Supply Services Code
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<td>Accredited Electrician</td>
<td>A person qualified and experienced in design, installation and testing the electricity distribution system of Retail Customers, accredited by a due process established by the Distribution Licensee. A list of Accredited Electricians shall be available for the information of Customers, upon request and would be published in the Licensee’s website.</td>
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<td>Accredited Chartered Electrical Engineer</td>
<td>A person qualified and experienced in design, installation and testing the electricity distribution systems of Retail and Bulk Customers, accredited by a due process established by the Distribution Licensee. A list of Accredited Chartered Electrical Engineer shall be available for the information of Customers, upon request and would be published in the Licensee’s website.</td>
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<td>AEE</td>
<td>Area Electrical Engineer</td>
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<td>AGM</td>
<td>Additional General Manager</td>
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<td>Charges</td>
<td>Approved charges, Licensee is permitted to levy from Customers, prospective Customers and the general public for carrying out work requested by them.</td>
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<td>Apparatus</td>
<td>All equipment in which electrical conductors are used, supported or of which they may form part.</td>
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<td>Breakdown</td>
<td>An occurrence relating to equipment of the supply system which prevents its normal functioning</td>
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<td>Bulk Customer</td>
<td>A Consumer who under a standard tariff agreement has agreed a contract demand of more than 42kVA. These Consumers may be connected at LV or MV</td>
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<td>CEB</td>
<td>Ceylon Electricity Board, established by the Ceylon Electricity Board Act, No. 17 of 1969</td>
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<td>CEB Id</td>
<td>Ceylon Electricity Board Identity Card</td>
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<td>CEE</td>
<td>Chief Electrical Engineer</td>
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<td>Consumer</td>
<td>A Consumer of electricity in Sri Lanka and includes a prospective Consumer.</td>
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<td>Contract Demand</td>
<td>Maximum real (kW) or apparent (kVA) power demand agreed to be supplied by the Licensee/Supplier as stated in the declaration made by the Customer.</td>
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<td>CT</td>
<td>Current Transformer</td>
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<td>Customer</td>
<td>Means a Tariff Customer</td>
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<td>Demand</td>
<td>The requirement for active power and reactive power unless otherwise stated</td>
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<td>DGM</td>
<td>Deputy General Manager</td>
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<td>Disconnect</td>
<td>The act of physically separating User’s (or Customer’s) equipment from the Distribution Licensee’s system.</td>
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<td>Disconnection Notice</td>
<td>A demand in writing for the payment of the charges due or a notice by the distribution licensee requiring the tariff customer to cease to use the appliances which interfere with electricity supplied to another customer</td>
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<td>Distribution Area</td>
<td>An operating unit within a Distribution Province, which is headed by an Area Electrical Engineer</td>
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<td>Distribution Licensee</td>
<td>A person who has been granted a Distribution Licence by the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka, under Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009</td>
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<td>Distribution Province</td>
<td>An operating unit within a Distribution Division, which is demarcated geographically (as a province) and headed by Deputy General Manager</td>
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<td>Distribution Division</td>
<td>The geographical area of operation of a Distribution Licensee of CEB and is headed by Additional General Manager</td>
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<td>Distribution System</td>
<td>The system consisting of lines owned and/or operated by a Distribution Licensee for the purposes of distribution of electricity from a grid substation to another substation, or to or from any External Interconnection, or to deliver to Customers, including any plant and Apparatus and meters owned or used by the Distribution Licensee in connection with the distribution of electricity.</td>
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<td>ECSC</td>
<td>Electricity Consumer Services Centre</td>
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<td>Electrical Engineer</td>
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<td>Electric Line</td>
<td>Any line whether underground or over ground which is used for carrying electricity for any purpose and includes, unless the context otherwise requires-</td>
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<td>a) any support for any such line, including but not limited to, any structure, pole or other thing in, on, by or from which any such line is or may be supported, carried or suspended;</td>
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<td>b) any apparatus connected to any such line for the purpose of carrying electricity; and</td>
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<td>c) any wire, cable, tube, pipe or other similar thing (including its casing, insulator or coating) which surrounds or supports or is surrounded or supported by or is installed in close proximity to or is supported, carried or suspended in association with, any such line</td>
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<td>Electric Plant</td>
<td>Any plant, equipment, apparatus or appliance used for or for the purposes connected with, the generation, transmission, distribution or supply of electricity, other than an Electric Line or an electrical appliance under the control of the Consumer</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
<td>Quantity of electrical energy measured in units equal to one Kilowatt hour (kWh) or multiples thereof such as:</td>
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<td>1000 kWh = 1 MWh</td>
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<td>1000 MWh = 1 GWh</td>
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<td>ES</td>
<td>Electrical Superintendent</td>
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<td>GM</td>
<td>General Manager of Ceylon Electricity Board</td>
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<td>High Voltage or HV</td>
<td>Voltage above (and excluding) 33,000 Volt</td>
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<td>External Interconnection</td>
<td>A connection to a network outside the network of a Licensee</td>
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<td>kV</td>
<td>kilovolt or 1000 volt</td>
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<td>kVA</td>
<td>kilovolt ampere</td>
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<td>kWh</td>
<td>Kilowatt hour</td>
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<td>Licensee</td>
<td>Licensee or License Holder is a person or business entity to whom a License or Authorization is issued by PUCSL, under the Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka Act No 35 of 2002 and Sri Lanka Electricity Act No 20 of 2009, for carrying out Generation, Transmission, Distribution and Supply of electrical energy.</td>
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<td>Load</td>
<td>The Active and Reactive Power, as the context requires, generated, transmitted or distributed, and all similar terms shall be construed accordingly.</td>
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<td>Low Voltage or LV</td>
<td>Nominal voltage exceeding 50 Volt and not exceeding 1000 Volt</td>
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<td>NIC</td>
<td>National Identity Card</td>
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<td>MCCB</td>
<td>Moulded Case Circuit Breaker</td>
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<td>MCB</td>
<td>Miniature Circuit Breaker</td>
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<td>Medium Voltage or MV</td>
<td>Nominal voltage exceeding 1000 Volt and not exceeding (and including) 33,000 Volt</td>
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<td>Meter</td>
<td>An electricity meter or energy meter is a device that measures the amount of electric energy consumed by a residence, business, or an electrically powered device</td>
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<td>Metering</td>
<td>Tariff Metering and Operational Metering</td>
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<td>MVA</td>
<td>Mega Volt Ampere = 1000 kVA</td>
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<td>POS</td>
<td>Point of Sale</td>
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<td>PPM</td>
<td>Programmable Poly phase Meter</td>
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<td>Power Factor</td>
<td>Ratio of active power (kW) to apparent power (kVA)</td>
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<td>PSD</td>
<td>President’s Security Division</td>
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<td>R &amp; D</td>
<td>Research and Development</td>
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<td>Reactive Power or MVAr</td>
<td>The product of voltage and current and the sine of the phase angle between them measured in units of volt-amperes reactive (Var) and standard multiples thereof i.e. 1000 VAr = 1kVAr 1000 kVAr = 1MVAr</td>
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<td>A Consumer who has under a standard tariff agreement, agreed to use not more than 42kVA at LV</td>
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<td>SIM</td>
<td>Subscriber Identification Module</td>
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<td>SLEA</td>
<td>Sri Lanka Electricity Act, no 20 of 2009 as amended</td>
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<td>SEA</td>
<td>Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority.</td>
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<td>Electricity Bill</td>
<td>A monthly bill issued by the CEB for the consumption of electricity of the Customer, which includes the statement of accounts and several other relevant information</td>
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<td>Substation</td>
<td>An assembly of equipment including any necessary housing for the conversion, transformation, switching or control of electrical power.</td>
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<td>Tariff Customer</td>
<td>A person/Consumer who requires a supply of electricity from the CEB in terms of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act No. 20 of 2009 and is supplied by the CEB.</td>
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<td>TDT</td>
<td>Time of the Day Tariff</td>
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<td>VAr</td>
<td>A single unit of Reactive Power (Volt-Ampere reactive)</td>
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<td>Wayleave</td>
<td>Such interest in the land as consists of a right of a Licensee, to install and keep installed, an electric line on, under or over that land and to have access to that land for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining, adjusting, repairing, altering, removing or replacing such electric line.</td>
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Preamble

This is the Supply Services Code (SSC) provided by Distribution Licensee 4 in accordance with Section 18 (b) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 and Condition 33 of the Electricity Distribution and Supply Licence No.EL/D/09-006. It represents the code of practice that governs the services provided by us, and is a guide to our processes and procedures. In supplying or offering terms for supply, we will not show undue preference, discrimination and the terms will not be unduly onerous.

This code does not replace the laws and regulations applicable to us, which govern our work. In the event of any inconsistency between the laws or regulations and this code, the former will prevail.

This code is based on the provisions of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No 20 of 2009, as amended, and the prevailing regulations, rules, methodologies, guidelines and other codes made under same and would need to be revised over time to reflect the changes to same. We will keep you informed of any such changes, as and when they are introduced.
1. The organization of your service provider

The Distribution System of the Ceylon Electricity Board (CEB) is divided into four distribution Divisions. Each Distribution Division is managed by an Additional General Manager. A Distribution Division comprises of several Distribution Provinces and Distribution Areas, but the boundaries of these Distribution Provinces may not necessarily coincide with the boundaries of administrative provinces of Sri Lanka. A Distribution Province is managed by a Deputy General Manager while an Area is managed by either a Chief Electrical Engineer or an Electrical Engineer, generally referred to as the Area Electrical Engineer.

Customer and Consumer matters are generally attended to at the Area Electrical Engineer’s Office. However, certain Consumer matters such as requests for bulk supply of electricity, construction of rural electrification schemes etc. are attended to at the Distribution Provincial office, while matters such as new electricity Customer connection enquiries and Consumer Breakdown complaints are attended to at Electricity Consumer Service Centers (ECSC), which are headed by an Electrical superintendent. Distribution Provinces coming under Distribution Division 4 of the CEB are identified below.

Distribution Division 04

1. Western Province South - 1
   Western Province South - 1 covers the Colombo & Kalutara Districts

2. Southern Province
   Southern Province covers the Galle, Matara & Hambantota Districts and part of Moneragala District
2. How to contact your service provider

A detailed list of all the Area Offices and ECSCs along with their addresses and telephone numbers in respect of each distribution province is provided in Annex 1. These contact details are also available on the CEB website www.ceb.lk, and can be provided on request.

Contact details for Enquiries and Complaints (including breakdowns)

Enquiries and complaints, including breakdown are attended to by the respective ECSC, Area office or provincial call centres.

The telephone number to be used in case of a complaint including Breakdown is printed on the front lower portion of the monthly Electricity Bill.

The Breakdown services as well as the enquiry services are operated free-of-charge. Any change to the address and telephone numbers of the above enquiry service will be displayed in the monthly Electricity Bill.

Call Centre at CEB Head Office

A CEB call centre has been established at the CEB Head Office for the benefit of Consumers of all Distribution Provinces. Consumers can lodge any complaint about the services of CEB at this call centre. The telephone numbers of the call centre are:

**Hot Line1987**

011-248 1 230
011-248 1 231

Provincial CEB Call Centres

The Distribution Division 4 has a call centre for each Distribution Province, mainly for reporting complaints with respect to Breakdowns. These Centers have a computerized system to handle breakdown calls and is operational round the clock throughout the year.

Western province South-1 maintains a Call Center at Ratmalana and Southern Province maintains a Call Center at Galle. The address and telephone numbers are given below;

Western Province South-1:

Address: 608, Galle Road, Ratmalana.
Telephone Nos. 011-4418418 (Hotline)

Southern Province:

Address: 167, Matara Road, Galle.
Telephone Nos. 091-2248292
071-4260117
071-4260119
3. New Connections, Disconnections and Re-connections

3.1 Supply of electricity
Subject to certain exemption from our duty to connect and supply electricity stipulated in the SLEA, upon any request by the owner or occupier of any premises within our Distribution Division, we shall connect, supply and maintain the supply of electricity to those premises on the basis of a standard tariff agreement. We will inform all Consumers, of the requirements which have to be satisfied in order to obtain a supply of electricity. We shall avoid any undue preference or undue discrimination in the connection of any premises. The owner or occupier of any premises, which is situated within fifty meter from any distribution line or which could be connected to a distribution line by an electric line supplied and laid by the owner or occupier of the premises, may request for a supply of electricity, and shall inform us of:

(a) the premises at which the supply is required;
(b) the purpose for which electricity is to be used in those premises;
(c) the day (not being earlier than a reasonable time after the distribution licensee is informed of a person’s requirement) on which the supply is required to commence;
(d) the maximum power which may be required at any time and
(e) the minimum period for which the supply is required to be given.

After receiving a request, if a supply of electricity has not been provided to such premises or the giving of the supply requires the provision of electric lines or electric plant or both or, we shall give a notice stating the extent to which the request is acceptable and specify any counter proposals, tariff payable, any payment required to defray the cost of providing any electric line or electric plant and a supply of electricity, if doing so would result in the Distribution Licensee being in breach of the provisions of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009.

We provide new connections to prospective Tariff Customers at standardized contractual Demands as per the Charges. Details of the standardized contractual Demands are given in Annex 2.

