

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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ORDER

The Ministry of Power (MoP) vide notification dated 31.12.2020 issued the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and thereafter amendments were issued vide which MoP has clarified certain matters related to supply of electricity which directly affect the consumers.

Besides, notification of the above Rules, a National Conference of Chief Secretaries was held from 27th to 29th December 2023 on the subject; ‘Ease of Living’, wherein, inter alia, following action points were discussed and agreed to be promptly implemented across all States:-

- (i) Alignment of timelines for new connection as per Electricity Amendment Rules 2024.
- (ii) Pre-specified connection charges up to 150 kW.
- (iii) Easy-to-understand bills.
- (iv) Issuance of bills in local language.

In this regard, earlier, the Commission in first stage vide its Order dated 27.03.2024 had aligned the timelines for new connection of Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (The Electricity Supply Code, Release of New Connections and Related Matters) Regulations, 2020 [UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020] in accordance with point no. (i) and ‘issuance of bills in local language’ as per point no. (iv) of the action plan enlisted above.

Subsequently, with regard to point no. (ii) enlisted above, the sole distribution licensee of the State i.e. UPCL submitted its proposal dated 17.08.2026 before the Commission, including computation of predefined overhead/underground line charges and service line charges. Further, the Government of Uttarakhand, vide its letter dated 31.08.2026, requested the Commission to expedite consideration of the aforesaid proposal for simplification and specification of new connection charges for electricity connections up to 150 kW, in accordance with Rule 4(13) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, with a view to pre-specify the connection charges, eliminating site inspection/

individual estimation, facilitating timely release of connections, and making necessary amendments in the UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020 for its implementation.

With regard to the emphasis laid by the Government of India w.r.t. 'compliance reduction and deregulation the States/UTs', the need for urgent implementation of 'pre-specified connection charges up to 150 kW' appears prudent. Therefore, the Commission finds imperative to invoke powers bestowed under Regulation 8(1) & 8(3) of UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020 and vary the existing provisions of the Regulations to align them with the provision of Rule 4 (13) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 which stipulates that:-

"(13) For electrified areas up to 150 kW or such higher load as the Commission may specify the connection charges for new connection shall be fixed on the basis of the load, category of connection sought and average cost of connection of the distribution licensee so as to avoid site inspection and estimation of demand charges for each and every case individually. The demand charges, in such cases, may be paid at the time of application for new connection."

In this regard, Regulation 8 (1) & 8 (3) of the UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations 2020, provides that:-

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(1) Nothing in these Regulations shall, expressly or impliedly, bar the Commission 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, as it considers just and appropriate.

...

(3) Powers to Relax

The Commission, for reasons to be recorded in writing, may relax or vary any of the provisions of these regulations on its own motion or on an application made before it by an interested person." [Emphasis added]

Further, Regulation 59 (3) of the UERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2014 provides that,

"59. Inherent Powers of the Commission

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(3) Nothing in these Regulations shall, expressly or impliedly bar the Commission to deal with any matter or exercise any power under the Central Act or State Act, for which no Regulations have been framed, and the Commission may deal with such matters or exercise such powers and functions in a manner it thinks fit."

Therefore, in exercise of the powers given in the aforesaid quoted Regulations, the Commission hereby directs to revise the below mentioned existing Regulation: -

Existing

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Table 3.4: Service Line charges, Overhead & Underground line charges and Initial security for loads upto 4 kW

Sl. No.	Contracted Load	Service Line Charges & Overhead/Underground line charges			Initial security (Rs./kW)		
		Service line charges (Rs.)		Overhead line & Underground charges if premises is beyond 40 meters of the Licensee's existing LT distributing main (Rs.)	Domestic	Non-Domestic	LT Industries/ Govt. Public Utilities
		Over-head	Under-ground				
1.	BPL consumers (upto 1 kW)*	100	100	Overhead- Rs. 300 Underground- Rs. 300	100	-	-
2.	Upto 4 kW	1,000	2,000	Overhead-Rs. 1,500 per 10 meters or part thereof Underground- Rs. 4,500 per 10 meters or part thereof	600	1,500	1,500
	Upto 4 kW (Through Pre-paid meter)	1,000	2,000		-	-	-

*[In case a BPL consumer applies for load above 1 kW, he shall be liable to pay normative charges as per Sl.no. 2 of Table 3.4 & Table 3.5 as applicable]

Table 3.5: Service Line charges, Overhead/Underground line charges and Initial security for load above 4 kW and upto 25 kW

Sl. No.	Contracted Load	Service Line Charges & Overhead/Underground line charges			Initial security (Rs./kW)		
		Service line charges (Rs.)		Overhead line & Underground charges if premises is beyond 40 meters of the Licensee's existing LT distributing main (Rs.)	Domestic	Non-Domestic	LT Industries/ Govt. Public Utilities
		Over-head	Under-ground				
1.	Above 4 kW and upto 10 kW #	2,000	5,000	Overhead-Rs. 4,500 per 10 meters or part thereof Underground- Rs. 13,500 per 10 meters or part thereof	600	1,500	1,500
	Above 4 kW and upto 10 kW (Through Pre-paid meter) #	2,000	5,000		-	-	-
2.	Above 10 kW and upto 25 kW #	4,000	10,000	Overhead-Rs. 4,500 per 10 meters or part thereof Underground- Rs. 13,500 per 10 meters or part thereof	600	1,500	1,500
	Above 10 kW and upto 25 kW (Through Pre-paid meter) #	4,000	10,000		-	-	-

Applicant seeking HVDS connection under second proviso of Clause (3) of Sub-regulation 3.3.1 shall pay the charges for sub-station of 25 kVA (for load upto 20 kW) as Rs. 1,50,000/- and of 63 kVA (for load from 21 kW upto 25 kW) as Rs. 2,00,000/- alongwith cost of 11 kV line extension as per Table 3.6 below and service line & initial security charges as per Table 3.5.

Table 3.6: Service Line charges, Charges for construction of Overhead/Underground 11 kV line, Substation and Initial security for load above 25 kW and upto 75 kW

Sl. No.	Contracted Load	Service Line Charges, Charges for construction of Overhead/Underground 11 kV line & Substation			Initial security (Rs./kW) or (Rs./kVA)		
		Service line charges (Rs.)		Charges for construction of Overhead/Underground 11 kV line & Substation (Rs.)	Domestic	Non-Domestic	LT Industries/ Govt. Public Utilities
		Over-head	Under-ground				
1	11 kV line Cost						
	Above 25 kW and upto 50 kW**	6000	15,000	Overhead-Rs. 8,000 per 10 meters or part thereof Underground- Rs. 30,000 per 10 meters or part thereof	600	1,500	1,500
	Above 50 kW and upto 75 kW**	8000	20,000				
2	11 kV Substation Cost						
	Above 25 kW upto 50 kW	Construction of 63 kVA s/s		2,00,000	-		
	Above 50 kW upto 75 kW	Construction of 100 kVA s/s		2,50,000			
3	Increasing capacity of transformers						
	63 kVA to 100 kVA	-		50,000	-		

** For areas with underground network only- Applicant seeking connection under first proviso of Clause (3) of Sub-regulation 3.3.1 shall pay the charges for sub-station of 63 kVA/100 kVA alongwith cost of LT mains extension for Rs 20,000/- per 10 meters or part thereof and service line & initial security charges as per Table 3.6.

Table 3.7: Service Line charges, overhead line charges and Initial security for Private Tube Wells (PTW) having load above 5 B.H.P. and upto 20 B.H.P.

