

**ELECTRICITY ACT**  
**(CHAPTER 89A, SECTIONS 41 (1) AND 103 (1))**  
**ELECTRICITY (CONTESTABLE CONSUMERS) (NO. 2)**  
**REGULATIONS**

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**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Electricity (Contestable Consumers) (No. 2) Regulations.

**Definitions**

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

"master-meter" means a meter measuring the electricity consumed by all the units and common areas in a building or cluster of buildings which are used or occupied by multiple consumers;

"sub-meter" means a meter measuring the electricity which, after being taken through a master-meter, is consumed by a unit in a building or cluster of buildings.

**Classification as contestable consumer by electricity usage**

**3.** Subject to regulation 6, a consumer who immediately before 21st December 2003 is not classified as a contestable consumer shall, on the date notified by the Authority to that consumer, be classified as a contestable consumer in respect of premises used or occupied by him at a single location if —

- (a) the consumer is not using or occupying those premises for a residential purpose; and
- (b) in respect of those premises, the consumer, on 1st August 2003 —
  - (i) required electricity to be supplied at high voltage; or
  - (ii) had an average monthly electricity consumption of 10,000 kilowatt-hour or more supplied at three phase low voltage.

**Classification as contestable consumer by application**

**4.—(1)** Subject to regulation 6, a consumer may make an application to a market support services licensee to be classified as a contestable consumer in respect of premises used or occupied by him at a single location if —

- (a) the consumer is not using or occupying those premises for a residential purpose; and
- (b) in respect of those premises, the consumer, on the date of his application —
  - (i) requires electricity to be supplied at high voltage; or
  - (ii) has an average monthly electricity consumption of 10,000 kilowatt-hour or more supplied at three phase low voltage.

(2) An application to a market support services licensee under paragraph (1) shall be made in the form specified, and shall include any information requested, by the market support services licensee.

(3) A consumer whose application under paragraph (1) has been approved by the market support services licensee shall be classified as a contestable consumer from such date as may be notified by the market support services licensee to him and approved by the Authority.

**Average monthly consumption**

**5.—(1)** Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), the average monthly electricity consumption of a consumer at premises used or occupied by him at a single location shall be calculated based on such period of electricity consumption of the consumer at those premises as the Authority may require, being a period which —

- (a) in the case of regulation 3 (b) (ii), ends before 1st August 2003; and
- (b) in the case of regulation 4 (1) (b) (ii), ends before the date of the application by the consumer to the market support services licensee.

(2) For the purpose of paragraph (1), the Authority shall not require the average electricity consumption of a consumer to be calculated based on any period exceeding 12 months.

(3) Where electricity was consumed by the consumer at those premises immediately before the date referred to in paragraph (1) (a) or (b) for less than one month, the average electricity consumption shall be treated as being 10,000 kilowatt-hour or more if during that period of electricity consumption, the actual electricity consumption is 10,000 kilowatt-hour or more, but not otherwise.

### **Consumers not qualifying to be classified as contestable consumers**

**6.** Unless the Authority otherwise determines and subject to such conditions as the Authority may specify, no consumer shall be classified as a contestable consumer under regulation 3 or 4 in respect of premises used or occupied by him at a single location if —

- (a) the premises form part of a building or cluster of buildings used or occupied by multiple consumers and the consumer is using a master-meter to compute his electricity consumption in respect of the building or cluster of buildings;
- (b) the consumer uses those premises to provide serviced apartment facilities; or
- (c) the consumer leases those premises to other persons.

### **Cessation of classification as contestable consumer**

**7.—(1)** A contestable consumer shall cease to be a contestable consumer in respect of premises used or occupied by him at a single location if —

- (a) his supply of electricity at high voltage or three phase low voltage is changed to a supply of electricity at single phase low voltage; or
- (b) the metering scheme for the premises is changed to that having the electricity consumption measured by a master-meter and one or more sub-meters,

with effect from the date the change under sub-paragraph (a) or (b) takes effect.

(2) A contestable consumer shall, before the change under paragraph (1) (a) or (b) takes effect, notify the Authority of his intention to effect such change and the intended date of the change.

### **Remote meter reading**

**8.—(1)** Subject to paragraph (2), the market support services licensee providing market support services to a contestable consumer shall subscribe to and activate, on behalf of that contestable consumer, a functional telephone line for remote meter reading purposes, and the market support services licensee shall be entitled to charge each contestable consumer a fee for such services rendered.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), a contestable consumer may, on his own behalf, subscribe to and activate a functional telephone line for remote meter reading purposes and the contestable consumer shall, before so doing, inform the market support services licensee of his proposed subscription and activation.

### **Savings**

**9.** Any consumer classified as a contestable consumer under the revoked Electricity (Contestable Consumers) Regulations 2002 (G.N. No. S 656/2002) or the revoked Electricity (Contestable Consumers) Regulations 2003 (G.N. No. S 257/2003) shall continue to be a contestable consumer for the purposes of the Act and shall be subject to regulation 7 of these Regulations.

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