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The Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2019–Interface meters and smart meters –Reg

In the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the said regulations), in sub-regulation (1) of regulation (2), it is mentioned that: -

“(n) ‘Interface Meter’ means a meter used for accounting and billing of electricity, connected at the point of interconnection between electrical systems of generating company, licensee and consumers, directly connected to the Inter-State Transmission System or Intra-State Transmission System or Distribution System and who have been permitted open access by the Appropriate Commission;”;

In sub-regulation (1) of regulation 4 of the said regulations, it is mentioned that:-

- “(1) (a) all new Interface Meters and Energy Accounting and Audit Meters shall be of static type and shall have automatic remote meter reading facility;
- (b) all new Consumer Meters shall be Smart Meters with prepayment feature: Provided that the existing meters, other than Smart Meters, shall be replaced with Smart Meters with prepayment feature within a time frame as specified by the Central Government.”.

Harmonious reading of the above two clauses leads to the conclusion that in case of open access consumer connected at distribution system, the smart meter can be used for metering of such consumer as interface meter, complying with the said regulations.


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