Sl. No	Contracted load	Service line charges (Rs.)	Charges for extension of existing LT distributing mains and/or HT main including installation of Distribution Transformer (Rs.)	Initial security (Rs/B.H.P.)
1	5 B.H.P. to 20 B.H.P.	1,000	Rs. 750 per 10 meters or part thereof	200

- (i) Table 3.4, Table 3.5 and Table 3.6 of Regulation 3.3.3 (11) of the UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020 shall be read as:-

Revised

Table 3.4: Service Line Charges, Predefined Overhead (O/H) / Underground (U/G) line charges and initial Security for loads upto 4 kW

Sl. No.	Contracted Load	Service Line Charges (Rs.)		Predefined Charges (Rs.) (upto 300 meters)		O/H line & U/G charges if premises is beyond 300 meters from the Licensee's existing LT distributing main (Rs.)	Initial Security (Rs./kW)		
		O/H	U/G	O/H	U/G		Domestic	Non-Domestic	LT Industry/ Govt Public Utilities & others not covered any where else
1	BPL Consumers (upto 1 kW)*	150	150	0	0	O/H- Rs. 400 U/G- Rs. 400	100	-	-
2	Upto 4 kW	1,400	2,800	900	2,700	O/H-Rs. 2,100 per 10 meters or part thereof U/G- Rs. 6,300 per 10 meters or part thereof	600	1,500	1,500

* In case a BPL consumer applies for load above 1 kW, applicant shall be liable to pay normative charges as per Sl. No. 2 of table 3.4 & table 3.5 as applicable.

Table 3.5: Service Line Charges, Predefined Overhead (O/H) / Underground (U/G) line charges and initial Security for loads above 4 kW and upto 25 kW

Sl. No.	Contracted Load	Service Line Charges (Rs.)		Predefined Charges (Rs.) (Upto 300 meters)		O/H line & U/G charges if premises is beyond 300 meters from the Licensee's existing LT distributing main (Rs.)	Initial Security (Rs./kW)		
		O/H	U/G	O/H	U/G		Domestic	Non-Domestic	LT Industry/Govt Public Utilities & others not covered any where else
1	Above 4 kW and upto 10 kW*	3,000	7,500	4,500	13,500	O/H-Rs. 6,300 per 10 meters or part thereof U/G- Rs. 18,900 per 10 meters or part thereof	600	1,500	1,500
2	Above 10 kW & upto 25 kW*	5,000	12,500	6,000	18,000	O/H-Rs. 6,300 per 10 meters or part thereof U/G- Rs. 18,900 per 10 meters or part thereof	600	1,500	1,500

* Applicant seeking HVDS connection under second proviso of clause (3) of Sub-regulation 3.3.1 shall pay the charges for Sub-station of 25kVA (for load upto 20kW) as Rs 2,00,000 /- and for sub-station of 63kVA (for load from 21kW upto 25kW) as Rs 2,75,000/- alongwith cost of 11kV line extension as per Table 3.6 below and service line & Initial security charges as per Table 3.5.

Table 3.6: Service Line Charges, Predefined charges for construction of Overhead (O/H) / Underground (U/G) 11 kV line, Substation and Initial Security for loads above 25 kW and upto 150 kW/176 kVA

Sl. No.	Contracted Load	Service Line Charges (Rs.)		Predefined Charges for construction of 11 kV Line (Rs.) (Upto 300 meters)		Charges for construction of O/H & U/G 11 kV lines if premises is beyond 300 meters from the Licensee's existing LT distributing main (Rs.)	Initial Security (Rs./kW)		
		O/H	U/G	O/H	U/G		Domestic	Non-Domestic	LT Industry/Govt Public Utilities & others not covered any where else
1	11 KV Line Cost								
	Above 25 kW and upto 50 kW *	9,000	22,500	1,25,000	4,70,000	O/H-Rs. 11,200 per 10 meters or part thereof U/G- Rs. 42,000 per 10 meters or part thereof	600	1,500	1,500
	Above 50 kW & upto 75 kW *	12,000	30,000	1,25,000	4,70,000		600	1,500	1,500
	Above 75 kW & upto 150 kW/176 kVA *	18,000	45,000	2,25,000	8,50,000		600	1,500	1,500
2	11 kV Substation Cost dedicated for applicant								
	Above 25 kW and upto 50 kW	Construction of 63 kVA S/s		2,75,000		-			
	Above 50 kW & upto 75 kW/88 kVA	Construction of 100 kVA S/s		3,50,000					
	Above 75 kW/88 kVA upto 120 kW/141 kVA	Construction of 160 kVA S/s		6,00,000					
	Above 120 kW/141 kVA & upto 150 kW/176 kVA	Construction of 250 kVA S/s		9,00,000					
3	Increasing Capacity of transformers dedicated for applicant								
	25 kVA to 63 kVA	-		75,000		-			
	63 kVA to 100 kVA	-		75,000					
	100 kVA to 160 kVA	-		2,50,000					
	160 kVA to 250 kVA	-		3,00,000					

