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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sub: Inviting Objection/ Suggestion on proposed OERC (Deviation, Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2022 under Section 181 (3) of the Electricity Act.**

The Commission in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) has framed the draft OERC (Deviation, Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2022. The said Regulation is also available in Commission's Website [www.oriarc.org](http://www.oriarc.org).

CERC has come up with new Deviation Settlement Mechanism Regulations, 2022 in March 2022. This necessitates revision to the draft Regulations circulated earlier dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021 seeking comments of stakeholders. Therefore, the Commission hereby publishes the revised draft OERC (Deviation, Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2022 for information of the general public under Section 181(3) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Interested Members of Public are requested to furnish their considered views/suggestion/opinion on the said Regulation to the undersigned on or before **18.11.2022 (by 5.00 P.M.)**. Based on the responses received from different quarters, the Commission would bring the modifications, if required, in the proposed Regulation and approve the same for publication in the official gazette.

By Order of the Commission

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**SECRETARY**

Bhubaneswar.

Date: 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2022

## ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

### OERC(Deviation, Settlement Mechanism and Related Matters) Regulations, 2022

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, 2022

#### NOTIFICATION

**No. \_\_\_/\_\_\_/2022/OERC** - In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, and after previous publication, the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following regulations, namely:

#### 1. Short title and commencement

- (1) These Regulations may be called the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) Regulations, 2022.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of notification in the official Gazette.
- (3) OERC (Intra-State ABT) Regulation is hereby repealed.

#### 2. Objective

The objective of these regulations is to ensure, through a commercial mechanism, that users of the grid do not deviate from and adhere to their schedule of drawal and injection of electricity for the security and stability of the grid.

#### 3. Scope

These Regulations shall be applicable to Seller(s) and Buyer(s) involved in the transactions of electricity using intra-state transmission or distribution system facilitated through short-term open access or medium-term open access or long-term access , as the case may be subject to following conditions:

- A. Deviation Settlement Mechanism under these Regulations shall be applicable to all Seller(s) having installed generating capacity above 1MW and above and scheduling their power through SLDC.
- B. Deviation Settlement Mechanism under these Regulations shall be applicable to all Buyer(s) including distribution licensee(s), deemed distribution licensee(s) located in the state and consumers connected to intra-state transmission system:

Provided that, Deviation Settlement of consumers connected to intra-state transmission system and distribution network shall be in accordance with the provisions of Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2020.

#### 4. Definitions and Interpretation

- (1) In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

- (a) **‘Act’** means the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003);
- (b) **‘Actual drawal’** in a time block means the electricity drawn by a buyer, measured by the interface meters;
- (c) **‘Actual injection’** in a time block means the electricity injected by the seller, measured by the interface meters;
- (d) **‘Ancillary Services’** means the Ancillary Services as defined in the Ancillary Services Regulations;
- (e) **‘Ancillary Services Regulations’** means the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Ancillary Services Operations) Regulations, 2015 as amended from time to time and shall include any reenactment thereof;
- (f) **‘Area Clearing Price’** or **‘ACP’** means the price of electricity contract for a time-block transacted on a Power Exchange after considering all valid buy and sale bids in particular area(s) after market-splitting;
- (g) **‘Available Capacity’** for generating station based on wind or solar or hybrid of wind-solar resources which are State entities, is the cumulative capacity rating of wind turbines or solar inverters that are capable of generating power in a given time block;
- (h) **‘Ancillary Service Charge’** is the charge computed based on total quantum of Ancillary Services deployed and total charges payable to Ancillary Services provider in line with the Ancillary Services Regulations;
- (i) **‘Buyer’** means a person purchasing electricity through a transaction scheduled in accordance with the Odisha Grid Code (OGC);
- (j) **“Collective Transactions”** means a set of transactions executed in the Power Exchange(s) and whose price is discovered through anonymous and simultaneous competitive bidding by buyers and sellers;
- (k) **‘Commission’** means the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission referred to in sub-section (1) of section 82 of the Act;
- (l) **“Contingency Contract”** means a contract wherein Continuous Transactions occur on day (T) after the finalization of day ahead transactions and the delivery of electricity is on the next day (T+1);
- (m) **‘Contract rate’** means the tariff for sale or purchase of power, as determined under Section 62 or adopted under Section 63 or approved under Section 86(1)(b) of the Act by the Appropriate Commission or the price as discovered in the Power Exchange, as the case may be;
- (n) **“Day Ahead Contract”** means a contract wherein Collective Transactions occur on day (T) and delivery of electricity is on the next day (T+1);
- (o) **‘Day Ahead Market (DAM)’** means a market where Day Ahead Contracts are transacted on the Power Exchange(s) and is governed by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Market) Regulation, 2021 (as amended from time

- to time), the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Power Exchange as approved by the Central Commission;
- (p) **‘Deviation’** in a time block for a seller of electricity means its total actual injection minus its total scheduled generation; and for a buyer of electricity means its total actual drawal minus its total scheduled drawal, and shall be computed as per Regulation 6 of these regulations;
  - (q) **‘General seller’** means a seller in case of a generating station based on other than wind or solar or hybrid of wind-solar resources;
  - (r) **‘Grid Code’** means the Odisha Grid Code (OGC) Regulations, 2015 specified by the Commission under clause (h) of sub-section (1) of Section 86 of the Act as amended from time to time;
  - (s) **‘Indian Electricity Grid Code’** (or **‘IEGC’**) shall mean the Grid Code specified by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission under section 79(1)(h) of the Act;
  - (t) **“Intraday Contract”** means a contract wherein Continuous Transactions occur on day (T) and delivery of electricity is on the same day (T), such that its delivery period does not overlap with the specified delivery period of the Real-time Contract transacted in the same bidding session as that of the Intraday Contract;
  - (u) **‘Interface meters’** means interface meters as defined under the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006, as amended from time to time and any reenactment thereof;
  - (v) **‘Normal Rate of Charges for Deviation’** means the charges for deviation (in paise/kWh) as referred to in Regulation 8 of these regulations;
  - (w) **‘Open Access Regulations’** means the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission(Terms and Conditions for Open Access) Regulation, 2020 and Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms & Conditions of Determination of Tariff) Regulation, 2015 as amended from time to time and shall include any subsequent amendment thereof;
  - (x) **‘Reference Charge Rate’** means (i) in respect of a general seller whose tariff is determined under Section 62 or Section 63 of the Act, Rs/ kWh energy charge as determined by the Appropriate Commission, or (ii) in respect of a general seller whose tariff is not determined under Section 62 or Section 63 of the Act, the daily weighted average ACP of the Day Ahead Market segments of all the Power Exchanges, as the case may be;
  - (y) **‘Real-time Contract’** means a contract other than Day Ahead Contract or Intraday Contract or Contingency Contract, wherein Collective Transactions occur on day (T) or day (T-1) and delivery of electricity is on day (T) for a specified delivery period;
  - (z) **‘Real Time Market (RTM)’** means a market where Real-time Contracts are transacted on the Power Exchange(s) and is governed by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Market) Regulation, 2021 (as amended from time to time), the Rules and Bye-Laws of the Power Exchange as approved by the

Central Commission;

- (aa) **‘Run-of-River Generating Station’ or ‘RoR generating station’** means a hydro generating station which does not have upstream pondage;
  - (bb) **‘Scheduled generation’ or ‘Scheduled injection’** for a time block or any period means the schedule of generation or injection in MW or MWh ex-bus including the schedule for Ancillary Services, if applicable, given by the State Load Despatch Centre;
  - (cc) **‘Scheduled drawal’** for a time block or any period means the schedule of drawal in MW or MWh ex-bus including the schedule for Ancillary Services, if applicable, given by the concerned State Load Despatch Centre;
  - (dd) **‘Seller’** means a person, including a generating station, supplying electricity through a transaction scheduled in accordance with the Grid Code;
  - (ee) **‘State Deviation Pool Account’** means the Account to be maintained and operated by the State Load Despatch Centre within the State as per Regulation 10 of these regulations;
  - (ff) **‘State Entity’** means a entity whose metering and energy accountings are done at State level by State Load Despatch Center;
  - (gg) **‘State Load Despatch Centre’** means State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) responsible for coordinating scheduling of the Buyers and the Sellers in accordance with the provisions of Grid Code;
  - (hh) **‘State Power Committee’** means a Committee established by resolution of the Commission for facilitating the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission (Deviation Settlement Mechanism and related matters) Regulations, 2022 within the State;
  - (ii) **‘Time Block’** means a time block of 15 minutes, or any such shorter duration as may be notified by Central Commission or State Commission, for which specified electrical parameters and quantities are recorded by special energy meter, with first time block starting at 00.00 hrs;
  - (jj) **‘WS seller’** means a seller in case of a generating station based on wind or solar or hybrid of wind-solar resources.
- (2) Save as aforesaid and unless repugnant to the context or the subject-matter otherwise requires, words and expressions used in these Regulations and not defined, but defined in the Act, or the Grid Code or any other Regulations of this Commission shall have the meaning assigned to them respectively in the Act or the IEGC or any other regulation as the case may be.

## 5. Adherence to Schedule and Deviation

- (1) For a secure and stable operation of the grid, every grid connected State entity shall adhere to its schedule as per the Grid Code and shall not deviate from its schedule.
- (2) Any deviation shall be managed by the State Load Despatch Centre and the

computation, charges and related matters in respect of such deviation shall be dealt with as per the following provisions of these regulations.

## 6. Pre-conditions

- (1) All State Entities shall have equal and non-discriminatory treatment as regards the 'Deviation Settlement mechanism' as specified in these Regulations.
- (2) The State Entities shall inform the SLDC of all contracts they have entered into for exchange of energy.
- (3) SLDC shall take all decisions with regard to the despatching of power after evaluating all possible network parameters, constraints, congestions in the transmission network and in the eventuality of any such network aberration, the instructions of the SLDC with regard to despatch and drawal shall be binding on all State Entities.
- (4) State Entities shall operate their equipment and loads in a manner that is consistent with the provisions of the IEGC and Grid Code.
- (5) State Entities shall enter into Connection Agreement with the State Transmission Utility (STU), which shall specify the physical and operational requirements for a reliable operation and gain physical access and connection to the intra State transmission system (InSTS) or enter into Connection Agreement with concerned Distribution Licensee for use of distribution system, as the case may be.
- (6) SLDC shall publish all such information as required for all State Entities to be aware of the energy exchanges taking place within the pool as well as exigency conditions, if any, with regard to the despatch of power.
- (7) All State Entities shall make necessary arrangements for putting up suitable meters, capable of recording energy flows at 15-minute intervals or any other time interval as specified by the Commission, at the points of injection or drawal.

## 7. Computation of Deviation

- (1) Deviation in a time block for general sellers shall be computed as follows:

Deviation-general seller (in MWh) = [(Actual injection in MWh) – (Scheduled generation in MWh)].

Deviation-general seller (in %) =  $100 \times \frac{[(\text{Actual injection in MWh}) - (\text{Scheduled generation in MWh})]}{[(\text{Scheduled generation in MWh})]}$ .

- (2) Deviation in a time block for WS sellers shall be computed as follows:

Deviation-WS seller (in MWh) = [(Actual Injection in MWh) – (Scheduled generation in MWh)].

Deviation-WS seller (in %) =  $100 \times \frac{[(\text{Actual Injection in MWh}) - (\text{Scheduled generation in MWh})]}{[(\text{Available Capacity})]}$ .

- (3) Deviation in a time block for buyers shall be computed as follows:

Deviation- buyer (in MWh) = [(Actual drawal in MWh) – (Scheduled drawal in MWh)].

Deviation- buyer (in %) = 100 x [(Actual drawal in MWh) – (Scheduled drawal in MWh)] / [(Scheduled drawal in MWh)].

### 8. Normal Rate of Charges for Deviations

- (1) The normal rate of charges for deviation for a time block shall be equal to the highest of the weighted average ACP of the Day Ahead Market segments of all the Power Exchanges; or the weighted average ACP of the Real Time Market segments of all the Power Exchanges:

Provided further that in case of non-availability of ACP for any time block on a given day, ACP for the corresponding time block of the last available day shall be considered:

Provided that for the Commission at a future date by a separate notification adopt normal rate of charges for deviation for a time block to be equal to Weighted Average Ancillary Service Charge (in paise/kWh) computed in line with the provisions notified by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission.

- (2) The normal rate of charges for deviation shall be rounded off to the nearest two decimal places.

### 9. Charges for Deviation

- (1) Charges for deviation in a time block by a seller shall be payable by such seller as under:

Entity	Charges for deviation payable to Deviation Pool Account	
Seller	Deviation by way of over injection	Deviation by way of under injection
For a general seller other than an RoR generating station, or a generating station based on municipal solid waste	(i) Zero up to 2% Deviation-general Seller (in %): Provided that such seller shall be paid back for over injection @ the reference charge rate for deviation up to 2% Deviation-general seller (in %); and (ii) @ 10% of the normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 2% Deviation-general seller (in %).	(i) @ the reference charge rate up to 2% Deviation-general seller (in %); (ii) @ 120% of the normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 2% Deviation-general seller (in %) and up to [10% Deviation-general seller (in %)]; and (iii)@ 150% of the normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 10% Deviation-general seller (in %).
For a general seller being an RoR generating	Zero: Provided that such seller shall be paid back for over injection	(i) @ the reference charge rate up to 2% Deviation-general seller (in %);

Entity	Charges for deviation payable to Deviation Pool Account	
Seller	Deviation by way of over injection	Deviation by way of under injection
station	up to 2% Deviation-general seller (in %) @ the reference charge rate.	(ii) @ normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 2% Deviation-general seller (in %) and up to 10% Deviation-general seller (in %); and  (iii) @ 110% of the normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 10% Deviation-general seller (in %).
For a general seller being a generating station based on municipal solid waste	Zero:  Provided that such seller shall be paid back for over injection up to 20% Deviation-general seller (in %) @ contract rate, or in the absence of a contract rate, @ the weighted average ACP of the Day Ahead Market segments of all Power Exchanges for the respective time block.	(i) Zero up to 20% Deviation-general seller (in %):  Provided that such seller shall pay back for the shortfall in energy against its schedule in any time block due to under injection up to 20% Deviation general seller (in %) @ 50% of the contract rate, or in the absence of a contract rate, @ 50% of the weighted average ACP of the Day Ahead Market segments of all Power Exchanges for the respective time block;  and  (ii) @ normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 20% Deviation-general seller (in %).
For WS seller	Zero:  Provided that such seller shall be paid back for over injection as under:  (i) @ contract rate, or in the absence of a contract rate, @ the weighted average ACP of the Day Ahead Market segments of all Power Exchanges for the respective time block, up to 5% Deviation -WS seller (in %);  and  (ii) @ 90% of the contract rate, or in the absence of a contract	(i) Zero up to 10% Deviation-WS seller (in %);  and  (ii) @ 10% of the normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 10% Deviation-WS seller (in %):  Provided that such seller shall pay back for the total shortfall in energy against its schedule in any time block due to under injection, @ the contract rate, or in the absence of a contract rate, @ the weighted average ACP of the Day Ahead Market

Entity	Charges for deviation payable to Deviation Pool Account	
Seller	Deviation by way of over injection	Deviation by way of under injection
	rate, @ 90% of the weighted average ACP of the Day Ahead Market segments of all Power Exchanges for the respective time block for deviation beyond 5% Deviation-WS seller (in %) and up to 10% Deviation-WS seller (in %).	segments of all Power Exchanges, for the respective time block.

(2) Charges for deviation in a time block by a buyer shall be payable by such buyer as under:

Entity	Charges for deviation payable to Deviation Pool Account	
Buyer	Deviation by way of under drawal	Deviation by way of over drawal
Buyer (other than the buyer with schedule less than or equal to 40 MW)	<p>Zero:</p> <p>Provided that such buyer shall be paid back for under drawal as under:</p> <p>(i) @ 90% of normal rate of charges, for deviation up to 10% Deviation buyer (in %) or 25 MW Deviation buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower;</p> <p>and</p> <p>(ii) @ 50% of normal rate of charges, for deviation beyond 10% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 25 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower and up to 15% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 50 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower.</p>	<p>(i) @ normal rate of charges for deviation up to 10% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 25 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower;</p> <p>(ii) @120% of normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 10% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 25 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower and up to 15% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 50 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower;</p> <p>and</p> <p>(iii) @150% of normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 15% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 50 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower;</p>
Buyer (with	Zero:	(i) @ normal rate of charges for

<b>Entity</b>	<b>Charges for deviation payable to Deviation Pool Account</b>	
<b>Buyer</b>	<b>Deviation by way of under drawal</b>	<b>Deviation by way of over drawal</b>
schedule up to 40 MW)	Provided that such buyer shall be paid back for under drawal @ 90% of normal rate of charges for deviation up to 20% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 5 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower.	deviation up to 20% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 5 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower; and (ii) @120% of normal rate of charges for deviation beyond 20% Deviation-buyer (in %) or 5 MW Deviation-buyer (in MWh) in a time block, whichever is lower.

- (3) The charges for deviation for injection of infirm power shall be zero.
- (4) The charges for deviation for drawal of start-up power before COD of a generating unit or for drawal of power to run the auxiliaries during shut-down of a generating station shall be payable at the normal rate of charges for deviation.

#### **10. Accounting of Charges for Deviation Pool Account**

- (1) By every Thursday, the State Load Despatch Centres shall provide the data for deviation calculated as per Regulation 6 of these regulations, for the previous week ending on Sunday mid-night to the Secretariat of the State Power Committee.
- (2) After receiving the data for deviation from the State Load Despatch Centre, the State Power Committee shall prepare and issue the statement of charges for deviation prepared for the previous week, to all State entities by ensuing Tuesday.
- (3) Separate books of accounts shall be maintained for the principal component and interest component of charges for deviation by the State Power Committee.
- (4) There shall be a State Deviation Pool Account to be maintained and operated by the State Load Despatch Centre:

Provided that the Commission may by order direct any other entity to operate and maintain the State Deviation Pool Account.

- (5) The State Deviation Pool Account shall receive credit for:
  - (a) payments on account of charges for deviation referred to in Regulation 9 of these regulations and the late payment surcharge as referred to in Regulation 11 of these regulation;
  - (b) such other charges as may be notified by the Commission
- (6) The State Deviation Pool Account shall be charged for:

- (a) payment to seller for over injection as referred to in clause (1) of Regulation 9 of these regulations;
  - (b) payment to buyer for under drawal as referred to in clause (2) of Regulation 9 of these regulations;
  - (c) such other charges as may be notified by the Commission.
- (7) An amount of surplus funds in the State Deviation Pool Account at the end of the financial year shall be utilised for the purpose of improvements in power system operations, for undertaking such measures and studies for improvement in reliability, security and safety of grid operations, undertaking capacity building and training programs related to system operations and market operations and for such other purposes as may be specified by Commission or for other schemes as may be devised in consultation with NLDC or RLDC, with prior approval of the Commission.

Provided that, the short fall in funds in the State Deviation Pool Account; if any, at the end of the weekly settlement period shall be recovered by levy of additional charge from the State Entities in proportion to Net Deviation Charges Payable by concerned State Entity for the applicable weekly settlement period through supplementary bills.