3.1.1 Request for supply of electricity (Retail Customers & Bulk Customers)

a. In the case of a retail supply of electricity, the owner or occupier of any premises within our Authorized Area, may make a request at the nearest ECSC by submitting a duly filled standard application form, which is issued free of charge. The prospective Retail Customer may be required to provide documents to establish the ownership or occupancy of the premises, where the connection is required. Please contact your Area Electrical Engineer for more details. The document titled “Instructions to New Connection Applicants” and a sample of the standard application form is given in Annex 3. However if the Customer is liable for the payment of any overdue Charges with respect to a connection of electricity supply to the same premises or any other premises, his new connection maybe refused.
b. In the case of a bulk supply of electricity, the owner or the occupier of the premises within our Authorized Area may apply for a supply of electricity from the relevant Area Electrical Engineer or he/she can directly apply from DGM of the province for bulk supplies up to 1MVA and DGM (Commercial and Corporate) of the relevant Distribution Division for bulk supplies over 1MVA. The cost estimate, security deposit and all other proceedings to be followed will be informed to customer within 1 month for bulk supplies up to 1MVA and 2 months for bulk supplies over 1MVA.

c. An application for a bulk supply of electricity at 132kV or above is, provided by the transmission Licensee of the CEB and is not covered under this code. If the applicant requires a bulk supply of electricity at 132kV or above, the application should be referred to the General Manager of the CEB.

d. The applicant will be provided the option to fell or lop any tree(s) or cut back roots of any trees (on the applicant’s land) that may obstruct or interfere with the installation, maintenance or working of any electric line or plant to be installed for the purpose of connecting and supplying electricity to his or her premises. If not, with the agreement of the applicant, we will undertake to carry out same and recover relevant charges from the applicant.

e. We will obtain the Wayleave, if it is necessary to install and keep installed an electric line on, under or over any land (other than the premises for which the supply is required). However, the cost of obtaining the Wayleave will be recovered from the applicant (for details on obtaining Wayleave, please refer Section 15).

f. Our authorized officers will visit the premises to take measurements and assess the potential electricity usage in order to prepare the cost estimate. For any additional visit(s) required for the same due to non-fulfillment of the requirements specified in the standard application form on the part of the applicant, an additional charge for testing and inspection according to the Charges approved by the Commission will need to be paid by the Customer.

g. We will give the cost estimate within a period of ten (10) working days from the date of the application for retail supplies. The cost estimate will indicate the cost of providing the supply of electricity and the security deposit if required as well as any further requirements to be fulfilled by the applicant before providing the supply of electricity. A standard tariff agreement for the supply of electricity also needs to be signed by the prospective Customer. A sample format of the said agreement is given in Annex 4.

h. The cost estimate will be prepared on the basis of the Charges approved by the Commission and would be valid till the 31st December of that particular year, unless the Commission revises the Charges within the course of the year or until the Commission approves the Charges for the following year. In order to obtain the supply of electricity, the applicant is required to pay the estimated costs and if requested the security deposit. If the applicant does not have a sufficient means to defray the expenses incurred by the distribution licensee, he can request us to recover the cost in reasonable monthly instalments along with the tariff and other charges.

i. If a cost estimate cannot be given within ten (10) working days from the date of the application due to non-availability of a Distribution System, applicant’s
inability to provide the requisite information specified under Section 25 (5) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009, as amended or any other reason, the applicant will be informed of such reason within such period.

j. However, before making the payment, the applicant is required to complete the internal wiring to the satisfaction of Distribution Licensee i.e. the internal wiring must comply with the Institution of Electrical Engineers Wiring Regulations (IEE Wiring Regulations) or such other requirement relating to safety as prescribed under the provisions of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009 as well as fulfill all the other requirements indicated in the cost estimate, such as the erection of the service cut-out/MCB/MCCB/Bus Bars or any other switchgear and Meter(s) etc.

k. For a retail supply of electricity, the applicant is required to provide an Installation Test Report on the internal wiring, certified by an Accredited Electrician, registered with the CEB. Whereas, for a bulk supply of electricity, the applicant is required to provide an Installation Test Report on the internal wiring, certified by an Accredited Chartered Electrical Engineer.

l. We will endeavor to provide the supply of electricity within fifteen (15) days for Retail Customers and within 3 months for Bulk Customers from the date of payment, if the applicant has fulfilled all the requirements specified under section 3.1.1.

m. During the process of providing the supply of electricity, if the applicant is unable to fulfill any of the requirements in the cost estimate, can request for a withdrawal or cancelation of the application, we will refund the payment made by the applicant within 5 days, after deducting the costs incurred up to that point. In the case of an underground supply of electricity in areas like the Colombo City, the applicant may also be required to ensure that the requirements of the Municipal authorities, Police and other relevant authorities are also fulfilled before the cost estimate for the supply of electricity is paid.

n. If the supply of electricity cannot be provided due to any circumstances outside the control of the Distribution Licensee 4, the payment made by the applicant will be refunded after deducting the costs incurred up to that point. If the Licensee is unable to provide the connection by the stipulated period due to an inability of the licensee and any time thereafter if the applicant withdraws the application and requests for a refund, Distribution Licensee 4 will refund the payment made by the applicant after deducting the costs incurred up to that point. If the period between the date of payment and such date of refund is more than 90 days, the Customer will be paid interest on the amount of refund for the period starting from date of payment. The rate of interest will be equal to the applicable interest rate of the most recently issued 364 day Treasury Bill at the date of refund.

o. If a supply of electricity cannot be provided for any of the above reasons, outside the control of the Distribution Licensee 4, the Distribution Licensee 4 shall not be held responsible in any manner for any consequences arising from such a situation.
3.1.2 Temporary Supply of Electricity

The owner or occupier of any premises may request for a temporary supply of electricity for a short or long duration depending on the need. Such a temporary supply of electricity is not usually extended beyond the period for which it was initially provided.

3.1.2.1 Temporary Supply of Electricity for a Short Duration

At temporary supply of electricity may be requested by the owner or occupier of any premises for domestic functions such as weddings, funerals, religious ceremonies etc., for duration of up to two weeks. The application for a temporary supply of electricity for a domestic function and short duration may be submitted to the respective Area Electrical Engineer (AEE), and the supply of electricity will be provided after paying the estimated cost of providing the temporary supply of electricity. Alternatively, an extension from an existing connection to any premises nearby may be provided with the consent of the owner or occupier (Customer), of the premises from which the extension is sought. However, prior to the provision of such an extension any outstanding payments in the respective Electricity Bill should be settled. Once all the requirements are fulfilled, the Area Electrical Engineer will approve the temporary connection to the proposed premises by extension.

A temporary supply of electricity may be requested by the owner or occupier of any premises for public functions such as musical shows, exhibitions, political rallies etc., for duration of up to one month. The application for a temporary supply of electricity for a public function and short duration may be submitted to the Area Electrical Engineer, and the supply of electricity will be provided after paying the estimated cost of providing the temporary supply of electricity. In such cases, a safe place for our metering and terminal equipment should be provided.

a. Payment of a security deposit and the execution of an agreement may be required for temporary supply of electricity. Statement showing unit consumed and billed amount with the amount of deposit and balance amount to be refunded/ recovered will be issued to customers. The estimated costs of providing the supply of electricity will not exceed the Charges approved by the Commission.

b. The owner or the occupier requesting the supply of electricity should ensure that the electrical installation is safe for use and does not cause any danger to the public as per relevant regulations, and the temporary wiring installation is certified by an Accredited Chartered Electrical Engineer or an Accredited Electrician registered with the CEB.

3.1.2.2 Temporary Supply of electricity for a Long Duration

At temporary supply of electricity may be requested by the owner or occupier of any premises for a construction of a house or any other building for a period of up to two years, which may be converted to a permanent supply of electricity, after
the construction work is finished. The application for a temporary supply of electricity for construction purposes for a long duration may be submitted to Area Electrical Engineer and the supply of electricity will be provided after paying the estimated cost of providing the temporary supply of electricity. Although categorized as a temporary supply of electricity, the Customer account will be administered similar to a permanent supply of electricity i.e. an electricity account will be opened and monthly Electricity Bill will be issued on the basis of ‘General Purpose Tariff’. The temporary supply of electricity will be converted in to a permanent supply of electricity under the applicable tariff at the end of the period of construction, once all the requirements applicable to a new supply of electricity described earlier in 3.1.1 are fulfilled.

a. Temporary supply of electricity may also be requested by the owner or occupier of any premises for a construction of a dam, tunnel or bridge etc. for a period of up to five years, which may not be converted to a permanent supply of electricity, after the construction work is finished. Application for a temporary supply of electricity for a construction purposes for a long duration may be submitted to the Area Electrical Engineer and the supply of electricity will be provided after paying the estimated cost of providing the temporary supply of electricity. Although categorized as a temporary supply of electricity, the Customer account will be administered similar to a permanent supply of electricity i.e. an electricity account will be opened and monthly Statements of Account will be issued on the basis of the ‘General Purpose Tariff’. The temporary supply of electricity will be terminated at the end of the period of construction.

b. The owner or occupier, requesting the supply of electricity should ensure that the electrical installation is safe for use and does not cause any danger to the public, as per relevant regulations, and the temporary wiring installation is certified by an Accredited Chartered Electrical Engineer registered with CEB or an Accredited Electrician registered with the CEB.

c. The charges applicable for providing a temporary supply of electricity for a Long Duration will be the same as that for a permanent supply of electricity.

3.1.3 Street Lamps

You may contact the respective Local Authority or the Area Electrical Engineer for advice regarding the supply of electricity for street lamps. The Local Authority is required to facilitate the supply of electricity for street lamps in accordance with applicable procedures stipulated by the relevant authority.

3.1.4 Changes to the Customer’s data, transfer of account or change of tariff category.

Changes to data pertaining to the Customer, in the Electricity Bill, such as the name (not transfer of account), residential address or mailing address etc., may be requested by the Customer in writing from the Area Electrical Engineer.

Changes to the standard tariff agreement, such as the transfer of the account or change of tariff category etc. need to be requested from the Area Electrical
Engineer by the Tariff Customer by submitting an application in a prescribed form along with the payment of the Charges approved by the Commission.

3.2 Disconnection of the supply of electricity

3.2.2 The supply of electricity is liable to be disconnected, discontinued or cut-off, as the case may be, upon occurrence of one or more of the following:

a. On a request made by the Customer (as provided in the standard tariff agreement), where such Customer has settled all dues and provided at least two working days prior notice given to the Distribution Licensee 4. When all charges are settled, the account will be closed and the deposit will be refunded.

b. Non-payment of the deposit within seven days of the notice informing the Customer of any revision of the security deposit by the Distribution Licensee 4.

c. Has not within the requisite period, paid all charges due to the Distribution Licensee 4 in respect of the supply of electricity to any premises, or the provision of any electricity meter, electric line or electric plant for the purpose of that supply or paid the monthly instalments due for the requisite period according to the agreement between the licensee and the customer. However the supply will not be cutoff on holidays, weekends, or after working hours.

d. Failure to comply with a notice issued by the Distribution Licensee 4, requiring the Customer to cease using any appliance, which unduly or improperly interferes with the supply of electricity by the Distribution Licensee 4 to any other Consumer. A period of not less than 10 days will be provided to rectify the matter before cutting off the supply of electricity.

e. Use of electricity in a dangerous and unsafe manner which can cause injury to the Customer or the public in general as provided in regulations prescribed under the provisions of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009;

f. Intentionally or negligently damages or causes to be damaged any Electric Line or Electric Plant or domestic electricity supply equipment belonging to or operated by the Distribution Licensee 4, which according to the provisions of the of the Sri Lanka electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009, is recognized as an offence punishable after a summary trial before a Magistrate Court.

g. Upon conviction in courts for intentionally or negligently preventing the meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied through that meter. According to the provisions of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act No.20 of 2009 this is recognized as an offence and is punishable after a summary trial before a Magistrate Court

3.2.3 The supply of electricity will be disconnected under the circumstances mentioned above. However, the Customer or in his or her absent, any other person at the premises will be served a notice containing the reasons for the disconnection and the requirements to be fulfilled for reconnection of supply of electricity, before the supply is disconnected.
3.3 Re-Connection of the supply of electricity

The supply of electricity, which has been disconnected, will be resumed, upon the occurrence of the following:

a. Where the discontinuation was due to non-payment of the security deposit, the supply of electricity will be restored within two working days after the payment of the security deposit.

b. Where the cut-off was due to non-payment of the charges due to the Distribution Licensee 4, supply of electricity will be resumed within 02 working days after the payment of the charges payable including the reconnection fee approved by the Commission.

c. Where the cut-off was due to failure of a Customer to comply with a notice from the licensee requiring him or her to cease using any appliance which interferes with the supply of electricity to any other consumer, the supply of electricity will be restored within 02 working days after the Customer ceased using such appliance.

d. Where the disconnection was due to the use of electricity in a dangerous and unsafe manner, as provided in regulations prescribed under the provisions of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009, the supply will be restored as soon as practicable once the Distribution Licensee 4 is satisfied that no such danger exists.
4. Security deposits in respect of supply

1.1 Security Deposit
We may request, by notice in writing a Security Deposit from Customers, equal to an amount of 02 months assessed average consumption, prior to giving the supply or later depending on your payment pattern or change in the standard tariff agreement related to Customer category, Contract Demand etc. Similarly, we may revise the amount of the deposit from time to time to keep in line with your electricity consumption/ payment pattern.

1.2 Interest on the security deposit
Customers will be paid interest on the security deposit obtained, if any. The interest will be calculated on 31st December of every year (or in special circumstances such as termination of agreement, any early date as applicable) and credited to the Customer account. The rate of interest will be equal to the applicable interest rate of the most recently issued 20 year treasury bonds at the date of calculation of interest.

1.3 Refund of the deposit
Customers will be refunded the deposit along with any applicable interest, when the standard tariff agreement is terminated after deducting amounts due. In case of transferring of Customer account, the deposit will be transferred to the new Customer’s account on consent of the account holder. Please retain the original Paying In Voucher (PIV) with you as evidence to the Security Deposit you made.
5. **Electricity Bill**

5.1 The quantity of electricity supplied to a consumer is ascertained by an appropriate meter installed on the consumer’s premises and the consumer is charged by reference to the quantity so ascertained. The register of electricity meter is ascertained and an electricity bill (containing the statement of account) is issued once in every thirty (30) days (a sample electricity bill is given in Annex 5). However, due to practical reasons, ascertaining the register of electricity meters may take place two (2) days prior to or after the 30th day (within a time period of 28 days to 32 days) from the last reading. In such situations, the Customer’s monthly charge is adjusted, by prorating the tariff blocks (in the case of Domestic and Religious consumers) to coincide with the number of days in the billing period, so that the Customer is least affected by the period of ascertaining the registry of the meter. The computation of the charges for the period indicated in the electricity bill can be verified by using the tariff calculator available on our website (www.ceb.lk).

5.2 The electricity bill contains a statement of account showing the billing period, brought forward balance from the previous period, payments made since the date of previous electricity bill, electricity consumption (units) during the period and corresponding charges, and any other charges due from the consumer, payment due date and a payment voucher for the payment.

5.3 The electricity bill also contain details of consumption containing the previous date of ascertaining the register of electricity meter and corresponding kWh reading on the electricity Meter, the current date of ascertaining the registry of electricity Meter and corresponding kWh reading on the electricity Meter and electricity (kWh) consumed during the current billing period. The current date of ascertaining the registry of electricity Meter and the corresponding kWh reading on the electricity Meter as well as the corresponding charges due (for the current billing period) from the Consumer are inserted by the meter reader when issuing the bill, while all the other information are printed on the bill. The information on prevailing electricity tariffs and the methodology of calculating the electricity bill can be obtained from any of our ECSC or our website (www.ceb.lk). Any revisions to the prevailing electricity tariffs will be published on mass media and consumers will be informed of any such revisions via a notice printed on the electricity bill.

5.4 In the normal course of business, we may estimate the amount of electricity consumed by a consumer and recover charges accordingly. Accordingly an electricity bill may be issued based on the estimated consumption for a particular billing period. This is due to the failure of meter reader gaining access to the electricity meter installed on a consumer’s premises, unfavorable weather conditions or due to our inability to ascertain the register of electricity meter within the specified period (i.e. 28 to 32 days from the last date of reading). However, any such estimated consumption of electricity will be confirmed by a meter reading within a reasonable period of time.

We may also estimate consumption and recover charges, in the events of a meter being proved to register consumption incorrectly the malfunction of any meter or
any person altering the register of any meter used for measuring the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises. In such events, the Consumers will have to pay for any electricity consumed in accordance with our estimate or as otherwise determined in accordance with the provisions relating dispute resolution (please refer the section on ‘Consumer complaint handling procedure’ for the procedure we adopt to attempt to resolve any dispute that may arise between us and a consumer or any other affected party).

