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PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sub-Section (1) and (2) (d) of Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (for the State of Goa and Union Territories) hereby make the draft Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Specific Conditions of Transmission and Distribution License applicable to Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep) Regulations, 2026.

Accordingly, the draft Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Specific Conditions of Transmission and Distribution License applicable to Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep) Regulations, 2026 is available on the website of the Commission i.e., www.jercuts.gov.in.

The comments/suggestions on the above said draft Regulation may be forwarded to the Commission by post or by email, addressed to the Secretary, Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (for the State of Goa & Union Territories), 3rd & 4th Floor, Plot No. 55-56, Udyog Vihar, Phase- IV, sector- 18, Gurugram, Haryana 122015 (email: secy.jercuts@gov.in) latest by 08.06.2026.

Rajesh Dangi, Secretary (I/c)

JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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NOTIFICATION
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**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (SPECIFIC CONDITIONS
OF TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LICENSE APPLICABLE TO
DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY, ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION
TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP) REGULATIONS, 2026.**

No. JERC-XX/2026.—In exercise of powers vested under Section 14, 15 and 16 read with Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, and Regulation 71 of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, and after previous publication the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (for the State of Goa and Union Territories), hereby makes the following Regulations, namely: —

1. Short title, Extent and Commencement. –

1.1 These Regulations may be called the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Specific Conditions of Transmission and Distribution License applicable to Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep) Regulations, 2026.

1.2 These Regulations shall extend to the license area for Transmission and Distribution by Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep within the Union Territory of Lakshadweep. These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

1.3 The provisions of these Regulations shall be supplemental to the other Regulations of the Commission and shall be construed harmoniously with them. In the event of any matter not specifically provided for in these Regulations, the provisions of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020, shall apply.

2. Definitions:

2.1 In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires: —

(a) **“Accounting Statement”** means for each financial year, accounting statements comprising, amongst other items, a profit and loss account, a balance sheet and a statement of sources and application of funds, together with notes and / or Schedules thereto and such other particulars and details and in the manner as the Commission may prescribe from time to time and showing the amounts of any revenue, cost, asset, liability, reserve or provision, which has been either:

- i. charged from the Licensed Business to any Other Business or vice versa together with a description of the basis of that charge; or
- ii. determined by apportionment or allocation between the Licensed Business and any Other Business of the Licensee together with a description of the basis of the apportionment or allocation.

(b) **“Deemed Licensee”** means **Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep** in its capacity as operator of the Licensed Business;

(c) **“Distribution system”** means the system of wires and associated facilities between the delivery points on the transmission lines or the generating station connection and the point of connection to the installation of the consumers including all assets of Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep of the Licensed Business;

(d) **“Franchisee”** means a persons authorised by the licensee to distribute electricity on its behalf in a particular area within his area of supply;

(e) **“General Conditions”** means conditions of the Licence which is applicable to the Licensee specified in Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020.

(d) **“Licensee”** means **Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep** as distribution licensee as defined in the third proviso of section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003;

(e) **“Specific Conditions”** mean Conditions of the Licence which is applicable to the Licensee as specified in these Regulations;

(f) **“trading”** means purchase of electricity for resale thereof and expression “trade” shall be construed accordingly;

(g) **“transmit”** means conveyance of electricity by means of transmission lines and expression ‘transmission’ shall be construed accordingly;

2.2 Words and expressions used in these Regulations if not specifically defined herein, but defined in the Act, shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Electricity Act, 2003, but if are not defined under the Act and Regulations of the Commission and defined under any other law enacted by Parliament and applicable to the electricity sector in the State or Union territory, shall have the meanings assigned to them under such law.

3. **Applicability:**

These Specific Conditions with respect to **Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep** specifying the specific conditions for Licensees, as may be in force from time to time, shall be deemed to be the conditions of licence of **Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep** having its office at: Kavaratti Island, UT of Lakshadweep - 682555, the deemed licensee in accordance with the provisions of the Act for carrying on the Transmission, Distribution and trading of Electricity of Electricity Business within its area of supply as specified in these Regulations.

4.. Area of Distribution” or “Area of Supply:

4.1 The Area of Supply within which the Transmission and Distribution of Electricity is authorized to Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep the deemed licensee, shall be the whole of the geographical area of Union Territory of Lakshadweep subject to such conditions and exclusions by the appropriate Authority/Government.

4.2 In case of events such as suspension / termination, or revocation/expiry of the licensee period etc., the Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep shall lose its status as a distribution licensee status from date of such event.

5. Terms / Tenure of the Licence:

5.1 **Department of Electricity, Administration of The Union Territory of Lakshadweep** is a deemed transmission and distribution licensee under the third proviso of Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and shall continue to transmit, distribute and trade of electricity within the geographical area of Union Territory of Lakshadweep, until revoked.

5.2 The Commission may Suo-moto or on application by the licensee may alter or amend or modify these Regulations subject to provision of Section 18 of the Act and Regulation 25 of the JERC (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020.

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

6. Directions:

The Deemed Licensee shall comply with the Regulations, Guidelines, orders and directions issued by the Commission from time to time and shall also act, at all time, in accordance with these Regulations, except where the deemed licensee obtains the prior written approval of the Commission for any deviation therefrom.

7. Inspection of Specific Conditions and Licence:

The Deemed Licensee shall make provision for public inspection of these Specific Conditions and its Licence, clearances or approvals, immediately after the date of notification of these Regulations.

8. Un-interrupted power supply:

The Deemed Licensee shall make provisions for uninterrupted power supply for twenty-four hours in a day within the area of supply.

9. Penalty:

9.1 The Deemed Licensee shall be liable for penal action under the applicable provisions of the Act and the Rules and the Regulations framed thereunder.

