, the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Regulations, to amend the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014, namely.-

1. Short title and commencement .- (1) This regulation may be called the Kerala Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code, 2016.

(2) This shall come into force on the date of publication of the same in the gazette.

2. Amendment of the Code.- In the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014,-

(i) in regulation 12, after the words “power intensive unit”, the words and figures “having a contract demand of more than 50 percentage of the maximum contract demand for the specified voltage level under regulation 8” shall be inserted;

(ii) in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 73, for the words “shall be equal to the average of the demand raised in the previous financial year” the words “amount shall be calculated based on the average monthly consumption of the previous financial year and the prevailing tariff as on the date of demand of security deposit” shall be substituted;

(iii) in sub-regulation (2) of regulation 143,-

(a) in item (i) of the first proviso, for the words “one year” the words “lock in period” shall be substituted;

(b) after the second proviso the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

Provided also that, the demand charge or fixed charge payable as specified in clause (i) of the first proviso, shall not be realized from a small scale industrial unit or a cottage industrial unit, if such unit is closed permanently before the expiry of the lock in period due to reasons beyond its

control and produces a certificate to that effect from the concerned competent authority in the Industries Department.’;

(iv) in sub-regulation (15) of regulation 153, the words “except in the case of consumers billed on the basis of connected load” shall be added at the end.

By order of the Commission,

Santhosh Kumar.K.B
Secretary

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification, but is intended to indicate its general purport)

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 50 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Central Act 36 of 2003) the Kerala State Electricity Regulatory Commission has notified Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014. Section 165 of the said Code authorises the State Electricity Regulatory Commission to alter or modify any provision of this Code or remove any error or defect in this Code, *suo motu* or on the recommendations of Electricity Supply Code Review Panel (ESCRP) at any time and on such terms as it may think fit,. The Electricity Supply Code Review Panel was constituted by the Commission vide order No 695/Admn/2014/KSERC dated 23.7.2014 as specified in Section 166 of the Supply Code, 2014. The Code Review Panel in its meeting on 14th July 2015 had made recommendations to amend certain provisions in the Supply Code. Based on the recommendations, the Commission has published the draft Kerala Electricity Supply (Second Amendment) Code, 2015, for eliciting public opinion on 11.11.2015. A public hearing was conducted on 17.12.2015 at IMA Hall, Ernakulam at 11 AM. Taking into consideration of the written responses and also the suggestions in the public hearing from the stakeholders and the licensees, and after analyzing all the circumstances of the matter, the Commission has finalized Kerala Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code, 2016.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.