5.5 The methodology that we adopt in estimating your consumption of electricity (in all the above instances) has been approved by the PUCSL and is presented as Annex 6 to this Code. You may obtain any clarification on the said methodology from us.

5.6 In addition to the statement of account and details of electricity consumption, the following information, at minimum, will be provided in the electricity bill issued to Customers:
   a. account number
   b. respective area office
   c. tariff category
   d. how to contact us in the case of a supply breakdown
   e. how and whom to be contacted to obtain details/clarifications on the statement of account and details of consumption
   f. means available for settling the charges due
   g. contact details and opening hours of the relevant customer service center/area engineer’s office

5.7 Also, from time to time, you will be provided information on electricity tariffs and upcoming revisions to same, guidance on efficient use of electricity etc. in the electricity bill.

5.8 It may take up to sixty (60) days to issue the initial electricity bill upon provision of a new supply connection. In case we fail to do so, the Consumer will be provided a facility to settle the charges due for the relevant periods (for which electricity bills were not issued) in monthly installments without any interest.
6. Payment of Electricity Bills

6.1 Retail Customers are provided a grace period of 30 days from the date of issuing of the monthly Electricity Bill to pay the charges for the period indicated therein in order to avoid charging of interest and disconnection of the supply of the electricity.

   a. If the outstanding balance is not settled within thirty (30) days of issuing the electricity bill, interest will be charged on the outstanding amount at a rate approved by the Commission for the period starting from the date of issuing the bill until the early of the date of disconnection or the date of settlement.

   b. Also, a Disconnection Notice will be issued if the outstanding amount is not settled within the thirty (30) days of the date of the Electricity Bill. The supply will be cut-off in case the charges are not settled within the requisite period of not less than ten (10) days indicated in the Disconnection Notice. (for details please refer Section 3.2)

   c. If the supply has been cut-off, a reconnection processing charge will be imposed according to the approved Charges.

   d. The supply of electricity will be resumed within two working days only upon the payment of the outstanding amount, the interest expenses of and reconnecting the supply and the security deposit, if requested (see Section 3.3).

6.2 Bulk Customers are provided a grace period of fifteen (15) days from date of issuing monthly the Electricity Bill to pay the charges for the period in order to avoid charging of interest and disconnection of supply of electricity.

   a. If the outstanding balance is not settled within fifteen (15) days of issuing the electricity bill, interest will be charged on the outstanding amount at a rate approved by the Commission for the period starting from the sixteenth (16) day from date of issuing the bill until the early of the date of disconnection or the date of settlement.

   b. Also, a Disconnection Notice will be issued if the charges are not settled within the thirty (30) days of the date of issuing the Electricity Bill. The supply of electricity will be cut-off in case the charges are not settled within the requisite period of not less than ten (10) days indicated in the Disconnection Notice. (for details please refer Section 3.2)

   c. If the supply has been cut-off, a reconnection processing charge will be imposed according to the approved Charges.

   d. The supply of electricity will be resumed within two working days, only upon payment of the outstanding amount, the interest expenses of reconnecting the supply and the security deposit, if requested (see 3.3)

6.3 We recommend that Customers pay the charges due in their Electricity Bill at the Distribution Licensee 4’s Point of Sale (POS) counters due to following advantages.

   6.3.2 Payment details are available online in the CEB POS system

   6.3.3 Payment is credited to the Customer’s account at the end of the same day.
6.3.4 Customer will be issued an acknowledgement of the payment on the Electricity Bill with the following details.
   a. Date
   b. Account Number
   c. Name of the Customer
   d. Payment Mode (Cash/ Cheque / Draft/ Credit card/ Online through CEB website (www.ceb.lk))
   e. Amount paid
   f. Identification of payment counter

6.4 The charges due in the Electricity Bill can be paid at CEB POS counters located at the CEB Head Office, some Provincial offices, some Area offices and at some branches of the People’s Bank. A list of bill payment options is available at our website (www.ceb.lk)

6.5 The charges due in the Electricity Bill can also be paid at most of the other Banks Post Offices and many Supermarkets. Customers can obtain information regarding payment locations from their Area Electrical Engineers. Payment locations are given on the reverse side of the Electricity Bill.

6.6 Customers can contact their respective Area Electrical Engineer with regard to any query relating to the payments of charges in the Electricity Bill.
7. Consumers in default

7.1 Customers are informed of their electricity consumption, by a way of the Electricity Bill. The duration between two meter readings which constitute the statement period, is usually 30 days. The adjustment required for any variation of the statement period is made by the meter reader when the Electricity Bill is issued. Retail Customers and Bulk Customers are provided a grace period of 30 days and 15 days respectively to pay the charges for the period indicated in the Statement of Account.

7.2 If the charge for the period identified in the Electricity Bill is not paid in full within the grace period stipulated therein, interest will be charged monthly on the total outstanding amount at a rate and for the period approved by the Commission.

7.3 In addition a disconnection notice i.e. intention to cut-off supply may be issued in writing providing a period of not less than ten days i.e. requisite period to pay all charges due to the Distribution Licensee in respect of the supply of electricity to any premises or the provision of any electricity meter, electric line or electric plant for the purpose of the supply.

7.4 If all the charges due are not paid within the requisite period, we may cut-off the supply of electricity. However, the supply of electricity will not be cut-off after working hours on weekdays or on weekends and holidays.

7.5 The supply of electricity shall be resumed within two working days only upon the payment of amount in default, expenses of disconnecting and reconnecting and the security deposit, if requested.

7.6 At present, there are no concessionary payment schemes available for Retail Customers who are in default for more than 30 days and for Bulk Customers who are in default for more than 15 days.
8. Provision of services for Customers who are disabled, chronically ill or of pensionable age

Customers who are disabled, chronically ill or of pensionable age may request any of the following from the relevant Area Electrical Engineer:

a. A pre-payment meter, if such facilities are available;
b. Re-positioning of the meter, which will be undertaken and subject to accessibility of the meter by the meter reader, after payment of the cost estimate;
c. Advice on the use of electricity and energy conservation
d. The charges for the above will depend on the nature of the service and the Charges approved by the Commission.
9. Consumer complaint handling procedure

9.1 Any complaint with respect to the supply of electricity can be made at the E-City or the respective Area Engineer’s Office. Complaints can be made in writing (via post, fax or email) or verbally (by visiting our offices or over the telephone). All written or verbal complaints will be acknowledged and a reference number will be provided. The reference number should be used in all future correspondence on the matter.

9.2 Complaints with respect to Breakdowns can be lodged via the contact number stated in the Electricity Bill. However, if no action has been taken within a reasonable time, in respect of such complaint, the matter should be referred to the respective Area Engineer.

9.3 In general, complaints will be attended to within fourteen (14) days from the date of the complaint.

9.4 If any matter needs to be referred to a higher authority (e.g. Deputy General Manager) the Area Engineer will inform the Consumer of the same and the time period that will be taken to attend to the complaint. Nevertheless, all complaints will be attended and resolved within twenty eight (28) days from the date of the complaint.

9.5 If a complaint is not attended to within fourteen (14) days or if the Consumer is not satisfied with the resolution provided by the E-City or the respective Area Engineer’s Office, the Consumer may refer the matter to the Provincial DGM.

9.6 On such reference within a period of fourteen (14) days, the Provincial DGM, shall:

   a. ensure that the Consumer is attended to or the matter is resolved by the Area Electrical Engineer; or
   b. respond to the Consumer with the reasons for not resolving the matter

9.7 If a satisfactory solution to the complaint is not received from the Provincial DGM, the Consumer may refer the matter to the PUCSL. An introduction to and the contact details of PUCSL is given in Annex 7.

9.8 We will maintain records on all communications (including complaints) received by us and the actions taken on the same for future reference and monitoring purposes of the PUCSL.
10. Procedure with respect to entering Customer’s premises

10.1 Our authorized staff may visit a Customer’s premises from time to time for various matters in connection with the supply of electricity, such as ascertaining the register of the Electricity Meter, restoration of supply in case of breakdown in the supply of electricity, maintenance of Electric Lines, Electric Plant, Felling or lopping trees, energy audits and data collection etc.

10.2 They have been issued identity cards by the CEB and will produce evidence of his or her authority for such entry, if required to do. In addition, some of our staff has been provided with official uniforms with the CEB emblem. Persons who have been hired/contracted (but not employed) by us are always accompanied by an authorized staff of the Distribution Licensee 4.

10.3 Our authorized staff is trained and skilled personnel and they are able to advise and assist Consumers in matters connected with the supply of electricity.

10.4 Customers will be informed in advance about routine visits to their.

10.5 In the case of routine work (such as inspecting an electric line or plant and reading or removing an electric meter, etc. our authorized staff may enter any premises from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Further, our authorized staff may also enter the premises during such time to discontinue the supply of electricity and to remove the meter where an offence has been committed under i.e. intentionally or negligently damaging an electrical plant, line or meter belonging to us.

10.6 For the purpose of placing a new electric line or new electric plant in place of, or in addition to, any existing line or plant, a three (3) days’ prior notice will be given to the occupier of the premises. The nature and the extent of the work to be carried out will be specified in the notice. However, in the case of an emergency, a three (3) days’ notice may not be given, but a notice will be given as early as possible.

10.7 Any person who requires additional safeguards in entering his or her premises due to security or other reasons, arrangements can be made to provide such safeguards upon request.

10.8 We will pay reasonable compensation to the owner of the land or premises for any disturbance, disability or damage that may be caused pursuant to the entry by our authorized officers.

10.9 If all reasonable efforts, other than by the use of force to gain entry to the premises for any legitimate purpose(s) prove unsuccessful, we may apply, ex parte, to the Magistrate’s Court having jurisdiction over the place where the premises is situated for an order authorizing the Distribution Licensee 4 or an officer authorized by us to enter the premises by force. Also any cost incurred in obtaining such an order is recoverable as a civil debt from the owner or occupier of the premises to which the order relates.
11. Efficient use of electricity

11.1 From time to time, the Distribution Licensee 4 will distributes informative material on efficient use of electricity and also provide tips on efficient use of electricity printed on the reverse side of the Electricity Bill.

11.2 Consumers may make enquiries about the efficient use of electricity from the respective Area Electrical Engineer.

11.3 In addition, we will make Consumers aware of any guidance on efficient use of energy notified by the Sri Lanka Sustainable Energy Authority (SLSEA) or the PUCSL.

11.4 Consumers may also seek expert opinion on efficient use of electricity from the ‘Sustainable Energy Authority’ (SEA). (The contact details of SEA could be obtained from the Area Electrical Engineer’s Office.)
12. Planned & Unplanned Interruptions to the supply of electricity

12.5 Interruption to the supply of electricity may be due to a Breakdown, an unplanned power interruption or a planned power interruption.

12.5.2 In the case of a Breakdown, the Distribution Licensee 4 has no control over the incident as it is purely accidental. The Consumer is requested to inform the Distribution Licensee 4 of any Breakdowns as described in Section 2 of this code. This is important as the Distribution Licensee 4 has no automatic means of identifying Breakdowns, unless it is a large electrical system failure. Also, any person may contact us to obtain information on a breakdown including the cause for such breakdown.

12.5.3 When an electrical system abnormality or any other condition poses a potential threat to the electrical system in particular and to the public in general or when a situation develops which can cause damage to the electrical system, public property or human life, that part of the system may be interrupted either automatically or manually. This kind of situation is referred to as an unplanned interruption and the Distribution Licensee 4 has no way of informing Consumers about such unplanned interruptions to. Any person may contact us to obtain information on an unplanned interruption including the cause for such interruption.

12.5.4 When operational and maintenance work requires the electrical system to be interrupted, the Distribution Licensee 4 will carry out planned interruptions. These interruptions will be pre-scheduled and Consumers will be informed about the tentative interruptions either by means of a notice in the print or electronic media, by a public announcement, or by individual notices to affected Customers. The supply will be restored as indicated in such notices.
13. Meters

13.1 Retail Customers

Retail Customers are provided with electro-mechanical type, Class 2.0 or superior kWh energy meters (single phase or three phase, as the case may be). In some cases, based on our and/or Customer’s requirements, Customers are provided with electronic meters. The meters are installed on the Customer’s premises and at a secure location. The energy meters for Retail Customers are fixed at a convenient and safe location inside the Customer’s premises, in such a manner that the Customer is able to read the meter at any time he/she wishes to do so.

13.2 Bulk Customers

Bulk Customers are provided within energy meter (kWh) and a maximum demand meter (kVA) (The maximum demand meter measures the maximum power Demand of the Bulk Consumer during an integration period of 15 minutes) and charged under the relevant tariff category. Presently, most of the Bulk Customers are provided with Poly phase Programmable Meters (PPM), which can measure both the energy consumption and the maximum demand. These meters are of Class 1.0 or superior, and the integration period is 15 minutes for kVA measurement. They are usually installed inside a separate enclosure. These meters are usually connected to the Load by a Current Transformer (CT) of either Class 0.5 or Class 0.2 depending on the specific requirements. Three-phase, four wire meters are used for Low Tension-metered Bulk Customers and three-phase, three-wire meters are used for High Tension-metered Bulk Customers. The new PPMs installed at Bulk Customer’s premises are programmed for Time of the Day Tariff (TDT) metering, and may have the capability for remote reading. The energy and demand meters for Bulk Customers are fixed inside a secured enclosure, in such a manner that the Customer is able to read the meter at any time he/she wishes to do so. However, at the time of installation and upon request, meters can be fixed at a convenient location, so as to have viewing facilities inside the secured enclosure. We will also consider retrofitting the viewing facility, at Customers cost, provided retrofitting is practically possible.

13.2 Our Meter Testing Laboratory staff, Area Maintenance Units and Energy Management Branch or other authorized officials would undertake testing of meters from time to time.

13.3 Consumers may request us to test the accuracy of the energy meters installed on their premises at any time by paying a meter testing fee approved by the PUCSL. A retail supply meter should work within an accuracy limit of ±2.5%. If the meter is found to be working outside such accuracy limit, it will be replaced at our cost and the testing fee will be refunded. Also the Customer will be refunded any amounts over-charged (due to over-registering), in accordance with the methodology for estimation of energy approved by the PUCSL.
13.4 All our meter readers are provided with a uniform and an identity card issued by us. Consumers can request our meter readers to prove their identity and authority prior to entering their premises. They are duly trained to read meters, issue the Electricity Bills as well as to inspect meters to check whether they are in proper order for correctly registering the quantity of electricity supplied. However, we suggest that Customers to also verify the meter reading and the date of meter reading and bring any discrepancy to our notice at the earliest, if a favorable response could not obtained by informing the same to the meter reader.

13.5 We assure that the Customer’s premises to which the meter reader visits would be no less secure due to his presence. However, in case any damage is caused to the Customer’s property as a result of the visit by our meter reader, we would initiate an inquiry and compensate the customer accordingly, based on a complaint received in that regard.