9.2 The Deemed Licensee shall be liable for action under Electricity Act, 2003 in appropriate cases for contravening any one or more of the provisions of these Regulations.

10 Terms as to Suspension and Revocation:

10.1 If at any time, the Commission is of the opinion that it is necessary in public interest, the Commission may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, suspend the licence of the Licensee in the circumstances, manner and form given in Section 24 of the Act.

10.2 Subject to the provisions of Section 19 of the Act and the Rules and Regulations made there under, the Commission may, at any time, initiate proceedings against the Licensee for revocation of this Licence and if so, satisfied in such proceedings that the public interest so requires on the ground for revocation, revoke this Licensee in any of the following cases:

(a) where the Deemed Licensee, in the opinion of the Commission, makes a wilful or unreasonable default in doing anything required of it by or under the Electricity Act, 2003 or rules and regulations made there under; or

(b) where the Deemed Licensee, in the opinion of the Commission, committed a material breach of these Regulations or of any Regulations, codes and standards that the Commission may specify from time to time and has failed to rectify such breach within the time allowed by the Commission; or

(c) where the Deemed Licensee, in the opinion of the Commission, fails to comply with any order or direction issued by the Commission; or

(d) where the Deemed Licensee, commits an act which renders this License revocable on any other grounds specified in the Act or the Regulations.

11 Miscellaneous:

11.1 The Deemed Licensee shall comply the directions of the Electrical Inspector pursuant to the power vested in it under the Electricity Act, 2003 and rules & regulations made there under.

11.2 The Deemed Licensee shall, in the event of a change in its constitution or existing share holding pattern, immediately, in no case later than fifteen (15) days from the date thereof, inform the Commission of such change. The Commission may, in its discretion, either amend or revoke the existing Licensee or require the Licensee to apply for a fresh License.

11.3 The Deemed Licensee shall submit such report, information, data in such form as called by the Commission from time to time.

12 Dispute Resolution and Decision on Interpretation of these Regulations:

12.1 All dispute in terms of licensed business shall be dealt in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003.

12.2 All issues arising in relation to interpretation of these Regulations shall be a matter for the determination of the Commission and the decision of the Commission on such issues shall be final.

13 Compliance with State Grid Code;

13.1 The Deemed Licensee shall comply with the provisions of the JERC (State Grid Code) Regulation as amended from time to time, in so far as applicable to it.

14 Compliance with the Distribution Code:

14.1 The Deemed Licensee shall implement and comply with the JERC (Distribution Code) Regulations as amended from time to time.

15 Energy Accounting and Audit:

15.1 The Deemed Licensee shall implement and comply with the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Manner and Intervals for Conduct of Energy Audit in electricity distribution companies) Regulations, 2021 as amended from time to time.

15.2 The Deemed Licensee shall conduct an annual energy audit for every financial year and submit the annual energy audit report to the Commission and also make available on its website within a period of four months from the expiry of the relevant financial year.

16 Customer Charter:

16.1 The Deemed Licensee shall prepare, publicise and adhere to a Customer Charter detailing all the rights, entitlements and responsibilities of the consumers and obligations of the Licensee relating to supply of electricity including the Licensee's guaranteed service levels and other aspects of their relationship under the Act and other applicable laws and regulations. The Customer Charter shall include among other things approved consumer complaint handling procedure, consumer right statement and consumer right to information regarding his connection, consumption, assessment, etc.;

17 Consumer Complaint Handling Procedure:

17.1 The Deemed Licensee shall comply with the Complaint Handling Procedure specified by the Commission. The Deemed Licensee shall:

(a) make a copy of the Complaint Handling Procedure, revised from time to time, available for inspection by the public at each of the relevant premises during normal working hours; and

(b) provide free of charge a copy of the Procedure revised from time to time to each new Consumer, and to any other person who requests it at a price not exceeding the cost of duplicating it.

18 Consumer's Rights and Right to Information:

18.1 The Deemed Licensee shall comply with the provisions of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 as amended from time to time.

- 18.2 The Deemed Licensee, on request of the consumer, to the extent that is reasonably available to the Deemed Licensee provide:
- (a) information on all services provided by the Licensee including the information on the charges or Tariff as approved by the Commission;
 - (b) information on meter readings for the electricity services provided to the consumer premises by the Licensee; and
 - (c) information on the status of the consumer's account with the Licensee;
- Licensee may charge a reasonable amount for providing information under this section unless the information requested is of general nature.

19 Compliance with the Laws, Rules and Regulations:

- 19.1 The Deemed Licensee shall comply with the provisions of the Act and the Rules, and Regulations, Guidelines, Orders and Directions issued by the Commission from time to time.
- 19.2 The Deemed Licensee shall comply with the Regulations, Guidelines, Directions issued by the Central Electricity Authority and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission as applicable.
- 19.3 The Deemed Licensee shall comply with the Orders or Directions issued by the Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum (CGRF) or Ombudsman.
- 19.4 The Deemed Licensee shall act in accordance with these general conditions specified in the licence except where the Licensee is exempted specifically or permitted by the Commission for any deviation.
- 19.5 The Deemed Licensee shall comply with the orders and directions issued by the State Load Despatch Centre, STU and other statutory authorities in the discharge of their functions.
- 19.6 The Deemed Licensee shall adhere to the Standards of Performance Regulations and the Electricity Supply Code Regulations and as amended from time to time in regard to supply of electricity in his area of supply.

20 Power to amend:

The Commission may, at any time, vary, alter, modify or amend any provisions of these Regulations.

21 Power to remove difficulties:

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, the Commission may, by general or specific Order, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty.