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ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTIFICATION

The 4th August, 2026

The Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) (Eighth Amendment) Regulations, 2026

No. AERC 280/2007/Pt III/128.- In exercise of powers conferred under Section 181(2) (x) read with Section 50 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling in this behalf and after previous publication, the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission, hereby makes the following Regulations, to amend the AERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the “Principal Regulations”).

1. Short Title and Comments

- 1.1 These Regulations shall be called the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) (Eighth Amendment), Regulations, 2026.
- 1.2 These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Assam Gazette.

2. Amendment in Regulation 3.9 Cost of Service Connection and Related Matters

Sub-Regulation 3.9.1(bb) of Regulation 3.9.1 Standard Cost of Estimate of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

“3.9.1(bb)

- i) The Distribution Licensee shall publish and maintain on its website the schedule of connection charges applicable for new service connections up to 150 kW.

- ii) The connection charges for new service connections in electrified areas having a connected load up to 150 kW shall ordinarily be determined by the Distribution Licensee in accordance with the schedule of pre-defined connection charges approved by the Commission, having regard to the connected load, the category of connection sought, and average cost of connection and shall be payable at the time of submission of the application.
- iii) For applications requiring supply at High Tension (HT) voltage above 150 kW and up to 33 kV, the Distribution Licensee may collect a provisional deposit for initiating the works required for providing supply. Upon preparation of the detailed estimate, the applicant shall pay the actual cost of the works after adjustment of the provisional deposit, and any excess amount shall be refunded to the applicant or adjusted against any future dues, as applicable.
- (iv) The schedule of connection charges referred to in this Regulation shall be published and updated with the prior approval of the Commission, wherever such approval is required under these Regulations.

Provided that the existing procedure for providing new service connections on an actual cost basis shall continue to remain available. The option to avail the pre-defined connection charge mechanism shall be voluntary, and an applicant may opt for either the pre-defined connection charge mechanism or the existing actual cost-based method. Applicants opting for the existing actual cost-based method shall continue to be governed by the relevant provisions of these Regulations.

Provided also that any deficit arising on account of providing a new service connection under the pre-defined connection charge mechanism shall not be recovered through the Annual True-up for the corresponding Financial Year.

Provided further that the pre-defined connection charges prescribed under this Regulation for both LT and HT consumers shall not be applicable in cases involving railway crossings, National Highway/State Highway crossings, or where the proposed network requires construction through forest land, wetlands, reserve areas or any other area requiring statutory clearances. In such cases, the estimate for providing supply shall be prepared only after a physical site inspection, assessment of technical feasibility and consideration of all applicable statutory requirements, irrespective of the category of consumer or the connected load applied for.”

3. Amendment in Regulation 4.1.1 Application Forms

Sub-Regulation 4.1.1 (b) of Regulation 4.1 (Requisition for New Electricity Service Connection) of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as,

4.1.1(b) “A set of an application form may contain the following and any other format as may be considered applicable for a particular category of consumer by the licensee-

- 1) Registration Form

- 2) A set of Application Form with
 - i. Application Form
 - ii. Check list (in duplicate)
 - iii. Details of the Premises
 - iv. Format for determination of connected load
 - v. Agreement
 - vi. Affidavit, consent letter and indemnity bond
 - vii. Self-Declaration (Annexure-IA) or Test Report issued by a Licensed Electrical Contractor, as applicable under these Regulations
 - viii. Check and Tests result of licensee with observations.”

The following proviso shall be inserted after Regulation 4.1.1 (b), as under:

"Provided that, for the purpose of simplifying and expediting the process of providing new Low Tension (LT) service connections up to 30 kW, where an applicant is unable to submit the Test Report issued by a Licensed Electrical Contractor along with the application for supply, the Distribution Licensee may accept a Self-Declaration in the format specified in Annexure-IA declaring that the internal wiring and electrical installation at the premises have been tested by a Licensed Electrical Contractor or a Designated Officer of the Government and that the Test Report shall be produced whenever required by the Distribution Licensee, or any other competent authority.

Provided further that, before commencement or energisation of supply, the Distribution Licensee shall either carry out such testing and inspection as may be necessary to ensure that the safety requirements specified under these Regulations and CEA (Matters relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2023, as amended from time to time, have been complied with or accept the Test Report submitted by the applicant where the same has been duly signed by the Licensed Electrical Contractor or a Designated Officer of the Government."

4. Amendment of Regulation 4.1.3 – Initial Inspection of the Site

The following provisos shall be inserted after Regulation 4.1.3 of the Principal Regulations:

"Provided that the Distribution Licensee may dispense with the initial site inspection for applications seeking new Low Tension (LT) service connections up to 30 kW, where the feasibility of providing supply can be determined on the basis of the application, documents furnished by the applicant, available network records or any other reliable means.

Provided further that, before effecting supply by connecting the applicant's installation to the distribution mains, the Distribution Licensee shall verify the

application and accompanying documents. Nothing contained in this proviso shall debar the Distribution Licensee from conducting a site inspection at any stage where such inspection is necessary to determine technical feasibility, the route of the service line, meter location, compliance with safety requirements, the requirement of network augmentation, where the proposed service line is required to pass over, under or through any property belonging to a third party, or for any other reason to be recorded in writing.