Provided further that SLDC shall prepare scheme(s) and shall submit annual plan for utilization of surplus funds and implement the scheme(s) only upon approval of the Commission.

## **11. State Energy Account**

- (1) The SLDC shall prepare statement of State Energy Account for each time block for the Buyers and Sellers on monthly basis.

Provided further that the State Energy Account and Deviation Account Statements shall be available for third party verification and audit on periodic basis and such third-party verification and audit shall be carried out at least once a year.

- (2) Data required for the billing of consumers connected to InSTS and consumers connected to distribution system shall be passed on to the billing centre of the distribution licensee by the SLDC. The billing centre of the distribution licensee shall be responsible for energy accounting, raising and settlement of bills with consumers connected to InSTS and distribution system.
- (3) Energy Account Statement for Deviation Settlement of Consumers connected to the InSTS consumers connected to the distribution network shall be in accordance with the provisions of Open Access Regulations and its amendments thereof.
- (4) A detailed energy accounting procedure shall be prepared by the SLDC within 3 months of notification of these Regulations and shall be submitted to the Commission for approval.

Provided that, SLDC shall undertake stakeholder consultation by uploading the draft procedure on SLDC's website before submission of procedure to the Commission for approval.

## **12. Schedule of Payment of charges for deviation**

- (1) The payment of charges for deviation shall have a high priority and the concerned regional entity shall pay the due amounts within 7 (seven) days of the issue of Statement of charges for deviation by the SLDC, failing which late payment surcharge @ 0.04% shall be payable for each day of delay.
- (2) Any State entity which at any time during the previous financial year fails to make payment of charges for deviation within the time specified in these regulations, shall be required to open a Letter of Credit (LC) equal to 110% of their average payable weekly liability for deviations in the previous financial year in favour of the concerned State Load Despatch Centre within a fortnight from the start of the current financial year.
- (3) In case of failure to pay into the State Deviation Pool Account within 7 (seven) days from the date of issue of Statement of charges for deviation, the State Load Despatch Centre shall be entitled to encash the LC of the concerned regional entity to the extent of the default and the concerned regional entity shall recoup the LC amount within 3 days.

### **13. Governance Structure**

- (1) Within three (3) months from date of notification of these Regulations, the Commission shall constitute the State Power Committee.
- (2) The State Power Committee shall be led by Director (Operations) from OPTCL. GRIDCO and four Discoms shall have one member each in the Committee and the Director, SLDC shall act as convener.
- (3) The State Power Committee shall:
  - (a) Prepare and issue the statement of charges for deviation to all State entities
  - (b) Co-ordinate and facilitate the intra-state energy exchange for ensuring optimal utilization of resources.
  - (c) Review energy accounting and billing for inter-utility exchange of power
  - (d) Ensure settlement of deviations amongst State Entities in accordance with these Regulations.
  - (e) Monitor compliance of these Regulations by State Entities and submit annual compliance report in the prescribed format within thirty (30) days from close of finance year
  - (f) Guide the SLDC for modification of procedure(s) to address the implementation difficulties, if any.
  - (g) Provide necessary support and advice to the Commission for suitable modifications/issuance of operating procedures, practice directions, and amendment to the provisions of this Regulations, as may be necessary upon due regulatory process.

### **14. Power to Relax**

The Commission may by general or special order, for reasons to be recorded in writing, and

after giving an opportunity of hearing to the parties likely to be affected, may relax any of the provisions of these regulations on its own motion or on an application made before it by the affected party.

**15. Power to Amend**

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

**16. Power to Remove Difficulty**

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to these regulations, the Commission may on its own motion or on an application filed by any affected party, issue such practice directions as may be considered necessary in furtherance of the objective of these regulations.

**17. Power to issue directions**

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to these Regulations, the Commission may on its own motion or on an application filed by any affected party, issue such directions as may be considered necessary in furtherance of the objective and purpose of these Regulations.

**By Order of the Commission**

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**Secretary**

**Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission,**

**Bhubaneswar**

**Place: Bhubaneswar**

**Date: XX.XX.2022**