Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission Viniyamak Bhawan, C-Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi-110017

NOTIFICATION

No. F.17(220)/DERC/Engg./2023-24/7898 – Pursuant to the directions received from the Govt. of NCT of Delhi under Section 108 of the *Electricity Act, 2003*, the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by Regulation 87 of the *Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017* and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations to amend the *Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulatory Code and Performance Standards) Regulatory Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Regulations"):*

1.0 Short title and commencement:

- (1) These Regulations may be called the *Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) (Seventh Amendment) Regulations, 2025.*
- (2) These Regulations shall come into effect from the date of their publication in the official Gazette.

2.0 Amendment in Regulation 24(4) of the of Principal Regulations:

In Regulation 24 of the Principal Regulations, the following shall be added after subregulation 24(4)(iv):

"Provided that in respect of works such as shifting of HT/LT lines, electrification of Bus Depots, and other similar infrastructure-related works undertaken by the Distribution Licensee on behalf of Departments of Govt. of NCT of Delhi (GoNCTD), the following shall apply:

(a) The execution of such works may generally be divided into the following broad stages/milestones:

- 1. Design and Procurement: Survey, Design Finalization, and Procurement of Material etc.
- 2. Execution and Installation: Civil Works, Laying of Cables, Installation of Structures and Equipment.
- 3. Testing, Commissioning and Handing over: Includes testing of the installed infrastructure, energization, and final handover report.

(b) The concerned Discom (Licensee) shall prepare the Scheme for the works based on Cost Data Book (CDB) of the Commission applicable on the date of preparation of the Scheme.

(c) Payment for each stage/milestone shall be governed by Rule 172(1) of the General Financial Rules (GFR), 2017, as amended from time to time, which as on date, is as follows:

1. 30% of the estimated cost of each stage/milestone shall be paid as advance payment upon submission of Proforma Invoice and Undertaking by the Discom (Licensee).

2. The balance 70% along with taxes as applicable shall be paid upon completion of each stage/milestone based on submission of documents namely Invoice, utilization certificate, and completion report by the Licensee, as applicable.

(d) In order to cover the working capital required by the Discom (Licensee) till the release of the balance 70% payments along with taxes, the interest on the said amount, equivalent to the marginal cost of funds based on lending rate (MCLR) for one year of the State Bank of India, as applicable on the 1st April of the financial year, plus 350 basis points, during the period of execution of work, shall form the part of the estimated cost.

(e) The Discoms (Licensee) shall not be required to furnish the Bank Guarantee (BG) against advance payment, if any, released to it by the concerned Govt. Department, as it is an electricity utility regulated under the Electricity Act 2003. However, the Discoms (Licensee) while drawing the advance payment as per these provisions shall submit an undertaking that, in case the works are not completed by it, then the recovery of the advance as recoverable shall be adjusted with the ARR of Delhi Transco Ltd., which will remit the said amount to the Govt. department concerned.

(f) In case of delay in payment of the balance 70% amount beyond 45 days of submission of final invoice and other documents, interest on the said amount, equivalent to the marginal cost of funds based on lending rate (MCLR) for one year of the State Bank of India, as applicable on the 1st April of the financial year, plus 350 basis points, shall be recoverable by the Discom (Licensee) from the concerned Department of Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

(g) The cost of such works shall not be passed on to the consumers of Delhi and, therefore, shall not be considered in the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) of the Discoms (Licensee)."

Sd/-(Rajesh Dangi) Secretary

Date: 02.06.2025 Place: New Delhi