



SIKKIM STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION



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PUBLIC NOTICE

WHEREAS the Ministry of Power (MoP), Government of India notified the Electricity Rights of Consumers) (Amendment) Rules, 2024 on 22nd February 2024. Through the said Rules, the MoP has specified the revised time lines for providing new connections to consumers by the Distribution Licensee. Further, new provisions for supplying power/ release of new connections, testing of defective/faulty meters including time lines for giving supply/billing to Resident Welfare Association have been notified by the MoP in the said Rules..

WHEREAS the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC) has notified the SSERC (Standards of Performance for Distribution & Transmission Licensee) Regulations, 2012 thereby specifying the standards/time frame to be complied by the Distribution and Transmission Licensee for supply/distribution and transmission of electricity and the penalty thereof for non - compliance.

THEREFORE, SSERC intends to incorporate the latest provisions/time lines specified by the MoP through the aforesaid Rules in the SSERC (Standards of Performance for Distribution & Transmission Licensee) Regulations, 2012 by suitably amending the existing regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and (2) of Section 181 read with section 61 of the Electricity Act, 2003, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Commission proposes to make the **Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance for Distribution & Transmission Licensee) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2025** and as required by sub-section (3) of Section 181 of the said Act, these draft regulations is hereby published for the information of all the persons likely to be affected thereby.

Notice is hereby given that the said regulations will be taken into consideration after the expiry of **two weeks** from the date of notification together with any objections or suggestions which may within the aforesaid period be received in respect thereto. The text of the aforesaid Regulations is also available on the website of the Commission i.e. **[www.sserc.org/Regulations/Draft Regulations](http://www.sserc.org/Regulations/DraftRegulations)**. The objections or suggestions in this behalf should be addressed to the Secretary, Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Commercial Tax Office Complex, Behind Lekha Pariksha Bhawan, Deorali, P.O-Tadong, Gangtok, Sikkim – 737102.

By order of the Commission.

**Sd/-
(Bimal Rai, SCS)
Secretary**

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NOTIFICATION

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In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and (2) of section 181 read with section 61 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all powers enabling it on that behalf, Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (SSERC) hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standard of Performance for the Distribution & Transmission Licensee) Regulations, 2012, herein after referred to as the 'Principal Regulations'.

1. Short Title and Commencement:

1.1 These Regulations may be called the Sikkim State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance for the Distribution & Transmission Licensee) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2025.

1.2 These Regulations shall come into force from their date of publication in the official Gazette of Sikkim.

1.3 These Regulations shall be applicable to all licensees engaged in distribution and transmission of electricity and consumers in the State of Sikkim.

1.4 These Regulation shall extend to the whole of the State of Sikkim.

2. After clause (g) of sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 1.2 of the Principal Regulations, the following clause shall be inserted:

“(ua) ‘Owner’ the person who is having absolute right over the property and the expression owner includes the legal heirs;”

“(ub) ‘Resident Welfare Association’ (here in after referred to as the Association) means an association comprising all the property owners within a Co-operative Group Housing Society, Multi Storied Building, Residential Colony, or a similar body registered with the State Government.”

3. Sub-Regulation 1 (a), (b), (c) & (d) of Regulation 4.4 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

“4.4 Time frame for providing New Connection/ Modification of Existing Connection

(1) Time frame for new connection

Regarding the supply to a new connection/ modification of an existing connection, the relevant Regulations of the Electricity Supply Code shall apply.

(a) Connections feasible with the existing Network or modification/ conversion of an

existing service connection category after submission of application, complete in all respect.

- (i) Metropolitan areas - 03 days
 - (ii) Municipal areas - 07 days
 - (iii) Rural area - 30 days
 - (iv) H.T. Connection - 30 days
- (b) Incase where supply requires extension of distribution mains, or commissioning of a new sub-stations, the distribution licensee shall supply the electricity to such premises immediately after such extension or commissioning within a period of ninety days.

Provided that for new connection, where extension of supply requires erection and commissioning of a new sub-station, the distribution licensee shall submit the receipt of such application to the Commission along with a proposal for erection of such sub-station, and get the same approved by the Commission within a period of thirty days. Whereas, if such sub-station is covered in the investment plan approved by the commission, the licensee shall not be required to take any further approval from the Commission.

Provided further that if such sub-station is meant to extend supply to an individual premises, the licensee shall commence erection of the sub-station only after payment of necessary charges and security deposit from the applicant.”

By Order of the Commission

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