
Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission
Vidyut Bhawan-II, J.L. Nehru Marg, Patna-800 021

NOTIFICATION
The 28th July 2023

Bihar Electricity Supply Code (Seventh amendment) Regulations, 2023

No. 04—In exercise of powers conferred by sub section (1) of section 181 and sub section (2) of section 181, read with sections 50, 43(1), 44, 46, 47(4) and 56 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, and also for removal of difficulties of various stakeholders, Bihar Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the 7th amendment in Bihar Electricity Supply Code, 2007 which was originally issued vide Notification No BERC/Reg-6/2006-529 dated 31st December, 2007 and published in extraordinary Bihar Gazette on 10 January 2008. The Notification of first amendment was published in Bihar Gazette No. 603 dated 18th August, 2010, second amendment in Gazette No. 120 dated 29th March, 2012, third amendment was published in Gazette No. 172 dated 4th March, 2013, fourth amendment was published in Gazette No. 585 dated 19th May, 2015, 5th amendment was issued in Gazette No. 179 dated 25th February 2016 and the 6th amendment was issued in Gazette No. 205 dated 16th March 2020.

Chapter- 1
GENERAL

1. Short Title, Commencement and Extent. -
 - 1.1 The Code shall be called the “Bihar Electricity Supply Code (7th Amendment), 2023”.
 - 1.2 This Code shall come into force from the date of their notification in the Official Gazette.
 - 1.3 This Code shall extend to the whole of the State of Bihar.

Chapter- 9
BILLING

2. Clause 9.28 shall be inserted after Clause 9.27 of the Principal Regulation: -

“9.28 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Code, any other Regulations and Tariff order; in case of finding higher demand post conversion of consumer to prepaid/ smart metering-

 - a) No penalties will be imposed on the consumers and bills will be raised on the basis of actual load and consumption.
 - b) The demand charges will be charged on the basis of actual demand every month, with an option given to consumers to revise the same as per his own assessment.
 - c) Penalties, however, will be admissible in case the actual demand goes beyond the consumer opted demand. For this purpose, the consumer mobile App will send notifications/SMS to the consumers as and when the demand charges go beyond the consumer opted demand.
 - d) Consumers will be provided a period of six months post installation of smart meter to get attuned to this system without levying any penalties”

By order of the Commission,
Sd/-Illegible, **Secretary.**
