

JSERC (Operation of Parallel Licensees) Regulations, 2018



JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 181 and read with Section 50, 57, 59, 66 of the Electricity Act 2003 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Regulations.

A1: SHORT TITLE AND COMMENCEMENT

- 1.1 This Regulation may be called the ‘Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Regulations for Operation of Parallel Licensees), 2018’.
- 1.2 These Regulations shall extend to the whole state of Jharkhand.
- 1.3 These Regulations shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Jharkhand Gazette and unless reviewed earlier or extended by the Commission, and shall remain in force up to 31st March, 2023.

A2: SCOPE AND EXTENT OF APPLICATION

- 2.1 The scope and extent of the regulation is for the areas in Jharkhand wherein more than one distribution licensees are present.
- 2.2 The Commission through this regulations aims to enable the consumer, in those areas, to avail electricity from either of the distribution licenses as per choice. This will also foster competition and may improve the utilisation of the existing assets.
- 2.3 Each Distribution licensees operating in the common area has the universal service obligation to provide supply to the consumer.
- 2.4 In cases where infrastructure of one distribution licensee already exists, the other licensee may provide electricity to consumers by using the wires of the other licensee on payment of wheeling charges to the licensee whose wire is being used. This Regulations in no way intends to stop the other licensee from extending network for enhancement of reliability and load growth in the common area of operation.

A3: DEFINITION

- 3.1 In this Regulation unless the context otherwise requires:
 - (a) “**Act**” means the Electricity Act, 2003 and subsequent amendment thereof;
 - (b) “**Changeover**” means the act of a consumer of changing over from the existing Distribution Licensee with whom his premises are for the time being connected for the purpose of receiving electricity, to another Distribution

Licensee within the same area in order to avail supply, while remaining connected through the wires of the existing Distribution Licensee;

- (c) **“Changed-over Consumer”** means the consumer who has changed over from the existing Distribution Licensee to another Distribution Licensee.
- (d) **“Commission”** means Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission;
- (e) **“Day”** means a day starting at 00.00 hours and ending at 24.00 hours of any calendar date of Gregorian calendar;
- (f) **“Distribution Licensee or Discom”** means a Licensee authorised to operate and maintain a distribution system for supplying electricity to the consumers in his area of supply;
- (g) **“ESC” or “Electricity Supply Code”** means the Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015.
- (h) **“Existing Distribution Licensee” (EDL)** means the Distribution Licensee with whom the consumer’s premises are for the time being connected for the purpose of receiving electricity, before Changeover.
- (i) **“Grid”** means interconnected network of transmission lines, distribution lines and sub-stations at EHV and HV level;
- (j) **“Grid Code”** shall mean the JSERC (State Grid Code), Regulations, 2008 & its amendment from time to time;
- (k) **“Infrastructure cost”** means the cost of auxiliaries, cost of land, site development charges and other civil works, transportation charges, cost of evacuation up to interconnection point;
- (l) **“Meter”** means a device suitable for measuring, indicating or recording consumption of electricity or any other quantity related to an electrical system and shall include, wherever applicable, other equipment such as current transformer, potential transformer, voltage transformer or capacitor voltage transformer with necessary wiring and accessories for such purpose.
- (m) **“Month”** means a calendar month as per the Gregorian calendar;

- (n) **“New Distribution Licensee”** (NDL) means the Distribution Licensee with whom the consumer’s premises are connected for the purpose of receiving electricity after Changeover.
- (o) **“SERCs”** means State Electricity Regulatory Commissions;
- (p) **“SoP”** means the Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Distribution Licensee’s Standards of Performance) Regulations, 2015.
- (q) **“State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC)”** means the Centre established under subsection (1) of Section 31 of the Act;
- (r) **“Supply Distribution Licensee”** means the Distribution Licensee who provides electricity supply to the consumer using the distribution system of the Wheeling Distribution Licensee.
- (s) **“Switchover”** means the act of a consumer of switching over from the existing Distribution Licensee with whom his premises are for the time being connected for the purpose of receiving electricity, to the wires of another Distribution Licensee within the same area in order to avail supply;
- (t) **“Switched-over Consumer”** means the consumer who has switched over from the existing Distribution Licensee to another Distribution Licensee.
- (u) **“Wheeling Distribution Licensee”** means the Distribution Licensee who owns and operates the distribution system in the area where the consumer premises are located and is responsible for providing wheeling services to the Supply Distribution Licensee.
- (v) **“Year”** means a financial year.

