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Raipur, Dated 31st December 2007

No. 23/CSERC/2007. The Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission has framed the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005 (herein after called the 'Principal Regulation'), in exercise of powers conferred by section 47 (1) read with section 181 (2) (v), section 47 (4) read with section 181 (2) (w), section 47 (2), 47(3), and 47(5) read with section 181(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), relating to the security deposit required to be made by the electricity consumers of the State with the licensee. In consequence of the amendment of the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Supply Code, certain amendments have become necessary in these Regulations.

The CSERC, in exercise of the powers vested in it under clause 10 of the principal Regulations, and after considering suggestions / comments of the various stakeholders makes the following amendments to this Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005.

1. Short title, Definition and commencement:

- (i) These Regulations shall be called Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit -First Amendment) Regulations, 2007.
- (ii) These shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Chhattisgarh Rajpatra.

2. Clause 3.1 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted by the following:

"A licensee may require security deposit from any person who requires a supply of electricity in pursuance of Section 43, in respect of the electricity supplied to such person, as per provisions of clause (a) of sub-section (1) of Section 47 of the Act."

3. Clause 3.2 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted by the following:

"The security deposit shall be accepted in the form of cash, draft or cheque. In case of cheque, commencement of supply will be effected only on realisation of the cheque."

4. After clause 3.2 a new clause 3.3 shall be added which shall be as follows:

"3.3 Notwithstanding the provision of 3.2 above, the licensee may consider security deposit for a consumer by way of irrevocable letter of credit or unconditional bank guarantee (BG) issued by a scheduled commercial bank, at the option of such consumer, which shall be subject to authentication by the concerned bank, who has

- (i) a sanctioned load of 5 MVA and above; and*
- (ii) has no undisputed sums payable to the Distribution licensee under Section 56 of the Act*

Provided that, in such cases, the Distribution licensee will not be required to pay any interest and it will be the responsibility of the consumer submitting BG for its timely renewal and failure to do so may result in disconnection of supply without notice.

Provided further that in the event of non-payment of regular electricity bills within the stipulated period, the distribution licensee shall be free to invoke the BG after giving 15 days notice to the consumer."

5. The heading "*Energy Security Deposit (ESD)*" of clause 6 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted by "*Security Deposit for Supply of Electricity*".
6. The table given in clause 6.2 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted as follows:

Sl. No.	Category of Consumer	No. of Days
1.	<i>Agricultural</i> <i>i) Permanent</i> <i>ii) Temporary</i>	90 <i>For the entire period of temporary connection</i>
2.	<i>Stone crusher, hot-mix plants</i>	90
3.	<i>Consumers unable to provide proof</i>	90

	<i>of legal occupation of premises</i>	
4.	<i>All other consumers</i>	45

7. The heading “*Additional Security Deposit for Energy*” in clause 7 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted by “*Additional Security Deposit / Refund of Security Deposit*”.

8. Clause 7.1 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted by the following:

"The amount of the security deposit taken from any consumer shall be reviewed by the licensee, on the basis of his annual consumption during the previous 12 months, in the month of April every year. Based on this review, the licensee shall fix the amount of security deposit equivalent to the average consumption, as per the applicable tariff for the period mentioned in clause 6.2 of these regulations.

Provided that the amount of security deposit held by the licensee may be varied (increased / decreased) on review, only when the difference between the present security deposit and security deposit required on review is 20% in case of LT and Rs.10,000/- (Rupees ten thousand only) in case of HT/EHT consumers."

9. Clause 7.2 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted by the following:

"Additional security deposit, if required, shall be included in the regular electricity bill and the payment shall be due along with the energy bill within due date. If the consumer fails to pay the additional security deposit as per the bill, the licensee is entitled to refuse or discontinue the supply of electricity so long as such failure continues. The consumer will be liable to pay surcharge, equivalent to the surcharge payable against delay in payment of energy/ demand charges if he delays payment of security deposit, without prejudice to the licensee's right to disconnect supply of electricity, as per these Regulations.

Provided that in case of refund of excess security deposit, the same shall be credited by the licensee to the account of the consumer by way of adjustment, in the electricity bills of the consumer for the next month. If there is any balance after such adjustment, the same shall be refunded to the consumer within seven days."

10. Clause 8.2 of the principal Regulations shall be substituted by the following:

"The amount of interest shall be calculated in April every year for the preceding year. The interest amount so calculated shall be paid by way of adjustment in full against the monthly electricity bill for the month of May of that year and if so required in the bills for subsequent months."

11. The words *“for the period of delay in addition to other penalties as may be imposed by appropriate authority for such delay”* at the end of clause 8.3 of the principal Regulations shall be omitted.

Note- In case of any difference in the interpretation or understanding of the provisions of the Hindi version of these Regulations with those of the English version (the original version), the later will prevail and in case of any dispute in this regard, the decision of the Commission shall be final.

By the order of the Commission

(N. K. Rupwani)

Secretary