

# KERALA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

## Notification

No. 58/AD(Law)/KSERC/2016/KSERC

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2017.

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:-

### THE KERALA ELECTRICITY SUPPLY (AMENDMENT) CODE, 2017

**1. Short title and commencement.**- (1) This regulations may be called the Kerala Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code, 2017.

(2) This shall come into force from the date of publication of the same in the Official Gazette.

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

(i) In regulation 15, in sub-regulation (4), for item (ii), the following item shall be substituted namely:-

“(ii) multi storied building of height above 15 M”;

(ii) After regulation 37, the following regulation shall be inserted, namely:-

**“37A Power of licensee to give permission to an applicant for undertaking certain works.**- Notwithstanding anything contrary contained in regulations 27, 32, 36 and 37 the licensee may, on an application from the applicant for permission to undertake the works of electric line or plant or both by himself, allow him to procure materials and execute such work subject to the following conditions,-

- i) The materials procured by the applicant for the construction of electric line or plant or both shall conform to the standards specified by the Bureau of Indian Standards or other relevant standards, if any, specified;
- ii) The materials shall be procured with the approval of the officer of the licensee, who is competent to sanction the estimate and the warranty for the materials if any shall be ensured by the applicant as stipulated by the licensee;
- iii) The work shall be got executed by a duly licensed electrical contractor ensuring safety and standards as specified by the Central Electricity Authority.
- iv) Approval if any required from the Electrical Inspector in accordance with the Central Electricity Authority (Measures Relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2010, shall be obtained before energizing the electric line or electrical plant as the case may be.
- v) The work shall be done under the supervision of the licensee for which the licensee may charge administrative overhead charges, subject to a maximum of ten percent of the cost of labour and transport as per the cost data approved by the Commission for such work.”;

Provided that the licensee shall not be entitled to recover any amount towards the expenditure under regulation 36 and 37, other than the administrative overhead charges as specified in clause (v) above from the applicant if such work of construction of electric line or plant or both has been undertaken by the applicant himself.”.

(iii) In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 111, for the words “penal charge as approved by the Commission” the words “fee specified in the Schedule of Miscellaneous Charges for special meter reading under regulation 112” shall be substituted;

(iv) In regulation 139, in sub-regulation (6), for the words “to remove the cause of disconnection within forty five days, failing which the supply may be dismantled” the words “to the effect that the consumer shall remove the cause of disconnection within one hundred and eighty days from the date of disconnection and that if he fails to do so the supply will be dismantled without any further notice” shall be substituted.

(v) In schedule 2, for item II under the heading “cost of work in the distribution sector for which specific rates are not given shall be arrived at as follows”, for the words “Supervision charge 10% of I” , the words “Administrative Overhead Charges at the rate of 10% of I (c) and of I (d)” shall be substituted.

By order of the Commission,

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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 the Kerala Electricity Supply Code, 2014. Section 165 of the said Code authorises the State Electricity Regulatory Commission to amend, alter or modify any provision of the Code, *suo motu* or on the recommendations of Electricity Supply Code Review Panel at any time and on such terms as it may think fit,. The Code Review Panel in its meeting held on 26.5.2016 made recommendations to amend certain provisions in the Supply Code. Besides, the Commission has *suo motu* decided to amend certain other provisions of the Supply code. Consequently, the Commission has published the draft Kerala Electricity Supply (Second Amendment) Code, 2016, for eliciting public opinion on 26.10.2016. A public hearing was conducted thereon on 30.11.2016 at the Commission’s office at Thiruvananthapuram. Taking into consideration of the written responses and the suggestions received in the public hearing from the stakeholders and the licensees, and after analyzing all the circumstances of the matter, the Commission has finalized the Kerala Electricity Supply (Amendment) Code, 2017.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.