13.6 If any person intentionally or negligently damages or causes to be damaged any electric plant, electric line or any part of any domestic electricity supply equipment (including lines and plant up to and including the electricity meter situated in a consumer’s property), he or she shall be guilty of an offence under the SLEA. Hence, the Consumers are advised to take proper care of the meter installed on his/her premises and to immediately inform us of any incident that has (or suspected to have) resulted in any damage to the electricity meter.
14. Information about theft, damage and meter interference

Please note that extraction and improper use of electricity, damaging any electrical line, plant or meter belonging to a Licensee, altering the register of an electricity meter and preventing such meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied are offences under the SLEA, and any person who commits such acts are punishable as prescribed there under. Hence, Consumers are encouraged to provide information regarding such acts committed by persons to the CEB. Such information could be reported to the CEB call centre over our Hotline 1987.

Where, any such electric plant, electric lines or meters are owned by another person or another Distribution Licensee, we will inform the owners of such theft, damage or any interference of the meter.
15. **Securing the Grant of Wayleave**

In carrying out the activities authorized by our license granted by the PUCSL, it may be necessary or expedient to install and keep installed an electric line on, under or over a land. In such instance, we are required to obtain Wayleave from the land owner or occupier.

In order to obtain a Wayleave, we will issue a notice in terms of the SLEA to the landowner or occupier. For further details on the procedure being followed in securing the grant of a Wayleave, please refer the Wayleave guidelines issued by the PUCSL given in Annex 8.

16. **Felling or lopping trees, or cutting roots in close proximity to electric lines or electric plants**

Trees or branches of trees that come into contact with electricity lines are a major cause of power failures and can also cause fires and serious accidents. Therefore, minimum safety distances specified by the Regulations on Safety (extracts of the relevant annexure of the Regulations is given in Annex 9) needs to be maintained between trees and electricity lines in the vicinity.

It is advisable to arrange for such trees to be trimmed by a professional tree cutter who has experience in working close to electricity lines. If not, whenever we observe any tree is or will be in close proximity to an electric line or electric plant (which has been installed or is being installed or is to be installed by us) as to obstruct or interfere with the installation, maintenance or working of the line of plant or as to constitute an unacceptable source of danger to public, we will issue a notice to occupier or owner (where the occupier is not the owner) requiring him or her to fell or lop the tree or cut back its roots so as to prevent it from having such interference or danger. Upon complying with the requirements of our notice, the landowner or occupier can recover from us any expenses reasonably incurred by him or her.

In case the landowner or occupier has any objection to the requirements given in the notice, he or she should inform us of the same through a counter-notice within seven (7) days of our notice. If we receive such a counter-notice, the matter will be referred to the Divisional Secretary who will make an order as he or she thinks just. If the landowner or occupier does not comply with the requirements of our notice and does not give a counter-notice, we will cause the relevant tree(s) to be felled or lopped or its roots be cut back.

In any case, in causing a tree to be felled or lopped or its roots to be cut back, we will carry out it in accordance with good arboricultural practice and so as to do as little damage as possible to trees, fences, hedges and growing crops. Also, we will ensure the felled trees, lopped boughs and root cuttings be removed in accordance with the directions of the owner or occupier of the land, and we will make good any damage done to the land.
In case, if you observe any tree which is in close proximity to an electric line or electrical plant, please inform us immediately in order to take required preventive action.

17. **Public safety**

17.1 Any person who is constructing a new building or renovating an existing building should get a clearance certificate from us if such building comes within the minimum safety distances specified by the Regulations on Safety (extracts of the relevant annexure of the Regulations is given in Annex 10).
18. **Annexes**

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Annex 2: Standard contractual Demands available to CEB Customers

Single Phase Customers
- 30 A

Three Phase Customers (Retail Tariff Customers)
- 30 A
- 60 A

Three Phase Customers (Bulk Tariff Customers: metered at 400/230 Volts nominal)
- 63 kVA
- 100 kVA
- 160 kVA
- 250 kVA
- 400 kVA
- 630 kVA
- 800 kVA
- 1000 kVA

Three Phase Customers (Bulk Tariff Customers: metered at 11, 000 Volts nominal and above)

In addition the existing / prospective customers can request for the following services
- Single phase to 3 phase conversions
- Augmentation of outdoor bulk supply substations (11 kV/ LV, 33 kV/ LV)
- Construction of new LV lines
- LV line conversions (1ph/ 3ph, 2ph/ 3ph, conductor change)
- Combined run of LV line on new/ existing MV line
Annex 3: Standard application form for new connection of electricity

[Sample application form in use is provided below]
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Please forward the details of the other connection that you have already taken from CEB.

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Whether internal wiring is completed: Yes / No
Supply Services Code

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14. State whether Electricity supply has been obtained for the same premises before? Yes / No, Account No.

15. [Signature]

Name and Address of relevant parties:

1. 
2. 
3. 
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16. [Signature]

Date: 23...J...
Please draw a simple map to the place where Electricity supply is needed showing popular places and features along the road.
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Annex 3
07. එක්ක විශේෂයේ උදාහරණය මිලියන් 80 ක් ලක් 10 ක් පක්ෂයේ අංක පිටුව යන ලකුණක් ස්රේභි ස්කියන්න 7"x2"x1/4 අපාර කළවන ෆ්රො 01 කළවන අංකය එවකුගැළීම නොමැතියේ ගේ විසේෂයේ.

08. ඒහොම් පිළිබඳ මුළු විශේෂ පිළිබඳ පිළිබඳ විශේෂ විශේෂ විශේෂ විශේෂ විශේෂ විශේෂ හෝ අදිස්තානය පිළිබඳ විශේෂ විශේෂ විශේෂ විශේෂ සාමාන්‍ය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකයuchi අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය අංකය Annex 3 Supply Services Code
1) මෙමේ මූලික කඩයේ මොදුලස් 2"x2x1/4" සෝබර්බොලියයිව කිරීමට විශේෂ මොකදම් අංගයේ මොකදම් ක්‍රමය පැහැදිලි කිරීමට අයත්.

2) ඉ මේවා යිය භෙවිය 5/8" ස්පාර්සාක ගොම් මෙමින් කිරීමට පහත විශේෂ මොකදම් ක්‍රමය පැහැදිලි කිරීමට අයත්.

3) විකල්ප ක්‍රමයේ ප්‍රධානිය දෙකක් ගොම් මෙමින් විශේෂ මොකදම් ක්‍රමයට දැක්විය නොමත්ව විශේෂ මොකදම් ක්‍රමයට දැක්විය නොමත්වන් පහත විශේෂ ප්‍රධානිය දෙකක් ගොම්.

4) අනතුරුව ප්‍රමාණයක් ඉන් මොකදම් ක්‍රමය මොකදම් ක්‍රමයට දැක්විය නොමත්වන් පහත ප්‍රධානිය දෙකක් ගොම් P.T. Plug 4 වි‍සිංගරාම තෝරාගෙන ගොම් ප්‍රධානියට දැක්විය නොමත්වන්.

5) මෙමේ මොකදම් ක්‍රමය පිළිබඳ ප්‍රධානිය නිර්මාණයක් තහන්කා කිරීමට අයත් යිය එයබල් කිරීමට අයත්.

6) මෙමේ මොකදම් ක්‍රමය මොකදම් ක්‍රමයට දැක්විය නොමත්වන් පහත ප්‍රධානිය දෙකක් ගොම් නොමත්වන් පහත ප්‍රධානිය දෙකක් ගොම්.

7) මෙමේ මොකදම් ක්‍රමය මොකදම් ක්‍රමයට දැක්විය නොමත්වන් පහත ප්‍රධානිය දෙකක් ගොම් නොමත්වන් පහත ප්‍රධානිය දෙකක් ගොම් නොමත්වන් පහත ප්‍රධානිය දෙකක් ගොම් නොමත්වන්.
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Annex 4: Standard tariff Agreement

CEYLON ELECTRICITY BOARD

AGREEMENT FOR SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY

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(Any subsequent change should be notified to the C.E.B.)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The issue of this form does not indicate that the Board will make a supply of electricity available. Applications should remain from the Board that the supply will be made available before they decide to incur expenditure of or wiring their premises or making any preparation to use the supply.

The agreement form should be forwarded to the Area Electrical Engineer’s Office along with the Branch copies of the Petition of Voucher for the Security Deposit and service main charges.
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- Single phase 15A/30A
- Three phase 15A/30A/60A

We apply for a supply of electricity for use at the premises mentioned above at the appropriate Board's Tariff and agree to be bound by the conditions of supply.
CONDITIONS OF SUPPLY

1. Apparatus:
   The equipment within the consumer’s premises upto the point of supply i.e. line supports/cables/fuses/circuit breakers/metering equipment etc., remain the property of the Board and no account should be moved or handled by anyone other than the Board’s employees.

2. The consumer shall not interfere or permit any person not being an officer or servant of the Board to interfere in any way with the metering equipment.

3. If the above items shall be lost, destroyed or damaged whether by fire or otherwise, the consumer shall inform the Board and shall pay to the Board, the cost of repairing or replacing the same and otherwise make good the damage except in instances where the damage is due to lightning, floods, or defective manufacture.

4. If at any time a Meter fails to register correctly or the Board’s representative cannot gain access for reading the registration, the amount of electricity consumed during the period concerned will be estimated by reference to previous or subsequent registrations or by other suitable means such as production, readings of meters that are in working order etc.
2. Supply Services Code

Supply Services Code

1. Consumer's Installation

The Board is not responsible for the maintenance of any wire, cable or apparatus on the consumer's side of the Board's main fuse or meters.

2. Consumer's Installation

3. Service Lines and Posts

The Board will require the consumer to contribute towards the cost of any line or equipment required to provide the supply. But these will remain the property of the Board and the Board reserves the right to use them for supplying other consumers. The Board's decision as to the position of the meter or the post and where their cables enter will be final. The consumer shall provide the facilities to the Board for the laying of service lines to the premises and for the installation of the Board's apparatus.

4. Testing of Installation

The first inspection and test of an installation or any extension or alteration thereof is made without charge to the consumer. If the results of any inspection or test are unsatisfactory, a further inspection and test will be necessary for which a charge (to be paid in advance) will be made. The Board may accept a certificate issued by a Chartered Electrical Engineer who certifies that the installation satisfies the requirements.

All installations shall be inspected and tested before the supply is connected. No supply will be connected until the Board has satisfied itself that the consumer's installation is in good order and condition and not likely to interfere with supplies to other consumers. The consumer should inform the Board of any proposed extension or alteration of his installation so that the Board may make an inspection or test of the extension or alteration.

Approval of an installation does not imply any warranty that the installation is suitable for the consumer's purpose and the Board accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage caused by or arising out of any defect in the consumer's installation.
Deposit against Electricity Consumption:

The Board will require the consumers to furnish a deposit to cover the cost of electricity supplied. The Board also reserves the right to call for any additional deposits as and when deemed necessary by the Board. If such a deposit is not given, the Board may withhold or suspend the supply. Notwithstanding any such deposit, payments for supply are due on demand.

Interference with supply to other consumers:

In the case of electrical energy being used or dealt with by any consumer in such a manner as unwise or improperly to interfere with the efficient supply of energy to any other consumer, or if at any time the Board has reason to believe that a leakage exists in the premises of a consumer likely to effect injuriously the use of energy supplied to other consumers or of such an extent as to be a source of danger, the Board may forthwith disconnect the supply of energy to the premises in question and will not reconnect it unless the cause of interference or leakage has been removed. In any such case, if the Installation is to be reconnected thereafter a fee for testing and reconnecting will be payable in advance.
9. Use of Energy Supplied under one method of Charging:

The consumer shall not use the energy supplied to him under one method of charging for any other purpose for which a higher method of charging is in force.

If a consumer alter his energy usage in such a way as to become liable for a higher tariff, he will be required to pay on the latter tariff from the date he becomes liable to pay such tariff as determined by the Board.

10. Payment of Account:

A bill of charges for energy supplied shall, when sent by post to the address of the consumer, be deemed to have been received at the date on which it would have been received in the ordinary course by post.

Payments are due on presentation of accounts. If such accounts are not paid within seven days of rendering, the Board may after giving seven days notice to consumer, disconnect such consumer without further notice, and without prejudice to its rights to recover all arrears. This right to disconnect consumer shall not be affected by the Board holding a deposit from the consumer as security against such consumer's account.

Complaints regarding accuracy of account must be made to the office of the Board within seven days from the date of issue. If the accuracy of any item in the amount is disputed, the consumer shall, within seven days from the date on which the account was delivered, pay to the Board a sum of account, equal to the undisputed portion of the account together with 75% of the amount of any such disputed item. The Board shall repay or the consumer shall pay any sum found to be due from either of them in respect of any item which has been disputed forthwith after such sum has been determined.
11. Disconnection of supply

"The Board is entitled to disconnect the supply for non-payment in full on demand of the sum payable for the supply, and also for breach of any of the Conditions of supply to the premises herein mentioned, whether such premises is occupied by the owner or any other consumer. All costs involved in the processing for disconnection and reconnection will be borne by the Consumer.

The Board may also disconnect the supply for non-payment of any instalment due to the People's Bank by the owner or any other consumer who has obtained a loan from the People's Bank, for the purpose of meeting the cost of loan balance in the premises, not-withstanding such premises is occupied by himself or by any other consumer. An intimation by the Board to the Board of such non-payment shall be a sufficient reason for the Board to effect such disconnection. In such cases a reconnection shall be effected only on subsequent receipt of notice and provided the cost of re-connection is paid by such consumer to the Board."

12. Extension of Installation

Should the consumer at any time after supply has been given wish to use lamps, fans or motors or any other equipment of higher rating or install additional lamps or other power consuming apparatus either temporarily, or permanently or in any way after or extend the wiring on his premises, he should notify the Board in writing giving such notice at least seven days before connection for the work to be extended or alteration of installation.

Failure on the consumer's part to give such notice of connection of extension or alteration renders the installation liable to disconnection from the Board's mains without further notice.

Any other additional or higher rated equipment or any extension or alteration of the installation shall be inspected and tested by the Board before being connected to the existing installation.
12. Supply Services Code:

Supply Services Code: Annex 4

13. Breach of Regulations:

Market abuse: The imposition of penalty for any consumer to use the electricity supplied to him improperly or without the consent of the Board to supply any other person with any part of the electricity supplied to him by the Board.

A person who wilfully, negligently or accidentally damages any of the Board’s service lines or equipment will be liable for the damage and may also be subject to a penalty. In addition, the installation may be liable for disconnection.

14. Notice to terminate Supply:

When a consumer wishes to have the supply terminated he should give at least one week’s notice in writing. Failure to do so will render the consumer liable for payments for electricity supplied up to the date of the disconnection of supply.

15. Revision of conditions, Tariffs and Charges:

The Board may, from time to time, give notice in writing or by public notice, amend or vary any of the above conditions of supply or tariff or Charges thereunder and such amendments or variations shall take effect from the date specified in the said notice.

