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PUBLIC NOTICE

In exercise of powers conferred under Section 177 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), proposes to notify the **draft Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) (5th Amendment) Regulations, 2025**. The proposed draft regulations are available on the CEA Website www.cea.nic.in for inviting public comments. The Regulations can also be inspected in the office of Chief Engineer (Legal), Sewa Bhawan (North Wing), Room No. 622, 6th Floor, R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 on any working day till **5th April, 2024** between 1100 hrs. to 1600 hrs.

2. All the Stakeholders and the public are requested to send their comments on the draft regulations to Chief Engineer (Legal), Sewa Bhawan (North Wing), Room No. 622, 6th Floor, R. K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 by post or through e-mail (celegal-cea@gov.in) latest by **5th April, 2025**.

**(Rakesh Kumar)
Secretary, CEA**

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**Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters)
(Amendment) Regulations, 2025**

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AUTHORITY

NOTIFICATION

New Delhi, the....., 2025

F No.....In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 55 read with clause (c) of sub-section (2) of section 177 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Central Electricity Authority hereby makes the following regulations further to amend the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006, namely: -

1. Short Title and Commencement- (1) These regulations may be called the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) (Amendment) Regulations, 2025
(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.
2. In the Central Electricity Authority (Installation and Operation of Meters) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as the said Regulations), in Regulation 2, the following shall be substituted-
 - (i) for Clause (n) in sub-Regulation (1) of Regulation 2, the following Clause shall be substituted, namely:

“(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 at voltage level exceeding 650 V by the Appropriate Commission;”

- (ii) for Clause 2 of Regulation 2, the following Clause shall be substituted, namely:

“(2) The words and expressions used and not defined in these Regulations but defined in the Act and Rules made therein shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Act and Rules.”;

3. In Regulation 4 of the said Regulations, in sub-Regulation (1), for Clause (b), the following shall be added as Proviso 3 and 4, namely: -

“Provided further that consumer connected at voltage level not exceeding 650 V and permitted open access, shall be supplied electricity through Smart Meters as per relevant IS.

Provided further that in case of open access consumer connected at voltage level not exceeding 650 V or prosumer, prepayment mode may not be applicable.”

4. In regulation 5 of the said regulations, the existing clause shall be numbered as 5(1) and the following sub clause shall be added after Clause (1):

“(2) All the “Advanced Metering Infrastructure” systems shall be consistent with the ‘Guidelines for Standardization and Interoperability in Advanced Metering Infrastructure systems for End to End communication between Smart Meter, Head End System and Meter Data Management’ as issued by the Authority and amended up to date.”

5. In Regulation 7 of the said Regulations, in sub-Regulation (1) (a), for Serial number 4 of Table- 1, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

Sl. No.	Stages	Main Meter	Check Meter	Standby Meter
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
4.	<i>Consumer directly connected to the Inter-State Transmission System or Intra-State Transmission System or Distribution System who has been permitted open access at voltage level exceeding 650 V by the Appropriate Commission or any other system not covered above</i>	<i>As decided by the Appropriate Commission.”</i>		

(Rakesh Kumar)
Secretary

Note: The principal regulations were published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part III, Section 4, vide notification No. 502/70/CEA/DP&D, dated the 22nd March, 2006 and last amended vide notification No. CEA-GO- 13-15(12)/1/2022-DPR Division, dated the 28th February, 2022.