3.2 All other expressions used herein although not specifically defined herein, but defined in the Act, shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Act. The other expressions used herein but not specifically defined in this Regulation or in the Act but defined under any law passed by the Parliament applicable to electricity industry in the State shall have the meaning assigned to them in such law.

A4: CO-ORDINATION COMMITTEE

- 4.1 A Co-ordination Committee shall be nominated by the Distribution Licensees in the state for co-ordination the matters pertaining to supply in the common area of operation in the state. The Committee has to be nominated within one (1) month from the date of notification of this regulation. The Co-ordination Committee shall have a nominee each of the distribution licensee, transmission licensee and the SLDC.
- 4.2 The Committee shall facilitate co-ordination and enable information flow between the Distribution Licensees for ensuring reliable supply in the common area. The Committee shall also develop rules for energy accounting and work together to sort other any issues which may arise during implementation. In the common area, all Distribution utilities having a license have the universal obligation to supply electricity to consumers and the Coordination Committee shall frame rules to ensure the conduct of the business. The rules for conduct of its business, detailed procedure, common formats and forms if any, consistent with provisions of these regulations and the provisions of other applicable regulations, shall be submitted by the Coordination Committee to the Commission for approval within sixty (60) days from the date of notification of these regulations.
- 4.3 The Distribution licensees through the Co-ordination Committee shall provide regular data pertaining to the operation of parallel licensees in the common areas as per directions of the Commission.

A5: ELIGIBILITY OF CHANGEOVER/ SWITCHOVER

- 5.1 A Consumer or a person wishing for changeover or switchover shall be provided connectivity in line with the norms specified for providing electricity supply in JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2015.
- 5.2 A Distribution utility should not put any criteria for which favours or deters consumers from changeover of switchover.

A6: APPLICATION AND PROCEDURES FOR OPERATION OF PARALLEL LICENSEES

6.1 Information for the benefit of the Consumer

- i. Distribution Licensees shall give wide publicity to the choice of supplier available to consumers in their license areas.
- ii. Distribution Licensees shall provide the following at their respective consumer service centres and websites:
 - a. Application forms for changeover/ switchover
 - b. Detailed procedures

- c. Specifications of meters and indicative sources from where the consumer can purchase meters, if they opt for their own meters.
- d. Agreements if any for certain loads
- e. Frequently asked questions
- f. Any other relevant information which helps the consumers to make an informed decision

6.2 **Application for changeover/ switchover**

- i. The Distribution Licensees shall make the application form available to the Consumer at free of cost.
- ii. Consumer disconnected for payment default will have to first clear the existing dues of the Existing Distribution Licensee in order to apply.
- iii. Consumer shall attach a copy of the last bill served by the Existing Distribution Licensee, proof of its payment and other relevant documents as required under ESC.
- iv. Consumer shall not be required to obtain the No-objection certificate (NOC) from the Existing Distribution Licensee in order to apply.
- v. Application for Changeover shall be submitted by the Consumer to the New Distribution Licensee.
- vi. The Consumer shall pay application processing fees as per Schedule of Charges approved by the Commission as per the Supply code.
- vii. The Consumer shall indicate her/his choice in terms of the meter i.e.
 - a. Meter provided by the Existing Distribution Licensee to be continued
 - b. Meter to be provided by the New Distribution Licensee or
 - c. Consumer to purchase own meter from authorised vendors
- viii. The consumer shall not be permitted to change his/ her name or the purpose or the classification category at the time of changeover/ switchover.
- ix. The application shall mention that any changed-over/ switch-over consumer who proposes to change name, purpose, category at a later date to continue to

abide by the conditions even after change of his/ her name or the purpose or the classification category.