16. Power Factor:

The Power factor at which the supply it should be kept as near unity as possible and should not be allowed to be lower than 0.9. More above 3 H.P. or 2.2 K.W. and fluorescent fitting 4 ft. above should be provided with individual power factor correction capacitors unless centralised automatic power factor correction for the whole installation has been installed.

17. Balancing of Load:

When 3 phase supplies are provided, the load should be balanced as nearly as practicable among the phases.
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1. INTRODUCTION

In terms of item 3 of Condition 35 of the Electricity Distribution & Supply Licence read together with Subsection 3 of Sections 49 and 50 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No 20 of 2009, this Methodology for Estimation of Energy is approved by the Commission on the basis of the following. This document may be cited as the Methodology for Estimation of Energy and shall come into effect on the date on which this document is issued.

a) In terms of item 5(1) of Schedule (III) of the Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009, where a consumer of electricity is to be charged for his or her supply wholly or partly by reference to the quantity of electricity supplied, the Distribution Licensee may in the normal course of business, estimate the amount of electricity consumed by the consumer and recover charges accordingly, so long as the estimated consumption is confirmed by a Meter reading within a reasonable period of time.

b) In terms of item 5(2) of Schedule (III) of the Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009, a Distribution License shall be entitled to estimate consumption and recover charges accordingly, in the event of:
   (i) A Meter (by which the quantity of electricity supplied to any consumer is ascertained) being proved to register consumption incorrectly;
   (ii) The malfunction of any Meter; or
   (iii) Any person altering the register of any Meter used for measuring the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises.

c) In terms of item 5(3) of schedule III of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009, where the consumption of electricity has been estimated by a Distribution Licensee in accordance with item a) and b) above, the consumer shall pay for any electricity consumed in accordance with the estimate prepared by the Distribution Licensee or otherwise determined in accordance with the provisions relating to dispute resolution.

d) In terms of item 1 (c) of Section 14 of the Sri Lanka Electricity (Amendment) Act, No 31 of 2013, every person who, intentionally or negligently
   (i) alters the quantity of electricity as registered on any meter used for measuring the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises by a distribution licensee; or
   (ii) prevents any meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied through that meter,
   shall be guilty of an offence under Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No.20 of 2009 and shall be liable on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate in addition to a penalty of not less than ten thousand rupees and not exceeding fifty thousand rupees, to a fine in a sum of money being the value of the loss or damage caused to the licensee as a result of the act or default constituting such offence, and any sum recovered as such additional fine shall be paid to the licensee on application made to Court by such licensee.

e) In terms of Sections 49(3) and 50(3) of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009, in the absence of any agreement and the extraction or improper use of electricity respectively, a licensee may charge for Energy supplied to any consumer in accordance with any method of charging provided for in the license.
f) In terms of Condition 35 of the Electricity Distribution and Supply Licenses, a Distribution Licensee may estimate Energy supplied in the absence of an agreement in the event of:
   (i) Electricity supply with the absence of a Meter;
   (ii) A Meter is proved to registering incorrectly;
   (iii) The malfunction of any Meter;
   (iv) Any person altering the register of any Meter used for measuring the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises.

   In any other event the Distribution Licensee may adopt a reasonable methodology for estimation of Energy consumption and apply charges in accordance with Tariffs and Charges approved by the Commission.

2. APPLICABILITY

   This methodology is applicable to Distribution Licensees, Customers and Consumers.

3. OBJECTIVES

   The primary objective of this methodology is to define the method and procedure to be followed when estimating the consumption of Energy under specified events. It intends to encourage Distribution Licensees to ascertain the quantity of electricity supplied to Consumers by a Meter or Meters and to discourage Distribution Licensees from supplying electricity without Meters as well as supplying electricity through reported incorrectly registering Meters or reported malfunctioning (stopped registering) Meters. It also intends to encourage Consumers to take proper care of electricity Meters and inform the respective Distribution Licensee of any failure do so or abnormal Meter reading.

4. SCOPE

   The methodology is to be applied in the event of item i, ii, iii and iv of Condition 35 of the Electricity Distribution & Supply Licenses, and item 1(a) & 1 (b) of the Section 49 and 50 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No 31 of 2013.

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<td>A person who has been granted a distribution licence by the Commission under section 13(1)(c)(i)(c) of the Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
<td>Quantity of electrical Energy measured in units equal to one kilowatt hour (kWh) or multiples thereof such as:</td>
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<td>1000 Wh = 1 kWh</td>
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<td>1000 kWh = 1 MWh</td>
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<td></td>
<td>1000 MWh = 1 GWh</td>
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<td>Error</td>
<td>Percentage Error calculated according to below formula</td>
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<td>( e = \frac{\text{Recorded Energy consumption of the reported incorrectly registering Meter} - \text{Recorded Energy consumption of the series Test Meter}}{\text{Recorded Energy consumption of the series Test Meter}} \times 100%</td>
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<td>Load Factor</td>
<td>Ratio of total amount of Energy delivered during a given period to the total amount of Energy that could have been delivered, had the Maximum Demand been maintained throughout the same period. It is usually expressed as a percentage.</td>
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<td>Maximum Demand</td>
<td>The greatest of all Demands of the load that has occurred within a specified period of time</td>
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<td>Meter</td>
<td>Equipment used to measure electricity consumption and Maximum Demand during a particular period, including the current transformers, voltage transformers, power transformer, connection wires and Meter mounting</td>
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<td>Meter Malfunctioning</td>
<td>Meter has stopped registering the Energy consumption</td>
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<tr>
<td>Over-Registering</td>
<td>The Meter registering the Customer’s Energy consumption more than the correct value</td>
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<tr>
<td>Power Factor</td>
<td>Ratio of active power (kW) to apparent power (kVA)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Retail Customers</td>
<td>A Customer whose Contract Demand is less than 42 kVA</td>
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<tr>
<td>Service Connection Amperage</td>
<td>Maximum current (A) agreed to be supplied by the Licensee/Supplier as stated in the standard tariff agreement</td>
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<tr>
<td>Tariff</td>
<td>Tariffs approved by the Commission under Section 30 of the Act, No. 20 of 2009.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Test Meter</td>
<td>A Test Meter or instrument connected in series and is calibrated to measure the electricity supplied through the Meter/ equipment</td>
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<tr>
<td>Under-Registering</td>
<td>The Meter registering the Customers Energy consumption less than the correct value</td>
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<td>TERM</td>
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<tr>
<td>Utilization Factor</td>
<td>Ratio of the Customers Maximum Demand to the Contract Demand</td>
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6. **GENERAL INTERPRETATION**

6.1. When a word or a phrase that is defined in the “Definitions and Abbreviations” is more particularly defined in another Code of the Distribution Code and if there is any inconsistency between the two definitions, the latter or that particular definition shall prevail.

6.2. Any reference to a gender shall include all genders.

6.3. Any reference to a person or entity shall include an individual, partnership, company, corporation, association, organization, institution, or other similar groups.

6.4. Unless otherwise specified, singular shall include the plural and vice-versa.

6.5. The word including or a grammatical variation thereof means “including but not limited to”

6.6. A reference to a standard shall include any revision, update or a replacement of that standard.

7. **APPLICATION OF THE METHODOLOGY**

Where a Consumer of electricity supplied by a Distribution Licensee is to be charged for supply, wholly or partly by reference to the quantity of electricity supplied, then, unless otherwise agreed between the Consumer and the Distribution Licensee, the supply shall be given through, and the quantity of electricity shall be ascertained by an appropriate Meter or Meters as the case may be.

7.1. **Electricity supply with the absence of a Meter**

7.1.1. **Estimation of Energy consumption**

In the event, a Consumer and a Distribution Licensee has agreed that the supply of electricity shall be given with the absence of a Meter or Meters, as the case may be, the Distribution Licensee shall in the normal course of business estimate the amount of electricity consumed by the Consumer on the basis of the average Energy consumption of Customers belong to the same Tariff category, and where applicable the Maximum Demand, identified in Appendix 1, and recover charges in accordance with the Tariffs and Charges applicable for the relevant period. Where Time of Use is applicable, the distribution of Energy consumption among the time intervals shall be based in accordance to Appendix II.

The Distribution Licensee shall determine the charges accordingly until the estimates are confirmed by a Meter reading within a reasonable period of time. However, the said reasonable period of time shall not be more than six (6) Billing Periods.

7.1.2. **Correction of estimated Energy consumption**

Once the Meter or Meters, as the case may be, are fixed, the Customer’s Energy consumption measured and recorded over the first three (3) Billing Periods shall be prorated and applied for
the period of estimation. Where applicable the Maximum Demand shall be the average of the three Billing Periods.

7.1.3. **Adjustment of charges**
The correct charges for the period of estimation shall be determined in accordance with the Tariffs and Charges applicable for the relevant period as indicated below

7.1.3.1. **Adjustment of charges, where the period of estimation is less than six Billing Periods**
Where the period of estimation is less than six Billing Periods the charges shall be determined in accordance with the approved Tariffs and Charges applicable for the relevant period.

7.1.3.2. **Adjustment of charges, where the period of estimation exceeds six Billing Periods**
Where the period of estimation exceeds six Billing Periods, the charges in respect of the first six (6) Billing Periods shall be determined in accordance with the approved Tariffs and Charges applicable during such period, and the charges in respect of the period in excess of the six (6) Billing Periods shall be determined in accordance with the approved fixed charge applicable during such period (considering as zero energy consumption and where applicable, zero Maximum Demand) i. e. The Tariff in respect of the Energy consumed and Maximum Demand during the period in excess of the first six (6) Billing Periods shall not be charged.

The Customer’s account shall be adjusted accordingly, and where the Customer has been overcharged, the adjusted amount shall be credited to the Customer’s account within three (3) Billing Periods.

Where the Customer has been undercharged, the Customer shall be given a minimum of 06 Billing Periods for settlement of the correct charges from the appearance of the adjustment in the bill, without any penalty being imposed.

7.2. **A Meter is proved to registering incorrectly**

7.2.1. **Calculation of the Error**
Where a Meter is suspected to be registering incorrectly, the Error, if any, will be ascertained by an instrument or a Meter calibrated for this purpose (referred to herein as a Test Meter), connected in series. The Error (e) will be calculated according to the formula below:

\[
e = \frac{(\text{Recorded Energy consumption of the reported incorrectly registering Meter} - \text{Recorded Energy consumption of the series Test Meter}) \times 100%}{\text{Recorded Energy consumption of the series Test Meter}}
\]

7.2.2. **Consumer’s acknowledgement**
Prior to ascertaining the Energy, if any, the Licensee shall explain to the Consumer the procedure to be followed and the formula to be used in doing so. In addition, the Licensee shall display the readings of both the series Test Meter and the reported incorrectly registering Meter and obtain the Consumer’s acknowledgement of same. Further, the Licensee shall also explain to the Consumer his or her right to lodge a complaint if he or she is not satisfied that the Licensee followed the procedure as acknowledged by the Consumer and/or the conclusion arrived through the procedure.
7.2.3. Estimation of Energy consumption
If the magnitude of the Error so determined is greater than 2.5% (|e| > 2.5%), except under allowed creeping condition (under no load condition i.e. the current though the current coil of an analog Meter is zero, the disc of the Meter may rotate slowly up to one rotation, before getting stopped), the Meter will be proved to be registering incorrectly. The Error shall then be used to correct the recorded Energy consumption of the Customer for the relevant Billing Period according to the formula given below:

Estimated Energy consumption for the relevant Billing Period
\[\frac{\text{Recorded Energy consumption for the relevant Billing Period} \times 100}{100 + e}\]

7.2.4. Under-Registering Energy consumption

7.2.4.1. Correction of Energy consumption where Consumer has reported the Error
Where the Consumer has reported that the Meter is registering incorrectly and the Meter is proven to have been under-registering the Energy consumption, the recorded Energy consumption shall be corrected only in respect of the current Billing Period and recorded Energy consumption of the Customer in respect of previous Billing Periods shall not be corrected.

7.2.4.2. Correction of Energy consumption where Licensee has detected the Error
Where the Distribution Licensee has detected that the Meter is registering incorrectly and the Meter is proven to have been Under-Registering the Energy consumption, the recorded Energy consumption shall be corrected in respect of the period commencing the date of the detection, which shall not exceed three (3) Billing Periods.

A summary of the correction periods identified in 7.2.4.1 and 7.2.4.2 is given in Appendix III (A).

7.2.4.3. Adjustment of charges
The correct charges for the period of incorrect Meter registering shall be determined in accordance with the Tariffs and Charges applicable for the relevant period.

Where the Customer has been undercharged, he/she shall be given a period commencing from the appearance of the adjustment in the bill and equal to that in respect of which his/her recorded Energy consumption was corrected, for settlement of related charges, without any penalty being imposed.

7.2.5. Over-Registering Energy consumption

7.2.5.1. Correction of Energy consumption where Consumer has reported and period can be ascertained
Where the Consumer has reported that the Meter is registering incorrectly and the Meter is proven to have been over-registering the Energy consumption, and the period of such incorrect Meter registering can be ascertained, the recorded Energy consumption of the Customer shall be corrected in respect of the corresponding Billing Period(s).

7.2.5.2. Correction of Energy consumption where Consumer reported and period cannot be ascertained
Where the Consumer has reported that the Meter is registering incorrectly and the Meter is proven to have been Over-Registering the Energy consumption, but the period of such incorrect Meter registering cannot be ascertained, the recorded Energy consumption of the Customer shall be corrected from the date of reporting. Notwithstanding the date of reporting, the correction shall not be less than 12 Billing Periods.

7.2.5.3. Correction of Energy consumption where Licensee has detected
Where the Distribution Licensee has detected that the Meter is registering incorrectly and the Meter is proven to have been Over-Registering the Energy consumption, the recorded Energy consumption of the Customer shall be corrected in respect of corresponding Billing Period(s), which shall not be less than three (3) Billing Periods.

A summary of the correction periods identified in 7.2.5.1, 7.2.5.2 and 7.2.5.3, is given in Appendix III (B).

7.2.5.4. Adjustment of charges
The correct charges for the period of incorrect Meter registering shall be determined in accordance with the Tariffs and Charges applicable for the relevant period, and the Customer’s account shall be adjusted accordingly within three (03) Billing Periods.

7.2.6. Estimation of Maximum Demand
Where applicable, the Maximum Demand of the Customer shall be estimated by the Licensee on a case by case basis and determine the charges in accordance with the Tariff and Charges applicable for the relevant period.

7.2.7. Replacement of Meter
The Meter(s) shall be replaced within one Billing Period.

7.3. The malfunctioning of any Meter (Meter stopped registering)

7.3.1. Correction of Energy consumption where the period of malfunctioning can be ascertained
Where any Meter is reported by the Consumer or is detected by the Distribution Licensee to be malfunctioning i.e. the Meter has stopped registering altogether, and where the period of such malfunctioning can be ascertained by inspection of the Meter reading record(s) or by other means, such period shall be used to determine the Energy consumption of the Consumer and related charges shall be corrected in respect of such period.

