



Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission

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In the matter of: Removal of difficulty (Fourth Order) in Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017

Order

(Date of Order: 01/07/2026)

Whereas the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as 'Regulations') inter-alia provide for raising of demand note by the licensee (Discoms) to the applicant seeking load sanction.

Whereas in terms of the Regulations the licensee shall also lay the infrastructure including energization of the connection for EV Public Charging Stations (EV PCS), Battery Swapping Stations (BSS) and Battery Charging Stations (BCS) on the payment by the applicant installing the (EV PCS), (BSS) and (BCS) against the demand note raised by the licensee.

And Whereas the Government of India has notified the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme vide Gazette notification S.O. 4259 (E) dated 29th September 2024, for setting up of EV Public Charging Stations (EV PCS), Battery Swapping Stations (BSS) and Battery Charging Stations (BCS).

And whereas the Power Department, Government of NCT of Delhi, has, vide letter dated 24.11.2025, designated Delhi Transco Limited (DTL) as the State Nodal Agency (SNA) under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme for setting up of Charging Infrastructure for Electric Vehicles in the National Capital Territory of Delhi through Charge Point Operators (CPOs).

And whereas Clause 6 read with Table 2 of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme provides for subsidy on Upstream Infrastructure, which includes the distribution transformer, LT and HT cables, AC distribution boxes, circuit breakers/isolators and other protection equipment, tubular or PCC mounting structures, fencing and civil works.

And whereas Clause 8 of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme provides that the first tranche amounting to 70% of the eligible subsidy shall be released subject to submission of an undertaking certifying, inter alia, that "demand notes for upstream infrastructure paid to DISCOMS" have been paid.

And whereas Regulation 11(3)(ii) of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulations") provides that the Licensee shall raise the demand note giving its breakup under the heads such as Service Line cum Development (SLD) charges, Security deposit, security towards pre-payment meter, road restoration charges, reconnection charges, etc.

And whereas in respect of LT connections up to 200 kW sanctioned load, the demand note raised under Regulation 11(3)(ii) of the Principal Regulations is confined to Service Line cum Development (SLD) charges, Security Deposit and Road Restoration (RR) charges only, and the remaining upstream infrastructure costs required to deliver the sanctioned load are absorbed in the Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR) of the respective Distribution Licensees and recovered from all consumers of Delhi through tariff.

And whereas Delhi Transco Limited has, vide its letter No. F.DTL/Opr.GM(T) Quality and R&D/2026/F-22/14 dated 20.05.2026, represented to the Commission that, if the Demand note raised under Regulation 11(3)(ii) of the Principal Regulations is continued for EV PCS, BSS and BCS sites identified under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, the demand notes raised by the licensees on the CPOs will not include the full upstream infrastructure costs as specified under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, with the consequence that the upstream infrastructure costs associated with the commercial EV charging activity would add to the ARR of the Distribution Licensees and recovered from the consumers of Delhi.

And whereas the matter has been examined by the Commission and a difficulty has arisen in the application of Regulation 11(3)(ii) of the Principal Regulations and connected provisions to the establishment of sites i.e. EV PCS, BSS and BCS under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme necessary in order to avoid the burden of the costs including Upstream Infrastructure incurred under PM E-DRIVE Scheme on the consumer tariffs by excluding the said costs in the ARR of distribution licensee and meeting the said costs through subsidy under PM E-DRIVE Scheme.

And whereas Regulation 85 of the Principal Regulations confers upon the Commission the Power of relaxation and the power to remove difficulties in the implementation of the Principal Regulations.

Now, therefore, the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission, in exercise of its powers conferred under Regulation 85 of the Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission (Supply Code and Performance Standards) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as the "Principal Regulations"), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, hereby issues the following Order, namely:—

1. Short Title, Commencement and Applicability: —

(1) This Order shall be called the Delhi Electricity Supply Code and Performance Standards (Removal of Difficulty) Fourth Order, 2026.

(2) This Order shall come into force on the date of its issue.

(3) This Order shall apply only to the establishment of sites identified by the State Nodal Agency under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme of the Government of India and any successor / amended scheme of the Central Government for the same purpose.

2. Scope of Demand Note for sites under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme:— (1)

Notwithstanding anything contained under Regulation 11(3)(ii) of the Principal Regulations, in respect of the demand Note raised for LT connections upto 200 kW sanctioned load, the Distribution Licensee shall, in respect of every site identified by the State Nodal Agency for the implementation of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, raise the demand note in favour of the Charge Point Operator (CPO), or as the case may be, the State Nodal Agency.

(2) For the purposes of sub-clause (1) above, the upstream infrastructure cost shall include, in addition to the standard heads of Service Line cum Development (SLD) charges, Security Deposit, and Road Restoration (RR) charges, the cost of all components specified as "upstream infrastructure" under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, namely: —

- (a) Distribution transformer;
- (b) LT and HT cables;
- (c) AC distribution boxes;
- (d) Circuit breakers, isolators and other protection equipment;
- (e) Tubular or PCC mounting structures;
- (f) Fencing; and
- (g) Associated civil works.

3. Basis of Cost: — (1) The estimate of the upstream infrastructure costs to be claimed in the demand note shall be prepared by the Distribution Licensee on the basis of the Cost Data Book (CDB) approved by the Commission and prevailing on the date of preparation of the estimate.

4. Exclusion of Costs from Aggregate Revenue Requirement (ARR): — (1) The costs incurred under PM E-DRIVE Scheme including upstream infrastructure claimed in the demand note shall not be passed on to the consumers of Delhi and therefore shall not be considered in the Annual Revenue Requirement (ARR) of the concerned Distribution Licensee.

(2) The Distribution Licensee shall maintain separate accounts and records in respect of all works executed under PM E-DRIVE Scheme and the corresponding amounts received from CPOs / State Nodal Agency.

5. Reporting and Monitoring: — (1) Delhi Transco Limited (DTL), being the State Nodal Agency, shall maintain a consolidated record of (a) sites under the PM E-DRIVE Scheme, (b) demand notes raised by the Distribution Licensees in respect of such sites, (c) payments received against such demand notes.

(2) The State Nodal Agency shall furnish quarterly progress reports to the Commission in respect of the matters covered under this Order in such format as may be specified by the Commission from time to time.

6. Power to Issue Directions: - The Commission may issue such further directions or clarifications as may be necessary for smooth application of this Order.

7. Period of operation: — This Order shall remain in force during the currency of the PM E-DRIVE Scheme or any successor scheme of the Government of India for the same purpose, unless modified, withdrawn or superseded by further Orders of the Commission.

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