6.3 Pre-changeover/ Pre-switchover activities

- i. The New Distribution Licensee shall inform the Existing Distribution Licensee on a periodic basis (in the agreed format to be decided by the Co-ordination Committee) information regarding completed application forms received.
- ii. The Existing Distribution Licensee shall share with the New Distribution Licensee information relating to any arrears/ disputes/ vigilance/ court cases, etc. for consumers proposing to changeover/ switchover within 3 days of receipt of information from the New Distribution Licensee.
- iii. The New Distribution Licensee shall inspect the consumer premises to confirm classification, connected load, technical issues, if any, etc. within the timeframe as stipulated under SoP.
- iv. The New Distribution Licensee shall estimate the security deposit to be provided by consumer as per ESC and intimate the same to the Consumer.
- v. The Consumer shall pay such security deposit amount to the New Distribution Licensee. The security deposit of the Consumer shall not be carried forward from the Existing Distribution Licensee to the New Distribution Licensee.
- vi. In case of sanctioned load equal to or higher than 50 kW (67 HP/63 kVA), the Consumer shall have to enter into an agreement with the New Distribution Licensee.
- vii. Once changeover/ switchover is completed, its reversal shall not be allowed for at least one year.

6.4 Changeover/ Switchover activities

- i. The changeover/ switchover shall coincide with the next scheduled meter reading date of the Existing Distribution Licensee subject to minimum of 7 working days from receipt of intimation from the New Distribution Licensee.

- ii. In any case, the changeover/ switchover has to be completed within 30 days from the receipt of completed application by the New Distribution Licensee. The Distribution Licensees has to agree on a suitable date for changeover/ switchover within the 30 day period, if next meter reading date falls beyond such period.
- iii. In case, a consumer opts for the New Distribution Licensee's meter or own meter, the same shall be tested by the New Distribution Licensee at its laboratory and installed at the consumer's premises. The Existing Distribution Licensee shall remain present at the time of such testing.
- iv. In case of meters provided by the Existing Distribution Licensee, such meters will be tested jointly on-site as per agreed schedule between the Existing Distribution Licensee and the New Distribution Licensee, ideally at the time of changeover/ switchover.
- v. In case metering involves CT/PT, then there shall be a joint schedule for verification of CT/PT ratios.
- vi. All meters and cut-outs shall be safe-guarded against unauthorized access by way of sealing. For the New Distribution Licensee and consumer meter, sealing shall be done by the New Distribution Licensee and for the Existing Distribution Licensee provided meter, sealing shall be by the Existing Distribution Licensee. The cut-out in case of changeover shall be sealed by the Existing Distribution Licensee, while in case of switchover shall be sealed by the New Distribution Licensee upon switchover.
- vii. The meter reading on changeover/ switchover date shall be taken jointly by Existing Distribution Licensee and New Distribution Licensee. The consumer may remain present at the time of joint meter reading if so desired by the consumer and if it is practicable. Such meter reading shall be the final meter reading of the Existing Distribution Licensee and opening meter reading of the New Distribution Licensee, irrespective of the choice of meter by the consumer. Such meter reading shall be counter-signed by the Existing Distribution Licensee, New Distribution Licensee and the consumer, if present at the time of joint meter reading.

- viii. The Existing Distribution Licensee shall raise the final bill based on final meter reading. The Consumer shall pay the Existing Distribution Licensee's final bill on or before the due date.
- ix. The Existing Distribution Licensee may adjust the security deposit (with the Existing Distribution Licensee) in the event of payment default with the prior notice, if any, and refund the balance security deposit within 30 working days from the due date for final bill.
- x. In case of any non-payment or partial payment of final bill of the Existing Distribution Licensee (after adjusting security deposit, if any) by the Changed-over consumer, provisions of Section 56 (Disconnection of supply in default of payment) of Act shall apply.

6.5 Meter reading

- i. For the purpose of the billing, the meter reading shall be done by the Supply Distribution Licensee.
- ii. The Supply Distribution Licensee shall provide the meter reading information for changed-over consumers to the Wheeling Distribution Licensee on a periodic basis along with the date and time of the meter reading. The formats and period of data sharing shall be worked out by the Co-ordination Committee.
- iii. The Wheeling Distribution Licensee may cross-verify such readings for the purpose of computing distribution losses.
- iv. The meters used by consumers shall have the necessary data transfer/download capability as may be required to permit smooth functioning of the meter reading mechanism specified in (i), (ii) and (iii) above.

6.6 Energy Accounting

- i. The detailed procedure, formats and accounting in detail shall be worked out by the co-ordination committee.
- ii. For switchover consumers, the energy accounting shall be undertaken by the New Distribution Licensee.