7.3.2. Correction of Energy consumption where the period cannot be ascertained
Where any Meter is reported by the Consumer or is detected by the Distribution Licensee to be malfunctioning i.e. the Meter has stopped registering altogether, but where the period of such malfunctioning of the Meter cannot be ascertained by inspection of the Meter reading record(s) or by other means, the Energy consumption of the Consumer and related charges shall be corrected in respect of the period commencing the date of reporting or the date of detection, as the case maybe. Notwithstanding the date of reporting or the date of detection, the correction period shall not exceed 12 billing periods.

7.3.3. Estimation of Energy consumption where past Energy consumption data is available
The Energy consumption shall be estimated based on the average Energy consumption of the immediately preceding consecutive three (03) Billing Periods (or such other 3 Billing Periods as mutually agreed by the Customer and the Distribution Licensee) prorated for the period of such malfunctioning. Where applicable, the Maximum Demand shall be estimated based on the average of the recorded Maximum Demand of the immediately preceding 03 Billing Periods (or such other 3 Billing Periods as mutually agreed by the Customer & the Licensee).

7.3.4. Estimation of Energy consumption where past Energy consumption data is not available

Where past Energy consumption data is not available or the past Energy consumption is nil, once the Meter or Meters, as the case may be, are replaced, the Customer’s Energy consumption measured and recorded over the first three (3) Billing Periods shall be prorated and applied for the period of estimation. Where applicable the Maximum Demand shall be the average of the three Billing Periods.

7.3.5. Adjustment of charges

The correct charges for the period of Meter Malfunctioning shall be determined in accordance with the Tariffs and Charges applicable for the relevant period, and the Customer account shall be adjusted accordingly.

Where the Customer has been undercharged, the Customer shall be given not less than a corresponding period as the period of Malfunctioning Meter for settlement of related charges from the appearance of the adjustment in the bill, without any penalty being imposed.

7.3.6. Replacement of Meter

The Meter(s) shall be replaced within one Billing Period.

7.4. Any person altering the register of any Meter used for measuring the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises or preventing any Meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied through the Meter

7.4.1. Correction of Energy consumption where the period can be ascertained

Where any person is convicted of an offence under Section 50 (1) (c) the Act, No 31 of 2013 as amended, and the period of altering the register of any Meter used for measuring the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises or preventing any Meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied through the Meter can be determined by inspection of the Meter reading record(s) or by other means, the recorded Energy consumption shall be corrected in respect of such period. However, the correction period shall not exceed 12 Billing Periods.

7.4.2. Determination of period for estimating in case of period cannot be ascertained

Where any person is convicted of an offence under Section 50 (1) (c) the Act, No 31 of 2013 as amended, but the period of altering the register of any Meter used for measuring the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises or preventing any Meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied through the Meter cannot be determined by inspection of the Meter reading record(s) or by other means, the recorded Energy consumption shall be corrected in respect of the preceding three (3) Billing Periods.

7.4.3. Estimation of Energy consumption
In respect of Retail Customers, the Contract Demand in kVA shall be determined based on the Declared Voltage, Service Connection Amperage and number of phases. In respect of the Bulk Customers, the Contract Demand shall be the same as that identified in the Bulk Customer’s Standard tariff Agreement. Where the Contract Demand is given in kW, the Contract Demand in kVA shall be calculated using the applicable Power Factor of the respective Tariff category given in Appendix IV of this Methodology.

The corrected Energy consumption of the Consumer, for each day of the period of alteration of the Meter(s) shall be estimated according to the formula below:

Estimated daily Energy consumption (kWh) =
Contract Demand (kVA) \times (Utilization Factor) \times (Load factor) \times (Power Factor) \times (24 \text{ hours})

The Utilization Factor, Load Factor and the Power Factor applicable to each Tariff category are given in the said Appendix IV. In respect of Bulk Customers whose Contract Demand is higher than 160 kVA, the Utilization Factor shall be decided by the Licensee on case by case basis.

Where applicable, the Maximum Demand shall be estimated according to the formula below:

Maximum Demand (kVA) = \text{Contract Demand in (kVA) x (Utilization Factor)}

Where Time of use is applicable, the distribution of Energy consumption among the time intervals is given in the Appendix II.

However, where the recorded energy consumption of the Customer for any Billing Period identified according to either 7.4.1 or 7.4.2 above is higher than the estimated Energy consumption for the same billing period, the Energy consumption for such period shall not be corrected,

7.4.4. Adjustment of charges
The correct charges for the period of altering the register of the Meter or preventing it from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied shall be determined in accordance with the Tariffs and Charges applicable for the relevant period.

7.4.5. Disposing of Meters
Where any person is convicted of an offence under Section 50 (1) (c) the Act, No 31 of 2013 as amended, and the Meter(s) in respect of which the offence was committed is removed, the Distribution Licensee shall keep the Meter(s) in safe custody until the Commission authorizes the Distribution Licensee to destroy or otherwise dispose of it.

8. ESTIMATION OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT

Where any person is convicted under Sections 49(1) or 50(1) of the Act, No 20 of 2009 as amended, a certificate issued by the Distribution Licensee shall be received as proof of the value of the loss or damage caused to the Distribution Licensee as a result of the act or default constituting such offence, in the absence of evidence to the contrary. In the absence of any Agreement, a Distribution Licensee may estimate and charge for the Energy and where applicable Maximum Demand on case by case basis.
APPENDICES
Appendix I: Estimated daily Energy consumption where the Consumer has been given a supply of electricity in the absence of a Meter

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Customer Type</th>
<th>Contract Demand (A)</th>
<th>Average Consumption(^1) (kWh per day of billing)</th>
<th>Maximum Demand (kVA)</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Single phase</td>
<td>Three phase</td>
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<tr>
<td>Domestic (D-1)</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td></td>
<td>30</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6</td>
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<td></td>
<td>60</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td></td>
<td>100</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>21</td>
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<td>Religious (R-1)</td>
<td>15</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>9</td>
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<td>100</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>51</td>
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<td>General Purpose-1 (GP-1)</td>
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<td>9</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>6</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>60</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>Government-1 (GV-1)</td>
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<td>26</td>
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<td>51</td>
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<td></td>
<td>60</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>102</td>
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<tr>
<td>General Purpose-2 (GP-2)</td>
<td>(\leq 160) kVA</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>565</td>
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<td>(&gt;160) kVA</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>To be decided on case by case basis by the Distribution Licensee</td>
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<tr>
<td>Government-2 (GV-2)</td>
<td>(\leq 160) kVA</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>565</td>
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<td>(&gt;160) kVA</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>To be decided on case by case basis by the Distribution Licensee</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hotel-2 (H-2)</td>
<td>(\leq 160) kVA</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>1670</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>(&gt;160) kVA</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>To be decided on case by case basis by the Distribution Licensee</td>
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<tr>
<td>Industrial-2 (I-2)</td>
<td>(\leq 160) kVA</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>1100</td>
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<td>(&gt;160) kVA</td>
<td>All</td>
<td>To be decided on case by case basis by the Distribution Licensee</td>
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\(^1\)Calculated on the basis of monthly average electricity sales data indicated in the Statistical Digest 2011, published by Ceylon Electricity Board
Appendix II: Distribution of Energy consumption among the time intervals where the Customer is charged under the time of use Tariff

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<th>Interval</th>
<th>Percentage Consumption</th>
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<tr>
<td>Day</td>
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<tr>
<td>Peak</td>
<td>15%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Off Peak</td>
<td>35%</td>
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Appendix III (A): Determination of correction period of Under-registering

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<th>Customer Reported</th>
<th>Licensee detected</th>
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<td>No back- charge</td>
<td>Back- charge up to date of detection but not more than 3 billing periods</td>
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Appendix III (B): Determination of correction period of Over-registering

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<th>Exact period of incorrect registering can be ascertained</th>
<th>Customer Reported</th>
<th>Licensee detected</th>
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<tr>
<td>Yes</td>
<td>Refund for the ascertained period of incorrect registering</td>
<td>Back- charge up to date of detection but not less than 3 billing periods</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>No</td>
<td>Back- charge up to date of reporting but not less than 12 billing periods</td>
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Appendix IV: Applicable Power Factors, Utilization Factors and Load Factors for estimation of Energy where any person is convicted of altering the register of any Meter used for measuring the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises or preventing any Meter from duly registering the quantity of electricity supplied through the Meter

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<th>Customer Category</th>
<th>Utilization Factor</th>
<th>Load Factor</th>
<th>Power Factor</th>
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<tr>
<td>Domestic (D-1)</td>
<td>0.3</td>
<td>0.25</td>
<td>0.95</td>
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<td>Religious (R-1)</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Industrial-1 (I-1)</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>0.85</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hotel-1 (H-1), General Purpose-1 (GP-1), Government (GV-1)</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.4</td>
<td>0.95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Industrial-2(I-2), Hotel-2(H-2)</td>
<td>≤160 kVA</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.5</td>
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<td>&gt;160kVA case by case basis</td>
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<td>General Purpose-2 (GP-2), Government (GV-2)</td>
<td>≤160 kVA</td>
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<td>Industrial-3(I-3), Hotel-3(H-3)</td>
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<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.85</td>
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<td>General Purpose-3 (GP-3), Government (GV-3)</td>
<td>case by case basis</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.9</td>
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The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (PUCSL) has been established under Act, No. 35 of 2002. It has been empowered to regulate the economic, technical and safety aspects of the industry, under the provisions of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009.

The PUCSL carries out its regulatory activities in accordance with the PUCSL Act, Sri Lanka Electricity Act and general policy guidelines issued by the Cabinet of Ministers through the Minister of Power and Energy and issues licenses for generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity. Consumer protection, setting of tariffs and charges, promotion of quality, reliability and safety of electricity generation, transmission, distribution and supply, promotion of energy security and efficient use of energy are the broader areas of their regulatory intervention. The PUCSL consults stakeholders, as appropriate, in their regulatory decision making process. They collect and disseminate information on electricity industry to all stakeholders. The PUCSL is tasked with resolving, by mediation, any dispute between a licensee and any other affected party. Please contact the PUCSL for further information.

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Definitions

‘dwelling’ means a building or part of a building occupied or (if not occupied) last occupied or intended to be occupied, by a private dwelling.

‘distribute’ means distribute by means of a system which consists (wholly or mainly) of low voltage lines and electrical plant and is used for conveying electricity to any premises or to any other distribution system.

‘electric line’ means any line whether underground or over ground which is used for carrying electricity for carrying electricity for any purpose and includes, unless the context otherwise requires –

(a) any support for any such line, including but not limited to, any structure, pole or other thing in, on, by or from which any such line is or may be supported, carried or suspended;
(b) any apparatus connected to any such line for the purpose of carrying electricity; and
(c) any wire, cable, tube, pipe or other similar thing (including its casing, insulator or coating) which surrounds or supports or is surrounded or supported by or is installed in close proximity to or is supported, carried or suspended in association with, any such line.

‘electrical plant’ means any plant, equipment, apparatus or appliance used for or for purposes connected with, the generation, transmission, distribution or supply of electricity, other than –

(a) an electric line;
(b) a meter used for ascertaining the quantity of electricity supplied to any premises; or
(c) an electrical appliance under the control of a consumer.

‘Electricity Act’ means the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended by the Act, No. 31 of 2013).

‘licensee’ means a person who has been granted a license to generate, transmit or distribute electricity.

‘premises’ includes any land, building or structure.

‘supply’ means supply of electricity to any premises (other than the premises occupied by a licensee for the purpose of carrying on the activities which it is authorized by its license to carry on) but shall exclude bulk sales of electricity.
‘transmit’ means the transportation of electricity by means of a system, which consists (wholly or mainly) of high voltage lines and electrical plant and is used for conveying electricity from a generating station to a sub-station, from one generating station to another or from one sub-station to another.

‘wayleave’ means such interest in the land as consists of a right of a licensee to install and keep installed an electric line on, under or over a land and to have access to that land for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining, adjusting, repairing, altering, removing or replacing such electric line.
Part 1 – Introduction

1.1 The Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka (hereinafter referred to as the ‘Commission’), established under the Act, No. 35 of 2002, is the economic, safety and technical regulator of the electricity industry in Sri Lanka. In terms of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 and (Amendment) Act, No.31 of 2013 (hereinafter referred to as ‘Electricity Act’), the Commission is required to ensure an efficient and economical system of electricity supply is provided for and maintained throughout Sri Lanka, at all times.

1.2 For any purpose connected with the carrying on of the activities authorized by its license, a requirement may arise for a licensee to install and keep installed an electric line on, under or over any land. Upon installing an electric line, licensee would need to have access to that land for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining, adjusting, repairing, altering, removing or replacing such electric line. Licensee requires the consent of the owner or occupier of a land to install and keep installed an electric line and to have access to the land for the said purposes. The items 3 and 5 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act specify the procedure to be adopted by the licensees: in obtaining such consent from the owner or occupier of the land; and (upon failing to obtain consent) in applying for obtaining authority for same.

1.3 The item 4 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act contains the provisions relating to the payment of compensation: to the owner of a land in respect of a grant of wayleave and to any person in respect of damages or disturbances caused in the exercise of any right by a licensee conferred by a wayleave.

1.4 A requirement might arise to fell or lop or cut back its roots when a tree is or will be in such close proximity to an electric line or electrical plant, which has been installed or is being installed or is to be installed by a licensee, as to:

(a) obstruct or interfere with the installation, maintenance or working of the line of plant; or
(b) constitute an unacceptable source of danger to public.

The item 6 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act specifies the procedure to be adopted by the licensees in ensuring that such a tree is felled or lopped or its roots are cut back.

1.5 As per Section 2A(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, the Commission is authorized to delegate any power conferred on it by items 3, 4, 5 and 6 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act to any Divisional Secretary and as such it has delegated the powers conferred on it under items 4 and 6 of that Schedule to the Divisional Secretaries.

