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JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION 15th March, 2024

JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2024

Notification No.-97--In exercise of power conferred by Clause(x) of sub-section (2) of Section 181 read with Section 50 of the Electricity Act 2003(36 of 2003) and all power enabling it in that behalf, the Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the second amendment in Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code), Regulations,2015 (hereinafter referred to as the '**Principal Regulations**').

These Regulation have been amended as per the notification issued by Ministry of Power and published in Gazette of Indiavide notification No. G.S.R.818 (E) dated 31st December 2020, G.S.R. 125(E) dated February 22, 2024, Electricity (Right of Consumers) Amendment rules 2020.

1. Short Title and Commencement

1.1. These Regulations may be called the JSERC (Electricity Supply Code) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

- 1.2. These Regulations shall extend to the State of Jharkhand.
- 1.3. These Regulations shall come into force from April 01, 2024 after its publication in the official gazetteof the Government of Jharkhand unless reviewed earlier or extended by the Commission.

1. Insertion of sub-clause 5.2.5 under clause 5.2 in Chapter A5-Requisition for Supply

5.2.5 For electrified areas up to 150 kW, the connection charges for new connection shall be fixed on the basis of the load, category of connection sought and average cost of connection of the distribution licensee so as to avoid site inspection and estimation of demand charges for each and every case individually. The demand charges, in such cases, may be paid at the time of application for new connection.

2. Amendment in clause 6.26 under Chapter A6-Procedure for providing fresh electricity connection

In the Principal Regulations, under chapter A6clause 6.26 shall be substituted with new proviso as below:

The time period after submission of application complete in all aspects shall not exceed three days in metropolitan area, seven days in other municipal area and fifteen days in rural areas, within which the distribution licensee shall provide new connection or modify an existing connection.

Provided that for rural areas of state, the maximum time period for new connection or modification of an existing connection, after submission of application in all aspects, shall not exceed thirty days.

Provided further that where such supply requires extension of distribution mains or commissioning of new substations, the distribution licensee shall supply the electricity to such premises immediately after such extension or commissioning within a period not exceeding ninety days.

3. Insertion of sub-clause (g) and (h) under clause 10.1.1 under Chapter A10-Billing

- (g) Easy to understand bills.
- (h) Bills should also be issued in local language along with English.

By Order of the Commission,

Rajendra Prasad Nayak, Secretary