- iii. Energy sales to change-over consumers, as per meter readings of the Supply Distribution Licensee taken for the purpose of billing, shall be shared by the Supply Distribution Licensee with Wheeling Distribution Licensee and the State Load Dispatch Center.
- iv. Such energy shall be grossed up for the distribution losses for the Wheeling Distribution Licensee approved by the Commission and then subtracted from total recorded energy of the Wheeling Distribution Licensee at their periphery.
- v. Such adjusted energy shall be further grossed up for intra-state transmission losses to determine the Wheeling Distribution Licensee's generator ex-bus requirement for Intra-State Pool balancing and accounting.
- vi. The same energy as worked out for Wheeling Distribution Licensee at Distribution periphery will be added to the recorded energy of Supply Distribution Licensee.
- vii. Such adjusted energy for the Supply Distribution Licensee shall then be grossed up for intra-state transmission losses to determine the Supply Distribution Licensee's generator ex-bus requirement for Intra-state Pool balancing and accounting.
- viii. The energy requirement for changeover consumers shall be jointly assessed by both wheeling and supply distribution licensee.
- ix. The responsibility of power sourcing for changeover consumers is primarily with supply distribution licensee.
- x. Monthly settlement of energy shall be done between licensees as per SLDC certification, and any surplus/deficit on account of energy, shall be receivable / payable at the rate of approved per unit weighted average power purchase cost of own/ other licensee. The settlement and any other issues in energy accounting shall be dealt with the by Co-ordination committee.

6.7 Billing and Collection

- i. The Bills for switch-over consumers shall be raised by the New Distribution Licensee as they are responsible for wheeling and supply to the consumer.
- ii. The Bills for change-over consumers shall be raised by the Supply Distribution Licensee. Such bills shall include the wheeling charges and

clearly state the Wheeling charges and the name of the Wheeling Distribution Licensee

- iii. The Supply Distribution Licensee shall be responsible for collection of bills from the change-over consumers.

6.8 Wheeling Charges to Distribution (Wire) Licensee

- i. The Wheeling distribution licensee upon settlement of energy for the period shall raise the bill for payment of wheeling charges to the Supply Distribution Licensee.
- ii. The Supply Distribution Licensee shall pay wheeling charges to the Wheeling Distribution Licensee within 30 days from the date of bills raised on changed-over consumers.
- iii. Such payment shall consider the meter readings and wheeling charges included in the bills raised on change-over consumers.
- iv. Such payment shall be made irrespective of receipt of payment from changed-over consumers by the Supply Distribution Licensee.

6.9 Disconnection for non-payment

- i. For switch-over consumers, the New Distribution Licensee shall have the right to disconnection for payment default after giving prior notice to the consumers as per Section 56 of the Act.
- ii. For change-over consumers, the Supply Distribution Licensee shall have right of disconnection for payment default in respect of its bills raised on change-over consumers, and the Supply Distribution Licensee to exercise such right through the Wheeling Distribution Licensee after giving prior notice to the consumers as per Section 56 of the Act. The Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall undertake disconnection upon receipt of advice from the Supply Distribution Licensee provided that notice as per Section 56 of the Act shall be issued to the consumer.
- iii. The Supply Distribution Licensee shall raise the final bill on change-over consumer after disconnection.

- iv. No consumer who has been disconnected for payment default shall be allowed a changeover without clearing dues of the Existing Distribution Licensee.
- v. Any delay in payment to attract an interest at the same rate applied to the Wheeling Distribution Licensee's consumers.

6.10 Customer service and interface

- i. For switch-over consumers, the New Distribution Licensee shall be the sole interface and shall deal with all consumer service requirements and complaints.
- ii. For change-over consumers, the Supply Distribution Licensee shall be the sole interface for the consumer and shall deal with all consumer service requirements and complaints including those relating to billing, meter accuracy, supply quality, network, etc.
- iii. The Supply Distribution Licensee shall inform the Wheeling Distribution Licensee of all complaints relating to metering accuracy including action to be taken including meter testing at site, at the Supply Distribution Licensee's test laboratory, at the Wheeling Distribution Licensee's test laboratory or at the independent laboratory, as the case may be.
- iv. The Supply Distribution Licensee shall also inform Wheeling Distribution Licensee of all complaints relating to supply quality and network. The Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall keep the Supply Distribution Licensee informed about the status of redressal /closure of the complaint.
- v. Both the Supply Distribution Licensee and the Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall develop an efficient process of sharing information and ensuring that consumer service standards as per SoP are not compromised due to Changeover.
- vi. Any changed-over/ switch-over consumer who proposes to change name, purpose, category shall continue to abide by the conditions of changeover even after change of name/purpose/category. The Supply Distribution Licensee shall inform the Wheeling Distribution Licensee of such changes at the time of change.