1.6 This document intends to:

(a) guide the licensees, who will be the applicants to the Divisional Secretaries requesting authority:
   (i) to install or keep installed an electric line on, under or over any land;
   (ii) to fell or lop a tree or cut back its roots that obstruct or interfere with the installation, maintenance or working of an electric line or plant, or constitute an unacceptable cause of danger;
(b) guide the Divisional Secretaries, who are empowered under the Electricity Act to:
   (i) authorize the licensees or prohibit the licensees from carrying on activities specified under (a)(i) above;
   (ii) make recommendations on acquisition of wayleave to the Commission;

(c) guide the Divisional Secretaries, who are delegated powers by the Commission conferred on it by items 4 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act:
   (i) to determine the amount of compensation that a landowner may recover from the licensee in respect of grant of wayleave
   (ii) to determine the amount of compensation that a person may recover from the licensee for any disturbance caused to his or her enjoyment of any land or movables in consequence of the exercise of any right conferred by a wayleave
   (iii) to conduct inquiries, on its own motion or on the application of a person affected, to determine whether a licensee is liable to pay any person any compensation under (i) and (ii) above;

(d) guide the Divisional Secretaries, who are delegated powers by the Commission conferred on it by item 6 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act to make orders allowing the licensee to cause a tree to be felled or lopped or its roots to be cut back and to determine any question as to what expenses (if any) are to be paid to the licensee by the owner or occupier of the land (on which such tree is growing), after giving the parties an opportunity of being heard; and

(e) provide information to the owners and occupiers of lands and the general public on granting or not granting of wayleave (including related procedures) and felling or lopping of trees by licensees.
Part 2 – Guidelines on wayleave

There are two (2) possible scenarios under which a requirement might arise for a licensee to secure the grant of a wayleave:

(a) for the installation of a new electric line; or
(b) when there is a request by a landowner or occupier to remove an existing electric line

2.1 Installation of a new electric line

(a) The licensee shall give the occupier a minimum of twenty one (21) days’ notice (as per specimen format given in appendix I) requiring him or her to give the necessary wayleave

(b) Where the occupier is not also the owner of the land, a copy of any notice under paragraph (a) above shall also be served on the landowner. The licensee shall ensure that the notice is acknowledged by the occupier (and if the occupier is not also the owner of the land, by the landowner).

(c) Upon giving a notice under paragraph (a), the licensee shall make take all reasonable efforts to secure the grant of wayleave. If the owner or occupier of the land agrees to grant the wayleave, subject to terms and conditions acceptable to the licensee, the parties shall enter into an agreement (appendix II). In any case, it is reasonable for the licensee at least to obtain the response of the owner or occupier on the notice issued.

(d) In the event that all reasonable efforts made to secure the grant of wayleave have been unsuccessful, the licensee shall make an application (appendix III) to the respective Divisional Secretary requiring authority to install the electric line. The licensee shall specify the efforts it has made to secure the grant of wayleave, in its application.

(e) Within six (6) weeks of the application, upon holding an inquiry after giving an opportunity to the owner or occupier of the land concerned, the Divisional Secretary:
   a. may authorize the licensee, either unconditionally or subject to terms, conditions and stipulations as he or she considers appropriate, to install the electric line;
   b. may prohibit the licensee from installing the electric line; or
   c. upon being satisfied that the acquisition of the wayleave has become necessary for the purpose of carrying on the activities authorized by the license of the licensee, shall make his or her recommendation (in the format specified in appendix IV) pertaining to the same, to the Commission.

(f) However, the Divisional Secretary shall not recommend the acquisition of a wayleave, where the line is to be installed on or over a land that is covered by an authorized dwelling, or planning permission has been granted under the relevant laws for construction of a dwelling.
(g) Upon receipt of a recommendation from a Divisional Secretary and upon being satisfied that it is necessary or expedient to install the electric line on, under or over the land concerned in order to carry on the activities which the licensee is authorized to carry on under the license, the Commission shall recommend to the Minister the acquisition of the wayleave. Thereupon the Minister shall approve the acquisition by Order published in the Gazette and the wayleave shall thereupon be deemed to be required for a public purpose and be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act and transferred to the licensee. Any amount payable for such acquisition shall be paid for by the licensee.

2.2 When there is a request by a landowner or occupier to remove an existing electric line

(a) The owner or occupier of the land may give a notice to the licensee requiring to remove the electric line from the land, where a wayleave (whether granted under item 3 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act or by agreement between the parties):
   (i) is determined by the expiration of the period specified in the wayleave;
   (ii) is terminated in accordance with a term contained in the wayleave; or
   (iii) ceases to be binding on the owner or occupier of the land by reason of a change in the ownership or occupation of the land after giving the wayleave

(b) On receipt of such notice, all efforts should be made to secure the grant of wayleave, if the licensee requires to keep the line installed.

(c) In the event the licensee fails to secure the grant of wayleave, an application (appendix III) shall be made to the respective Divisional Secretary requiring authority to keep installed the electric line. The licensee shall specify the efforts it has made to secure the grant of wayleave, in its application.

(d) Within six (6) weeks of the application, upon holding an inquiry after giving an opportunity to the owner or occupier of the land concerned, the Divisional Secretary:
   (i) may authorize the licensee, either unconditionally or subject to terms, conditions and stipulations as he or she considers appropriate, to keep installed the electric line;
   (ii) may prohibit the licensee from keeping installed the electric line; or
   (iii) upon being satisfied that the acquisition of the wayleave has become necessary for the purpose of carrying on the activities authorized by the licensees, shall make his or her recommendations (appendix IV) pertaining to the same, to the Commission.

(e) The Commission shall recommend to the Minister the acquisition of the same. Thereupon the Minister shall approve the acquisition by Order published in the Gazette and the wayleave shall thereupon be deemed to be required for a public purpose and be acquired under the Land Acquisition Act and transferred to the licensee. Any amount payable for such acquisition shall be paid for by the licensee.

(f) Where within the period of three (3) months beginning from the date of the notice under paragraph (a), the licensee:
   (i) fails to make an application under paragraph (c);
   (ii) makes an application under paragraph (c) and that application is refused by the Divisional Secretary; or
(iii) fails to obtain an order authorizing the compulsory purchase of the land under item 7 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act,

the licensee shall comply with the notice at the end of that period, or in the case of subparagraph (ii) above at the end of the period of one (1) month beginning from the date of the Divisional Secretary’s decision or such longer period as the Divisional Secretary may specify.

2.3 Compensation with respect to grant of a wayleave

(a) Where a wayleave is granted to a licensee under item 3 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act (by way of authority granted by the Divisional Secretary or acquisition under the Land Acquisition Act), the owner of the land may recover from the licensee reasonable compensation in respect of the grant as may be determined by the Divisional Secretary. Hence, the Divisional Secretary shall give due consideration for the amount of compensation claimed by the owner of the land (as part of the terms and conditions subject to which he or she is prepared to grant the wayleave) at any inquiry being held in response to an application made by a licensee requesting authority (under 2.1(e) and 2.2(d) above).

(b) If any damage is caused to land or to movables in the exercise of any right conferred by a wayleave, any person interested in such land or movables may recover reasonable compensation in respect of that damage from the licensee.

(c) If a person is disturbed in his or her enjoyment of any land or movables in consequence of the exercise of a right conferred by a wayleave, he or she may recover compensation in respect of that disturbance, of such amount as may be determined by the Divisional Secretary, from the licensee.

(d) The Divisional Secretary may on its own motion or on the application of a person affected, conduct such inquiries as may be necessary to determine whether a licensee is liable to pay any person any compensation under paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) above.

(e) Upon deciding whether any compensation is payable and, if so, the amount of compensation payable by the licensee, at the conclusion of any inquiry conducted under paragraph (d) above, the Divisional Secretary will communicate such decision in writing to the licensee and to any person who has applied for, or was awarded, compensation. The Divisional Secretary in that communication will clearly indicate the basis for his or her decision on compensation.

(f) If a person is aggrieved by the decision of the Divisional Secretary that no compensation is payable or is dissatisfied with the amount of compensation determined by the Divisional Secretary, he or she may institute an action against the licensee (in a court of competent jurisdiction) for the recovery of the compensation claimed or the difference between the amount of the compensation claimed by that person or the difference between the amount of the compensation claimed and the amount of compensation determined by the Divisional Secretary. (Please refer paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 of item 4 of Schedule I of the Electricity Act, for further details in this regard.)
Part 3 – Guidelines on felling or lopping trees
(In this section: ‘tree’ includes any shrub, and references to ‘felling’ and ‘lopping’ shall be construed accordingly; ‘land’ means the land on which the tree is growing)

3.1 When a tree is or will be in close proximity to an electric line or electrical plant which has been installed or is being or to be installed as to obstruct or interfere with the installation, maintenance or working of an electric line/plant or is a source of danger to public, a notice (appendix V) is required to be issued by the licensee to the occupier of the land requiring him/her to fell or lop the tree or cut back its roots.

3.2 Where the occupier is not also the owner of the land, a copy of any notice under 3.1 above shall also be served on the landowner. The licensee shall ensure that the notice is acknowledged by the occupier (and if the occupier is not also the owner of the land, by the landowner).

3.3 If within seven (7) working days of the notice:
(a) the requirements of the notice are complied with by the owner or occupier, licensee shall pay the reasonable expenses incurred by the owner or occupier
(b) the requirements of the notice are not complied with and neither the owner nor occupier of the land gives a counter-notice, the licensee shall cause the tree to be felled or lopped or its roots to be cut back so as to prevent it from having the effect mentioned in 3.1 above
(c) the requirements of the notice are not complied with and the owner or occupier of the land gives a counter-notice, the matter shall be referred (appendix VI) to the respective Divisional Secretary.

3.4 On a reference to him/her under paragraph 3.3(c) above the Divisional Secretary, after giving the parties an opportunity of being heard, may make such order as he/she thinks just, in the circumstances and any such order –
(a) allowing the licensee to cause the tree to be felled or lopped or its roots to be cut back, after notifying any person by whom a counter notice was given; and
(b) determining any question as to what expenses (if any) are to be paid to the licensee by the owner or occupier of the land

3.5 Where the licensee acts in pursuance of paragraph 3.3(b) or an order made under subsection 3.4, the licensee shall:
(a) cause the tree to be felled or lopped or their roots to be cut back in accordance with good arboricultural practices and so as to do as little damages as possible to trees, fences, hedges and growing crops;
(b) cause the felled trees, lopped boughs or root cuttings to be removed in accordance with the directions of the owner or occupier; and
(c) make good any damage caused to the land
Part 4 – Entering into land or premises

4.1 Any authorized officer of a licensee may enter any land or premises for the purpose of:

(a) placing a new electric line or new electrical plant in place of, or in addition to, any existing line or plant which has already been lawfully placed; or
(b) repairing or altering any such existing electric line or electric plant

4.2 However, any authorized officer of a licensee shall not demand to enter any land or premises, for the purposes specified in paragraph 4.1, unless:

(a) three (3) days’ notice (appendix VII) of the intended entry has been given stating as fully and accurately as possible the nature and extent of the acts intended to be done;
(b) if required to do so, he or she has produced evidence of his or her authority;
(c) reasonable compensation is paid to the owner of the land or premises for any disturbance, disability or damage that may be caused pursuant to the entry.

4.3 Any notice referred to in subparagraph 4.2(a) shall:

(a) where the land is occupied, be given to the occupier;
(b) where the land is not occupied, be given to the owner if his or her name and address are known or can with reasonable diligence be ascertained;
(c) where the land is not occupied and the name and address of the owner cannot with reasonable diligence be ascertained, be exhibited in some conspicuous position in the land; and
(d) where the land is used or reserved for any public purpose, be given to the officer or other person in charge of the execution of that purpose.

4.4 Any person authorized by the licensee, shall be entitled to enter the land, for the purpose of giving a notice referred to in subparagraph 4.2(a)

4.5 No person shall enter into any land or premises, for the purposes specified in paragraph 4.1, unless he or she is authorized in writing by a licensee.

4.6 Where any person exercises any right to enter into any land or premises, the licensee, by whom he or she was authorized in writing, shall make good any damage done to the land as a result of such entry.

4.7 Where in the exercise of a right to enter into any land or premises, any damage is caused to any land or to any movable property, any person interested in the land or movable property may recover compensation in respect of that damage from the licensee on whose behalf the right is exercised.

4.8 Where in consequence of the exercise of such a right, a person is disturbed in his or her enjoyment of any land or movable property, he or she may recover from that licensee reasonable compensation in respect of that disturbance as determined by the Commission.
4.9 If, in an attempt to exercise any right of entry, a licensee has made all reasonable efforts, otherwise than by the use of force, to obtain entry to the premises; and those efforts have been unsuccessful, it may apply, *ex parte*, to the Magistrate Court having jurisdiction over the place where the premises is situated for an order authorizing an officer authorized by the licensee to enter the premises by force (please refer item 9 of Schedule II of the Electricity Act for further details of such order).

4.10 Where in pursuance of any right or power, entry is made on any premises by an officer authorized by a licensee:
(a) the officer shall ensure that the premises is left no less secured by reason of the entry; and
(b) the licensee shall make good, or pay compensation for, any damage caused by the officer, or by any person accompanying him or her in entering the premises, or in taking any authorized action.
Part 5 – Information for the general public

5.1 Wayleave

(a) As per the Electricity Act, the licensees are granted powers to install any electric line or electrical plant under, over, in, on, along or across any street with the consent of the local authority or other relevant authority. Hence, the licensees are not required to obtain wayleave from any landowner in such instances.

(b) But, the licensees require wayleave to install or keep install an electric line on, over or under a land. The licensees can obtain wayleave:

(i) by agreement between the parties (i.e. licensee and owner or occupier of the land)
(ii) by way of an authority granted by the Divisional Secretary; or
(iii) by way of an acquisition of the wayleave

(c) Initially, the licensee will issue a notice to the owner or occupier of the land requiring the wayleave. It will make all reasonable efforts to secure the grant of wayleave (by agreement between parties) prior to making an application to the Divisional Secretary requiring authority to install the electric line.

(d) Upon receipt of a notice requiring wayleave to install a new electric line, from a licensee, an owner or occupier of the land may:

(i) grant wayleave without any terms & conditions - licensee will install the line
(ii) remain silent - licensee may consider that the owner of the land is not willing to grant wayleave and hence, may apply for authority to install the electric line from the Divisional Secretary
(iii) grant wayleave subject to terms & conditions - licensee may either accept the grant subject to landowner’s terms & conditions, or apply for authority to install the electric line from the Divisional Secretary subject to the terms & conditions acceptable to
(iv) if he or she is not willing to grant the wayleave, inform the same to licensee in writing - licensee may consider alternatives (if any) or apply for authority to install the electric line from the Divisional Secretary

(e) However, it is advisable for the owners and occupiers of lands to be proactive and duly respond to any such notices or communications (verbal or written) received from licensees, requesting wayleave. Owners and occupiers of lands are advised to propose terms & conditions (subject to which he or she may be willing to grant wayleave) including the compensation in respect of the grant of the wayleave. Such terms & conditions may be accepted by the licensees or may be considered by the Divisional Secretaries at any relevant inquiries. Please refer paragraph 2.3 above for particulars relating to granting of compensation with respect to wayleave.

(f) When an owner or occupier of a land requires to get an electric line which is already installed on, under or over a land removed, he or she may issue a notice to the licensee requiring the removal of such line - please refer item 2.2 (a) for details. Upon receipt of such notice the licensee, upon making all reasonable efforts to secure the grant of wayleave (by agreement between parties), may apply for authority to keep installed the electric line from the Divisional Secretary.
(g) It is in the best interest of an owner or occupier of any land to participate at any inquiry conducted by a Divisional Secretary, at which he or she will be given an opportunity of being heard. Also the provision of all relevant information at any such hearing would assist the Divisional Secretary in making an informed decision which is fair by all the parties.

5.2 Felling or lopping of trees

(a) If any tree is or will be in close proximity to an electric line or electrical plant which has been installed or is being or to be installed as to obstruct or interfere with the installation, maintenance or working of an electric line/plant or is a source of danger to public, such tree has to be felled or lopped or its roots be cut back so as to prevent it from having such effect.

