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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Sub: Inviting Suggestion/Opinions on the Amendment to the Regulation 138 (e) of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 under Section 181 (3) of the Electricity Act.**

The Commission in exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 50 read with Section 181 (2) (t), (v), (w) and (x) read with Part-VI of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, had framed OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 which were published in the Odisha Gazette extraordinary No.1927 dt. 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019. In the meanwhile, it has been observed that Government of Odisha has been developing Protective Irrigation Projects and other developmental schemes under various programmes in underdeveloped areas of the State where motors of capacity more than 15 HP have been installed for a group of small and marginal farmers. At present, Regulation 138 (e) allows consumers having pumping capacity of less than 15 HP to be covered under the category of Irrigation pumping and Agriculture. However, restriction of the capacity up to 15 HP compels such group of farmers availing power supply at a single connection to pay higher tariff under General Purpose Category. Therefore, to help such small and marginal farmers, the Commission contemplates amendment to Regulation 138 (e) of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 in the interest of the general public.

The amendments contemplated are available in the Commission's website [www.orierc.org](http://www.orierc.org). Interested Members of Public are requested to furnish their considered views/suggestion/opinion on the said Amendment to the undersigned on or before 16.09.2023. Based on the responses received from different quarters, the Commission may in appropriate cases would bring the modifications, if required, to the proposed amendment and approve the same for publication in the official gazette.

By Order of the Commission

Sd/-

**SECRETARY**

Bhubaneswar.

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023

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**DRAFT NOTIFICATION**

**Dated, the 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2023**

**No. OERC-Engg-92/2003 (Vol.VIII) /1191/ Dt. 16.08.2023** - In exercise of powers conferred on it under Section 50 read with Section 181(2)(t),(v),(w) & (x) read with Part-VI of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission had framed OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 which were published in the Odisha Gazette extraordinary No.1927 dt. 11<sup>th</sup> October, 2019.

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Accordingly, the Commission hereby notifies the following amendments to Regulation 138(e) of OERC Distribution(Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 for information of general public:

**1 Short title and commencement –**

(i) These Regulations may be called the Orissa Electricity Regulatory Commission Distribution (Conditions of Supply) (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) Code, 2023.

(ii) It shall come into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

**2 Amendment to Regulation 138(e):**

The Regulation 138(e) is substituted as follows:

**138(e) Irrigation Pumping and Agriculture:** This category relates to supply of power for pumping of water in lift irrigation, flow irrigation and for lifting of water from wells/borewells, dug-wells, nallahs, streams, rivulets, rivers, exclusively for agricultural purposes in areas other than areas coming under Municipality / NAC limit of the State. This category is applicable to Pumping capacity of less than or equal to 30 HP in aggregate for a single point of supply.

By order of the Commission  
**Sd/-**  
**(Antaryami Sahoo)**  
**Secretary**