- vii. Any dispute or delay in addressing consumer complaints shall be looked into by the Co-ordination committee. In case of receipt of any complaint by the consumers or if satisfied that any licensee has failed to comply with any of the conditions, regulations etc, the Commission may investigate and issue necessary directions as deem fit to the Distribution licensees.

6.11 **Thefts and Inspection**

- i. For switch-over consumer, the New Distribution Licensee shall have the right to check thefts and inspect consumer premises including meter to detect tampering of meter and also to establish misuse, unauthorized consumption, if any. In case of misuse, the New Distribution Licensee shall initiate appropriate proceedings against the consumer as per the Act and applicable regulations.
- ii. For change-over consumers, the Supply Distribution Licensee shall have right to inspect customer premises including meter to detect tampering of meter and also to establish misuse, unauthorized consumption, if any.
- iii. In case of misuse, the Supply Distribution Licensee shall initiate appropriate proceedings against the consumer and advise the Wheeling Distribution Licensee to carry out disconnection in accordance with Act.
- iv. The Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall have the right to inspect meter and cut-out seals from time to time and take meter readings for all changed-over consumers.
- v. The Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall use meter reading data provided by the Supply Distribution Licensee and compare the same with its own meter reading data to establish any prima-facie case of theft/meter tampering.
- vi. The assessed energy, in cases where theft by meter tampering / bypassing meter is established, shall be considered as default supply by the Wheeling Distribution Licensee and will be computed and recovered from consumer as per provisions of Section 126 (6) of Act.
- vii. The Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall compute the charges for the assessed energy as per the Section 126 (6) of Act. The Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall provide such information to the Supply Distribution Licensee.

The Supply Distribution Licensee shall bill and recover such charges from the consumer and make payments to the Wheeling Distribution Licensee on receiving the same from Consumers.

6.12 Standards of Performance

- i. The Supply Distribution Licensee shall be the sole interface to the consumer and therefore responsible for adherence to SoP relating to period of giving supply, quality of supply (voltage, harmonics), system of supply, restoration of supply, restoration in burnt meter cases, reconnection on payment of amounts due, etc.
- ii. Except for occurrences beyond the control of the Wheeling Distribution Licensee, the Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall honour its obligations to adhere to SoP.
- iii. The Wheeling Distribution Licensee shall not discriminate between Changed-over consumers and its own consumers for provision of wheeling services.
- iv. For non-adherence to SoP, the Supply Distribution Licensee shall have the right to demand from the Wheeling Distribution Licensee, reimbursement of compensation paid to affected consumers. The Distribution Licensees shall utilise the forum of Co-ordination Committee for settling such issues/ compensation etc.

6.13 Security Deposit

- i. New Distribution Licensee shall advise the consumer at the time of acceptance of application to pay required Security Deposit as per ESC. Transfer of Security Deposit shall not be allowed as it may impede the process of smooth changeover/ switchover. Security Deposit with Existing Distribution Licensee shall be settled directly by consumer.

6.14 Tariff

- i. The distribution licensees shall endeavour to maintain separate accounts for wheeling and retail supply of electricity.

- ii. The switchover consumers shall pay the tariff as determined by the Commission for the New Distribution Licensee.
- iii. For changeover consumers, consumer should not be required to pay the wheeling charges of both Supply Distribution Licensee and Wheeling Distribution Licensee. Since, Wheeling Distribution Licensee network is being utilized for wheeling of energy to the consumer, the wheeling charges for Wheeling Distribution Licensee should be added to and the wheeling charges for Supply Distribution Licensee should be deducted from the final tariff of Supply Distribution Licensee as determined by the Commission from time to time. For determination of tariff for change-over consumers, the following methodology shall be used:

	Calculation methodology for tariff for a Changeover consumer
	Charges based on tariff of the Supply Distribution Licensee as determined by the Commission
Less:	Wheeling charges of the Supply Distribution Licensee
Add:	Wheeling charges of the Wheeling Distribution Licensee
	Tariff chargeable to the Changeover consumer

- iv. In the above tariff computations the wheeling charges determined by Commission, expressed as Rs. /kWh, in the Tariff Orders of respective distribution licensee and subsequent orders, if any, shall be considered.