(b) As per the Electricity Act, the licensees is required to give a notice to occupier of the land on which the tree is growing, requiring him or her to fell or lop or cut back roots of a tree, referred to in (a) above.

(c) If the occupier of the land fails to comply with the requirements of a notice (issued by the licensee to fell or lop the tree or cut back roots of a tree) and has not given a counter-notice, within seven (7) working days of the notice, the licensee is empowered to fell or lop or cut back roots of such tree.

(d) Therefore, if an occupier of a land has any objection for felling or lopping or cutting back roots of a tree (as required by the licensee), he or she shall give a counter-notice to the licensee within seven (7) working days of a notice by the licensee to that effect. Upon receipt of a counter-notice, the licensee may refer the matter to the Divisional Secretary who will give an opportunity of being heard to the parties before making an order.

(e) If the occupier of the land complies with the requirements of the notice, the licensee will pay to him or her any expenses reasonably incurred in complying with the requirements of the notice. However, no compensation is payable by the licensee for the economic losses incurred by the owner or occupier of the land as a result of felling or lopping or cutting back roots of a tree.

(f) The Divisional Secretary upon conducting an inquiry may make such order as he or she thinks just in the circumstances allowing the licensee to cause the tree to be felled or lopped or its roots to be cut back to prevent it from having any effect referred to in (a) above.

(g) If a licensee is empowered to fell or lop the tree or cut back roots of a tree, under (c) or (f) above, it shall comply with the requirement specified under paragraph 3.5 above.
Part 6 – General

6.1 For the licensees

(a) The licensees shall keep a copy of these guidelines in all three languages (Sinhala, Tamil and English) at its area offices, branches and consumer service centers (as applicable) for reference by general public during normal working hours.

(b) The notices referred to in paragraphs 2.1(a) and 3.1 above would not be considered as delivered/received, unless acknowledged by the intended recipient. The periods specified in such notices would be counted with effect from the date of acknowledging the receipt of the same.

(c) It is advisable to deploy the staff with best inter-personal and communication skills in attempting to secure the grant of wayleave from the owner or occupier of any land. It has been noted that, in many instances, the wayleave could have been obtained from the owners or occupiers of land itself, by using appropriate communication skills and by providing information to avoid any misunderstandings.

(d) The installation of electric lines and electric plants shall be planned in a manner in which the economic usage of land is optimized and the disturbance to the general public is minimized. Any planned expansions in the distribution and transmission networks shall also be considered in determining the path of an electric line.

6.2 For the Divisional Secretaries

Adhering to the general guidelines specified below would ensure the legitimacy and dependability of the decisions made by the Divisional Secretaries with respect to the Parts 2 and 3 above:

(a) It shall be ensured that all inquiries, hearings, meetings, etc. held and decisions made by the Divisional Secretaries are arrived at by following a due process and based on the principles of natural justice.

(b) All the relevant parties, specially the relevant owner or occupier of the land, shall be duly informed of any inquiry, hearing or meeting to be conducted. It is advisable to obtain an acknowledgment of receipt of any notice of such inspection, hearing or meeting.

(c) All the relevant parties, specially the relevant owner or occupier of the land, shall be given an opportunity to express his or her views at such inspection, hearing or meeting.

(d) If it is revealed that the owner or occupier of the land has not received the notice or has not been present due to unavoidable circumstances, it is prudent to re-conduct any planned inspection, hearing or meeting with the participation of the owner or occupier of the land.
(e) The minutes/records of all inquiries, hearings, meetings, etc. held under the paragraphs 2.1(e), 2.2(d), 2.3(d) and 3.4 shall be maintained and submitted to the Commission when requested to do so.

(f) All efforts shall be made to optimize the usage of land which is a limited natural resource.

(g) Even if the inquiries, hearings, meetings, etc. were conducted by an officer other than the Divisional Secretary, the final decision on the matter shall be taken by the Divisional Secretary him/herself.

(h) Any decision made by a Divisional Secretary, including the basis on which it has been made, shall be duly informed to all parties concerned
Appendix I – NOTICE REQUIRING WAYLEAVE
(Notices – ‘W’)

To: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
(name of the occupier of the land, if the occupier is not also the owner, name of the owner)

In terms of Item 3 of Schedule I of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended), a notice is hereby given requiring the grant of wayleave1 at the land located at:
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(address of the land)

A description of the required wayleave is given below:
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If you are willing to grant the required wayleave, please communicate it to the undersigned within twenty one (21) days from the date of this notice, in the form attached herewith. However, if no response is received by us within the said period, it would be considered that you are not willing to grant the wayleave.

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Signature of authorized officer of the licensee

Name of authorized officer: ……………………………
Contact number: ………………………………………
Address: …………………………………………………

Date: dd/mm/yyyy (date of notice)

1 'wayleave' means such interest in the land as consists of a right of licensee, to install and keep installed, an electric line on, under, or over, that land and to have access to that land for the purpose of inspecting, maintaining, adjusting, repairing, altering, removing or replacing such electric line.
(Annexure to Appendix I - form to be used by a landowner in granting wayleave)

GRANT OF WAYLEAVE

To:  (licensee)

I ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

(full name) being the owner / occupier* of the land located at ………………………………………………
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*please strike off the inappropriate words)

(address of the land), hereby grant the wayleave requested by the notice dated …………..

The wayleave is granted subject to the terms & conditions given below:

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Signature

NIC Number: ……………………………

Date: ……………………………

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Appendix II – WAYLEAVE AGREEMENT

Parties:
(1) Name: .............................................................................................................. (“Owner / Occupier*”)  
Address: ..............................................................................................................
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(2) Name: .............................................................................................................. (“Licensee”)  
Address: ..............................................................................................................
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Terms and conditions of the owner / occupier* of the land:
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Terms and conditions of the Licensee:
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We, the owner / occupier* of the land and the Licensee, agree to the above terms and conditions.

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Owner / Occupier* of the land                   Licensee

Date: ..................                   Date: ....................

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Appendix III – APPLICATION REQUIRING AUTHORITY TO INSTALL/KEEP INSTALLED AN ELECTRIC LINE

To: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
(The Divisional Secretary of the administrative district in which the land in which the wayleave is required)

1. Purpose of the application is to require authority to: (please mark ‘✓’ where appropriate)

1.1 Install an electric line ☐

In terms of paragraph (1) of item 3 of Schedule I of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended), a notice / notices* was / were* issued to the landowner / landowners*, requesting wayleave for the purpose of installing an electric line (details are given under item 2 below). However, the said landowner has / landowners have*: (mark ‘✓’ where appropriate)

☐ failed to give the wayleave before the end of the period specified in the notice

☐ given the wayleave subject to terms and conditions which are not acceptable to us

1.2 Keep installed an electric line ☐

In terms of paragraph (2) of item 5 of Schedule I of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended), the owner or occupier of the land has given notice to remove an electric line (details are given under item 2 below) from the land.

2. Details of the electric line:
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3. A copy/copies* of notice/notices* issued by us/received by us*, containing the details of landowner/landowners or occupier/occupiers* are attached herewith. All efforts were made to secure the grant of wayleave subject to terms and conditions acceptable to us, but such efforts have been unsuccessful (evidences relating to efforts made to secure the grant of wayleave are attached herewith).

4. We hereby request the authority to install / keep installed* the electric line(s) in accordance with item 3 of Schedule I of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended).

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Signature of authorized officer of the licensee

Name of authorized officer: …...........................
Contact number: …......................................
Address: …...................................................
Date: …………………….. (date of application)

(*please strike off the inappropriate words)
Appendix IV – RECOMMENDATION TO ACQUIRE WAYLEAVE

Date: ......................................

To: Chairman, Public Utilities Commission of Sri Lanka

We refer to the application made by .............................................................. (authorized officer of the licensee) dated ..................

Given below is a summary of findings of the inquiry held with respect to the above application by the licensee:

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Based on the inquiry and above findings, I recommend the acquisition of the wayleave requested by the licensee referred to in the above application.

The required information/documents\(^2\) (as per annexure) are attached herewith.

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Signature

Divisional Secretary - ................................. (administrative district)

\(^2\) The completed annexure should be forwarded along with the recommendation. The relevant item numbers (as per annexure) should be indicated on top right hand corner of the documents forwarded. No recommendation will be considered successful/complete unless all the information/documents specified in the annexure are submitted to the commission.
(Annexure to Appendix IV - list of information/documents to be forwarded)

1. Application by the licensee to install/keep installed an electric line

2. Copy of the notice requiring wayleave

3. Proof of acknowledgement of receipt of the notice by landowner

4. Terms and conditions not acceptable to the licensee (if any), subject to which the landowner has granted the wayleave

5. Copy of the notice received from the owner or occupier of the land requiring the licensee to remove the electricity line

6. Confirmation that the land is not covered by an authorized dwelling

7. Confirmation that planning permission has not been granted under the relevant laws for construction of a dwelling

8. Confirmation that the licensee has made all reasonable efforts to secure the grant of wayleave

9. Confirmation that the acquisition of the wayleave is necessary for the carrying on of the activities authorized by the license of the licensee

10. Evidence to prove that the landowner was given an opportunity of being heard

11. Details of the land and landowner:
   (a) Full name and copy of NIC of the landowner
   (b) Proof of legal ownership of the land
   (c) Assessment number of the land
   (d) Address of the land
   (e) GN Division in which the land is located
   (f) Confirmation that there is no dispute on the ownership of the land and that there is no legal impediment in acquiring the land

12. Details of the required wayleave:
   (a) Map showing the proposed installation, extent of wayleave required, boundaries of the land, existing electric line(s)/plant(s) installed over, under or on the land, and buildings/structures constructed or being constructed on the land
   (b) System map of the area showing the proposed electricity line and other existing electric lines installed around the locality
   (c) Brief description of the work to be carried out on the land
Appendix V – NOTICE REQUIRING TO FELL OR LOP A TREE
(NOTICE – ‘T’)

To: …………………………………………………………………………………………………
(name of the occupier of the land, if the occupier is not also the owner, name of the owner)

In terms of Item 6 of Schedule I of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended), a notice is hereby given requiring to fell or to lop tree(s) or to cut back its roots at the land located at:

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(address of the land)

The tree(s) (described below) growing on the above land has to be felled, lopped or its roots need to be cut back as it is / will be in such close proximity to an electric line / electrical plant / both which has been installed / is being installed / is to be installed by us, as to:

(*strike off the inappropriate words)

- obstruct or interfere with the installation, maintenance or working of the line or plant
- constitute an unacceptable source of danger to public

(mark ‘✓’ where appropriate)

A description of the tree(s) to be felled or lopped or roots to be cut back is given below:

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Any expenses reasonably incurred by you in complying with the requirements of this notice would be paid by us. If you have any objections on the requirements contained in this notice, please communicate it to the undersigned within seven (7) working days from the date of this notice. However, if no response is received by us within the said period, we are authorized to cause the tree(s) described above to be felled or lopped or its roots to be cut back so as to prevent it from having the effect mentioned above.

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Signature of authorized officer of the licensee

Name of authorized officer: ……………………………………
Contact number: ………………………................................
Address: ……………………………………………………

Date: dd/mm/yyyy (date of notice)
Appendix VI – REFERRAL OF A MATTER RELATING TO FELLING OR LOPPING A TREE(S) TO A DIVISIONAL SECRETARY

To: ........................................................................................................................................

(The Divisional Secretary of the administrative district in which the land on which the tree is growing)

In terms of Item 6 of Schedule I of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended), a notice(s) was issued to the following landowner(s)/occupier(s) requesting to fell or to lop tree(s) or to cut back its roots at the land located at:

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Name(s) and address(es) of the owner(s)/occupier(s) of the land(s):

(1) ........................................................................................................................................

(2) ........................................................................................................................................

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(4) ........................................................................................................................................

The counter notice(s) issued, objecting the requirements of the notice(s) issued by us, by the owner(s)/occupier(s) is attached herewith.

We hereby request the authority to fell or to lop tree(s) or to cut back its roots in accordance with the item 6 of Schedule I of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended).

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Signature of authorized officer of the licensee

Name of authorized officer: .............................................
Contact number: ............................................................
Address: ..........................................................................

Date: dd/mm/yyyy (date of application)
Appendix VII – NOTICE OF INTENDED ENTRY TO A LAND OR PREMISES
(NOTICE – ‘E’)

To:...................................................................................................................................................................................
(name of the occupier)

In terms of Item 8 of Schedule II of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act, No. 20 of 2009 (as amended), a notice is hereby given on the intended entry by our authorized persons to the land/premises located at:

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(address of the land/premises)

Intended date of entry: dd/mm/yyyy

Intended time of entry: … : … a.m./p.m.

Nature and extent of the acts intended to be done:

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(state as fully as accurately as possible the nature and extent of the acts intended to be done)

Duration of stay: ...........
(insert intended time taken)

No. of persons: ...........

If any clarifications are required on the above or there is any inconvenience relating to the date and/or time proposed, please contact the undersigned.

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Signature of authorized officer of the licensee

Name of authorized officer: ..........................................................
Contact number: ..........................................................................................
Address: ...........................................................................................................

Date:  dd/mm/yyyy
Annex 9: Minimum clearance from trees to Overhead lines

a) Low Voltage Overhead Lines

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<td>2.7 m</td>
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<td>Horizontal distance</td>
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b) Medium Voltage Overhead Lines

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The distances identified above should be further increased considering the factors such as Tree movement, Tree re-growth, Overhanging of, branches, Conductor swing and Falling of a tree/part of a tree, etc.; for different geo-physical conditions.

c) High Voltage

(i). 132 kV
Within an area of 13.5 m from center line on both sides of the Overhead Line, trees shall not be grown, unless the Licensee determines that it wouldn’t compromise safety. In case the Licensee allows trees to be grown, following minimum distances shall be maintained up to swing of 45°

- 1.4 m from the Overhead Line if tree cannot support a ladder/climber, and
- 3.6 m from the Overhead Line if tree is capable of supporting a ladder/climber

Outside the area of 13.5 m from center line on both sides of the Overhead Line, Height of the tree should be at least 5 m less than the distance to the tree from the center line.

(ii). 220 kV
Within the area of 17.5 m from center line on both sides of the Overhead Line, Trees shall not be grown, unless the Licensee determines that it wouldn’t compromise safety. In case the Licensee allows trees to be grown, following minimum distances shall be maintained up to swing of 45°

- 2.4 m from the Overhead Line if the tree cannot support a ladder/climber, and
- 4.6 m from the Overhead Line if the tree is capable of supporting a ladder/climber

Outside the area of 17.5 m from center line of the Overhead Line, height of the tree should be at least 5 m less than the distance to tree from the center line.
Annex 10: Minimum clearance from buildings to Overhead lines

Minimum distances from any building or structure to any position to which a conductor in an Overhead Line may swing under the influence of wind shall be as specified below:

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