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PART I—Orders and Notifications by the Governor of West Bengal, the High Court, Government Treasury, etc.

**WEST BENGAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**NOTIFICATION**

No. 66/WBERC

Kolkata, the 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) and clauses (za) and (zb) of sub-section (2) of section 181 read with sub-section (1) and (3) of section 43, sub-section (1) and (2) of section 57, sub-section (1) of section 59, clause (i) of sub-section (1) of section 86 and section 97 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) and all powers enabling it on that behalf, the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following regulations to amend the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance of Licensees Relating to Consumer Services) Regulations, 2010 published under notification no. 46/ WBERC dated 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010 and as amended upto date by West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance of Licensees Relating to Consumer Services) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2013 published under notification no. 57/WBERC dated 26<sup>th</sup> August, 2013 and West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance of Licensees Relating to Consumer Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2013 published under notification no. 61/ WBERC dated 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 and West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance of Licensees Relating to Consumer Services) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2019 published under notification no. 63/ WBERC dated 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulation").

1. Short title, extent and commencement:

- 1.1. These Regulations may be called the West Bengal Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance of Licensees Relating to Consumer Services) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2020.
- 1.2. These extend to the whole of West Bengal.
- 1.3. These shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. For clause (A) under 'Earnest Money' in regulation 3.1 of the Principal Regulations the following paragraph shall be substituted:

**“A. For LV and MV supply:**

- (i) For industrial purpose -Nil

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- (ii) For commercial purpose - Nil
- (iii) For purpose other than (i) and (ii) above - Nil”
3. At the end of regulation 3.1.4 of the Principal Regulations the following shall be inserted:
- "Provided also that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained elsewhere in these Regulations no earnest money shall be required in case of application through such online system."
4. Clause (A) of paragraph 5 of Annexure-A to the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.
5. For paragraph 5 of Annexure-B to the Principal Regulations following paragraph shall be substituted:
- "5. I / We agree that if there is any difference between the amount, which I / we have paid as per provisions of the regulations made under section 46 of the Electricity Act, 2003, and the amount that is finally determined to be recoverable from me / us, the difference will be adjusted with my / our electricity bills in 6 (six) monthly instalments."

Place: Kolkata

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2020

By order of the Commission,

T. K. MUKHERJEE  
*Secretary of the Commission*