6.15 Provision of additional margins and levy of surcharges

- i. The regulations have been framed in order to provide choice to consumers and to enable efficient operation of parallel licensees in the common area.
- ii. At present, the Commission has not allowed levy of additional supply margin to supply distribution licensee in case of change-over of consumers. The tariff to be paid by the change-over consumer already considers regulatory returns

based on the assets and operation of the distribution licensee, hence no additional supply margin has been allowed to be charged at this stage.

- iii. The existing distribution licensee (in case of switch-over) and wheeling distribution licensee (in case of change-over) are not allowed to levy cross-subsidy, additional surcharge or regulatory surcharge, in case prevalent currently, from the switch-over and change-over consumers respectively.
- iv. In case, the Distribution licenses face difficulties due to non-levy of such margins/ surcharges etc., it should be brought to the notice of the Commission during ARR filings or as a separate Petition. The request should be supported by data of how the non-levy has affected the licensee. The Commission upon receipt of the same shall undertake a detailed analysis and shall pass appropriate orders for such levies separately.

6.16 Network development in the common area of the licensees

- i. The Distribution licensees operating in the common area of operation can augment or expand their distribution network as per provisions of the applicable regulations. However, such expansion/augmentation should be carried out by avoiding duplication of network infrastructure in an area. Expansion of network infrastructure should be to improve reliability of supply and not to burden the end consumers.
- ii. Wherein network infrastructure is already present, the same should be used to supply and augmented to improve reliability.
- iii. In case, infrastructure to connect a new consumer is not present, then infrastructure of the licensee which is nearest to the consumer should be extended in order to ensure connection. Such extension may also require augmentation in the distribution system of the nearest licensee as a whole. Hence decisions pertaining expansion and augmentation of network infrastructure should be undertaken post agreement with the Co-ordination Committee.

- iv. Post agreement in the Co-ordination Committee, the plans for network expansion and augmentation has to be submitted to the Commission for approval.
- v. The Co-ordination committee is also required to lay down norms for sharing of information pertaining to expansion and augmentation of network.
- vi. The Commission shall have the power to give directions if it comes to its notice that a licensee is laying down network selectively to connect the high end consumers ignoring the low end consumers and violating the terms and conditions of the licence.

6.17 Redressal Mechanism

- i. All disputes and complaints relating to operation of parallel licenses shall be referred to the Commission. However, the disputes and complaints regarding metering and billing etc. shall be first referred to the Co-ordination Committee. The Committee endeavour to resolve the grievance within 30 days; and if the Committee is unable to redress the grievance, it shall be referred to the Commission.

A7: POWER TO REMOVE DIFFICULTIES

- 7.1 In case of any difficulty in giving effect to any of the provisions of this Regulation, the Commission may by general or special order, issue appropriate directions to Generators, Transmission Licensee(s), Distribution Licensee(s) etc., to take suitable action, not being inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, which appear to the Commission to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing the difficulty.
- 7.2 The Licensees may make an application to the Commission and seek suitable orders to remove any difficulties that may arise in implementation of these regulations.

A8: POWER TO AMEND

- 8.1 The Commission may from time to time add, vary, alter, suspend, modify, amend or repeal any provisions of this Regulation.

A9: SAVINGS

- 9.1 Nothing in these Regulations shall be deemed to limit or otherwise affect the inherent power of the Commission to make such orders as may be necessary to meet the ends of justice or to prevent abuses of the process of the Commission.
- 9.2 Nothing in this Regulations shall bar the Commission from adopting in conformity with the provisions of the Act a procedure, which is at variance with any of the provisions of these Regulations, if the Commission, in view of the special circumstances of a matter or class of matters and for reasons to be recorded in writing, deems it necessary or expedient for dealing with such a matter or class of matters.
- 9.3 Nothing in these Regulations shall, expressly or impliedly, bar the Commission dealing with any matter or exercising any power under the Act for which no Regulations or Regulations have been framed, and the Commission may deal with such matters, powers and functions in a manner it thinks fit.

**(By order of the Commission)
(A.K. Mehta)**

Secretary

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