Provided further that where any information or statement furnished by the applicant in the Self-Declaration or in any other document submitted along with the application is subsequently found to be false, incorrect or misleading in any material particular, the Distribution Licensee may, after giving the applicant a reasonable opportunity of being heard, reject the application.

Provided also that where the discrepancy is of a minor or inadvertent nature and is capable of being rectified without affecting the technical feasibility or legality of the proposed connection, the Distribution Licensee may, instead of rejecting the application, require the applicant to furnish the correct particulars or rectify the deficiency within such period as may be specified.

Provided also that upon rejection of the application, the Distribution Licensee shall refund to the applicant, within sixty (60) days from the date of rejection, all refundable amounts received from the applicant after deducting, where applicable, any non-refundable processing fee or charges specifically provided for under these Regulations. Nothing contained herein shall preclude the applicant from submitting a fresh application with the correct particulars.”

ASHOK KUMAR BARMAN,
Secretary,
Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission.

ANNEXURE-IA

SELF-DECLARATION

(To be submitted in lieu of the Test Report issued by a Licensed Electrical Contractor for new Low Tension (LT) service connections up to 30 kW)

I, _____ Son/Daughter/wife of
_____ Resident of

(hereinafter referred to as "Applicant", which term shall mean and include executors, administrators, heirs, successors and assigns), do hereby swear and declare as under:

OR

The

_____, a
company incorporated under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1956 or as amended, having
its _____ registered _____ office _____ at

_____ (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant")
which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its
successors and assigns), through its Authorised representative Mr./ Ms./ Mrs.
_____, do hereby swear and declare as under:

OR

A sole proprietorship/a partnership firm having its office at

_____ (hereinafter referred to as "Applicant" which unless the context otherwise provides
includes its successors and assigns), through Mr. / Ms. / Mrs.
_____, who is a partner or an authorized
representative do hereby swear and declare as under:

1. That I am a lawful occupant of the premises located at

(hereinafter the "Premises").
2. That I have requested the Licensee to provide a service connection at the above-mentioned premises in my name for the purpose mentioned in the application form.
3. That the particulars furnished by me in the application for a new electricity service connection and in this Self-Declaration are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. This Self-Declaration is in addition to the documents required to be submitted to the Distribution Licensee while applying for a new service connection.
4. That the internal wiring and electrical installation of the above premises have been tested by a Licensed Electrical Contractor or a Designated Officer of the Government, in accordance with the AERC (Electricity Supply code) Regulations, 2017 as amended from time to time.

5. That I have installed or shall install an Earth Leakage Circuit Breaker device (ELCB)/MCB for single phase connection & 4 pole MCCB/ELCB/RCCB for three phase connection before using power supply service at the Applicant's premises where electricity connection is sought. I further declare that earthing is done at applied premise and equal load is distributed on all phases. On failure to install the said devices, I shall be solely held responsible for any mishaps, safety breach/ incident due to negligence etc. at the aforesaid premise.
6. That the Distribution Licensee is indemnified against any loss, damage, claim or liability arising on account thereof. Further, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless, the Distribution Licensee, in case of any injury or incident on account of any fault in internal wiring or electrical installation in the premises. The Distribution Licensee shall not be liable for any mishap, incident, or accident arising out of electrocution occurring beyond the point of supply on account of any faulty/defective/ inferior quality wiring at the premises for which the connection is being applied.
7. That I understand that the Distribution Licensee may, before commencement or energisation of supply, carry out such inspection and testing of the electrical installation as may be considered necessary or require production of the Test Report duly signed by the Licensed Electrical Contractor or a Designated Officer of the Government.
8. That I understand that submission of this Self-Declaration in lieu of the Test Report is only for the purpose of processing my application for a new electricity service connection and does not exempt me from complying with any applicable provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Central Electricity Authority (Measures relating to Safety and Electric Supply) Regulations, 2023, as amended from time to time, or the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2017, as amended from time to time.
9. That I understand that wherever inspection, approval or clearance of the Electrical Inspector or any other competent authority is required under the applicable laws or Regulations before release or energisation of supply, the same shall be obtained before the electricity service connection is released.
10. That I understand that the Distribution Licensee may process my application without conducting the initial site inspection. However, before effecting supply by connecting my installation to the distribution mains, the Distribution Licensee shall verify the application and accompanying documents and carry out such site inspection as may be necessary in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2017, as amended from time to time.
11. That I understand that if any information furnished by me in the application or in this Self-Declaration is subsequently found to be false, incorrect or misleading in any material particular, the Distribution Licensee may reject my application or take such action as may be permissible under the applicable laws and Regulations.
12. That I hereby authorise the Distribution Licensee and its authorised officers to inspect the premises and the electrical installation before release of supply and at any time thereafter for the purpose of verifying compliance with the provisions of the Electricity

Act, 2003, the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2017, as amended from time to time

Declaration

I hereby declare that I have carefully read and understood the contents of this Self-Declaration and that the information furnished herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Signature of Applicant)

Name: _____

Place: _____

Date: _____

Mobile No.: _____