

MEGHALAYA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION SHILLONG

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NOTIFICATION

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THE MEGHALAYA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (CONDUCT OF BUSINESS) (FIRST AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2007 (4 OF 2025)

MSERC/COB/REG/2025/297 In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 181(2)(zl) read with Section 92(1) and Section 93 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), and all other powers hereunto enabling it in this behalf, the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following regulations, namely:

'Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) (4 of 2025) Regulations, 2007'

1. Short Title and Commencement

- (1) These regulations shall be called the Meghalaya State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) (First Amendment) (4 of 2025) Regulations, 2007.
- (2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Gazette of Meghalaya Extra Ordinary.
- **2. Definitions** To add the following:
 - (c) "Hearing" means hearing of the Commission convened for the purpose of considering a petition or any matter thereof;
 - (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) shall be read as (d), (e), (f), (g) and (h).
- **3. Regulation 10.** is hereby amended as follows:
 - "10. Proceedings of the Commission

- (a) The following Regulations shall be applicable to the proceedings/meetings of the Commission
- (b) The bench of the Commission shall be the full strength of the Commission, unless otherwise required under the Act.

Provided that quorum for the Proceedings before the Commission shall be two (2).

Provided further that quorum could be one (1) in the event only one Member is functional due to vacancies in the Commission or unavailability of Member for any reason or in case any Member(s) has recused himself from a proceeding due to reasons stated by such Member.

10A. Vacancies, etc., not to invalidate proceedings

No act or proceedings of the Commission shall be questioned or shall be invalidated merely on the ground of existence of any vacancy or defect in the constitution of the Commission.

4. Regulation 12. Initiation of proceedings

Regulation 12 (3) is hereby amended as follows:

- (a) In case of tariff petition, upon being admitted by the Commission and as directed by it, the Notice shall be advertised by the petitioner in not less than one (1) daily newspaper in the English Language and Two (2) daily newspapers in the local languages having circulation in the area.
- (b) In case of tariff petition, the petitioner shall post the complete petition on its own website or any other authorized website, as directed by the Commission. The petition shall be kept posted on its website or the authorized website till the disposal of the petition.
- (c) Where any other application, petition, or matter is required to be published under the Act or these Regulations or as directed by the Commission, the same shall be advertised, in such form and manner as the Commission may direct.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything contained above, the Commission may, if it considers necessary, order publication of any petition, reply or other matter and inviting comments from members of the public.

5. Regulation 15 Service of a notice or process

Regulation 15 (e) is hereby amended as follows:

(e) by any other manner, including in electronic manner or any other manner as may be decided by the Commission.

6. Regulation 18 Decision and Orders of the Commission

Regulation 18 (3) is hereby amended as follows:

(3) All orders of the Commission shall be signed and dated by the Member(s), including Chairperson, hearing the matter and shall not be altered except to correct any apparent error

7. Regulation 26. Inherent powers of the Commission and removal of difficulties.

Regulation 26 is hereby amended as follows:

26. Saving of the inherent power of the Commission

- (1) Nothing in these regulations shall be deemed to limit or otherwise affect the inherent power of the Commission to make such orders as may be necessary for the ends of justice or to prevent the abuse of the process of the Commission.
- (2) Nothing in these regulations shall bar the Commission from adopting in conformity with the provisions of the Act a procedure, that is at variance with any of the provisions of these Regulations if the Commission, in view of the special circumstances of a matter or class of matters and for reasons to be recorded in writing, deems it necessary or expedient for dealing with such a matter or class of matters.
- (3) Nothing in these regulations shall, expressly or impliedly, bar the Commission from dealing with any matter or exercising any power under the Act for which no Regulations have been framed, and the Commission may deal with such matters, powers, and functions in a manner it thinks fit.

8. After Regulation 26, the following Regulations are hereby added:

Regulation 27. General Power to Amend

The Commission may, at any time and on such terms or otherwise, as it may think fit, amend any defect or error in any proceedings before it, and all necessary amendments shall be made for the purpose of determining the real question or issue arising in the proceedings.

Regulation 28. Power to Remove Difficulties

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to any of the provisions of these regulations, the Commission may, by general or special order, do anything not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, that appears to it to be necessary or expedient for the purpose of removing the difficulties.

Regulation 29. Power to Relax

The Commission may, for reasons to be recorded in writing, relax any of the provisions of these regulations on its own motion or on an application made before the Commission by any party or interested person.

Regulation 30. Extension or abridgement of time prescribed

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the time prescribed by these Regulations or by order of the Commission for doing any act may be extended (whether it has already expired or not) or abridged for sufficient reason by an order of the Commission."

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Secretary