* For areas with underground network only- Applicant seeking under first proviso of clause (3) of Sub-regulation 3.3.1 shall pay the charges for substation of 63kVA/100kVA/160kVA/250kVA as the case may be alongwith cost of LT mains extension for Rs. 55,000/- (for 63 kVA/ 100 kVA) and 75,000/- (for 160kVA/250 kVA) and service line & initial security charges as per Table 3.6.

Table 3.7: Service Line Charges, Predefined Overhead (O/H) line charges and Initial Security for Private Tubewells (PTW) having loads 5 B.H.P. and upto 20 B.H.P.

Sl. No.	Contracted Load	Service Line Charges (Rs.)	Predefined charges including installation of Distribution Transformer (Rs.) (Upto 300 meters)	Charges for extension if existing LT/HT distributing mains is beyond 300 meters (Rs.)	Initial Security (Rs./B.H.P)
1	5 B.H.P to 20 B.H.P.	1,500	8,000	Rs. 1,000 per 10 meters or part thereof	200

- (ii) In all other places in the UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020 and any other Regulations, the revised "Service Line Charges, predefined Overhead/Underground line charges, Substation Cost, Transformer augmentation cost and Initial Security" mentioned in the clause (i) above of this Order shall be applicable and be read in the same manner as above.
- (iii) In case of connections released through prepaid meters, no initial security deposit shall be payable.
- (iv) The Commission has decided to allow initial time for readiness for enabling the distribution licensee to disseminate information to its field officers. Thus, any new connection application received from **1 November, 2026** and onwards shall be governed by this Order subject to other provisions of UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020.
- (v) The range of load for connections with metering on LT side has been revised from existing norm of 75 kW/88 kVA to 150 kW/176 kVA as per Rule 4 (13) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020. In all other places in the UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020 and any other Regulations, the aforesaid revised range of load as mentioned in revised Table 3.6 shall be applicable and be read in the same manner as above.
- (vi) For new connections seeking load upto 150 kW/176 kVA, the applicant shall deposit the revised "Service Line Charges, predefined Overhead/Underground line charges, Substation Cost, Transformer augmentation cost and Initial Security" as applicable in Clause (i) above, at the time of submission of the application, and no site inspection shall be required for determination of such charges. Where the required extension of the LT/11 kV line exceeds 300 meters from the existing distribution mains, the applicant shall pay the additional amount, over and above the predefined charges, at the rates stipulated in the applicable Tables, for the portion of the line extension beyond 300 meters from the Licensee's existing LT/11 kV distribution main. The concerned officer of discom shall intimate the additional amount within 15 days of receipt of the predefined charges.
- (vii) The distribution licensee shall ensure availability of the required rating of distribution transformer (DT) as per revised Table 3.6 above. In case, the DT capacity required for release of connection is not available in stores, the distribution

licensee may install higher rating of transformer without any cost implication to the applicant. Once the required rating of transformer is available, the same may be replaced by the distribution licensee without any cost implication to the applicant.

- (viii) The Commission may revise the aforesaid charges by a separate Order either on the basis of the Petition filed by the distribution licensee before it in accordance with provisions of Regulation 3.3.3(12) of UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020 or by way of *suo-moto* proceeding.
- (ix) Staff of the Commission shall initiate the process of amendment of the UERC (The Supply Code) Regulations, 2020 in accordance with the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rule, 2020 and amendments thereof and put up a draft amendment Regulations before the Commission.

Ordered accordingly.

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