

GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION GANDHINAGAR

Draft Distribution Code (Third Amendment), 2017

The Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of powers conferred under Section 86 (c), (e) and (i) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act 36 of 2003) and under Section 42 (b) of the Gujarat Electricity Industry (Reorganisation and Regulation) Act, 2003 (Gujarat Act 24 of 2003) and all powers enabling it in that behalf has notified the Gujarat Electricity Distribution Code, 2004 and their subsequent first and second amendments vide notification dated 26th October 2006 and dated 5th February, 2016 respectively.

The Commission had also formulated the Distribution Code Review Panel in accordance with Section 3.4 of the principal code and subsequent amendment dated 26th October 2006 and have been reconstituting the Review Panel timely. The Distribution Code Review Panel has been reconstituted lastly vide letter dated 05.02.2016. The role of the Distribution Code is also to maintain the Distribution Code and its working under continuous scrutiny and review. The Distribution Code Review Panel has been conferring the Gujarat Electricity Distribution Code bearing in mind the technological changes and amendments in the pertinent codes and regulations. The Distribution Code Review Panel met on 11th November, 2016 to deliberate on the agenda items received from members of the Distribution Code review panel. The issues were deliberated and discussed in length and accordingly, the Distribution Code Review Panel has found the need for a few amendments in the principal code and proposed the same to the Commission. The Commission has deliberated on the proposed amendments and now intends to amend the principal code. Brief information about the proposed amendment in the Gujarat Electricity Distribution Code, 2004 is as under;

- Definition of Force Majeure is included in the Amendment so as to make distribution licensees aware about conditions for which they need to follow security standards in planning and maintaining distribution system.
- Considering existence of 33 kV network in the State of Gujarat, 33 kV work is added at relevant places so as to make the Distribution Code applicable for the said system.