



## ASSAM ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

FILE No. AERC.843/2022/09

### ORDER SHEET

**CORAM: KUMAR SANJAY KRISHNA, HON'BLE CHAIRPERSON  
SHRI SATYENDRA NATH KALITA, HON'BLE MEMBER**

**In the matter of**

Letter No. PS/NV/1/2018/481 dated 13.01.2023 received from the Power (Electricity) Department, Government of Assam.

**AND**

**In the matter of**

AERC Hearing Order dated 16.12.2022 against Miscellaneous Petition No. 13/2022 by APDCL seeking amendment of the AERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2017 with subsequent amendments

### ORDER

**Dated 17.01.2023**

1. The Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) submitted a miscellaneous petition on 14.11.2022 seeking amendment of Regulation 4.2 of the AERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2017 wherein the necessary documentation to be submitted by prospective consumers to obtain an electricity connection are specified.
2. APDCL in their petition (registered as Petition No. 13/2022) requested the Commission to include 3 documents namely AADHAR, Voter Identity card (EPIC) and Holding Number/ Assessment Number of Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC) as mandatory documents for new electricity connection.  

APDCL had submitted a copy of the Minutes of a meeting held between APDCL and GMC on 29.03.2022 in support of their argument for including GMC Holding Number/ Assessment Number as a mandatory document for new service connection.
3. The Commission heard the petitioner on 16.12.2022 and rejected the prayer to incorporate three documents AADHAR, EPIC and GMC Holding Number/ Assessment Number as mandatory for new electricity connections as it was against the provisions of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 dated 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 and subsequent amendments notified by the Government of India.
4. Now, the State Government has issued a directive vide letter No. PS/NV/1/2018/481 dated 13.01.2023 for linking Holding number/ Assessment Number of GMC with Consumer Number issued by APDCL to detect ghost consumers and to refine the database of individuals residing in the GMC area.
5. In view of the above direction from the State Government, and considering the same as a directive under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 the Commission accordingly decides to amend Regulation 4.2 of the AERC (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2017 as the Assam Electricity Regulatory Commission (Electricity Supply Code) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2023 as under:

**Amendment in Regulation 4.2 of the Principal Regulations: Documents required to be furnished with an application form for power supply**

Provisions under sub-Regulation (1) of Regulation 4.2 (a) shall be added as below:

*“Provided that if the applicant is an individual living within the area of Guwahati Municipal Corporation (GMC), the applicant shall have to furnish his/ her GMC Holding Number/ Assessment Number along with the application.*

*Provided also that all the existing consumers living within the area of GMC shall also upload the GMC Holding Number/ Assessment Number.*

*Provided further that category such as Government offices, Religious Places, Street lights, Agriculture/irrigation categories, Society Connection of Apartment, temporary connections may be exempted from furnishing/ linking of Holding Number/ Assessment Number.”*

6. The licensee will do adequate publicity in this regard and also facilitate updation for intending consumers at its offices or through other arrangements.

Sd/-  
(S.N. Kalita)  
Member, AERC

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(K.S. KRISHNA)  
Chairperson, AERC