



# Brihan Mumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)



BEST Bhavan, BEST Marg, Colaba, Mumbai - 400 001. Website : [www.bestundertaking.com](http://www.bestundertaking.com)

## Public Notice

### Inviting Suggestions and Objections on BEST Undertaking's Petition for Approval of revision of Service Connection Charges (Case No. 86 of 2017)

- The Brihan Mumbai Electric Supply and Transport (BEST) Undertaking has filed a Petition for approval of revision of Service Connection Charges under the MERC (Electricity Supply Code and Other Conditions of Supply) Regulations, 2005 before the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC or Commission).
- The Commission has admitted the Petition on 28 August, 2017 directed BEST Undertaking to publish a Public Notice under Section 64(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003 inviting Suggestions /Objections from the public.
- The Commission in its Order in Case No.90 of 2012 had observed that:  
*"...BEST should extend their distribution network by providing adequate numbers of Auxiliary distribution pillars / Mini pillars to the load clusters such that the average length of service can be maintained minimum. The Commission has considered average service length of 20 metres while approving the normative charges for service connection. The cost of infrastructure expansion could be claimed through ARR."*  
 Accordingly, BEST Undertaking has considered average service line length of 20 metres for proposing the revised Service Connection Charges and the cost of the distribution network extension/ augmentation up to a distance of 20 meters from the service position would be claimed through its Aggregate Revenue Requirement. As such, BEST Undertaking has proposed to reduce the service connection charges for L.T. Supply between 5 kW to 150 kW.
- At present, consumers requiring supply between 100 kW to 150 kW are required to pay Service Connection Charges of ₹ 60,000/- in the area of supply of BEST Undertaking, which are considerably higher than the charges of ₹ 12,000/- levied by Reliance Infrastructure Ltd.
- The Industries, Energy and Labour Dept. (Govt. of Maharashtra), vide letter dated 11 May, 2017, has also asked BEST Undertaking to reduce the cost of getting new electricity connections (for loads up to 150 kW).
- In order to have parity in Service Connection Charges with the other Distribution Licensee in Mumbai, BEST is proposing revision of Service Connection Charges between 5 kW to 150 kW.
- Schedule of Charges :-** BEST Undertaking proposes to revise the Schedule of Charges as shown below-

Sr. No.	Particulars	Existing Charges of BEST (Case No. 90 of 2012) (₹)	BEST Proposed Charges in Present Case (₹)	Tata Power proposed Charges in Case No. 82 of 2017 (₹)
<b>Service Connection Charges for New Connection and Extension of Load</b>				
1	<b>L.T. Supply</b>			
	<b>Single Phase</b>			
1.1	For loads upto 5 kW	2,000	<b>2,000</b>	2,000
1.2	Loads above 5 kW and up to 10 kW	3,000	<b>2,000</b>	2,000
	<b>Three Phase</b>			
1.3	Motive power up to 27 HP or other loads up to 20 kW	9,000	<b>3,000</b>	3,000
1.4	Motive power above 27 HP but up to 67 HP or other loads above 20 kW but up to 50 kW	19,500	<b>6,500</b>	6,500
1.5	Motive power above 67 HP but up to 134 HP or other loads above 50 kW but up to 100 kW	40,000	<b>12,000</b>	12,000
1.6	Motive power above 134 HP but up to 201 HP or other loads above 100 kW but up to 150 kW	60,000	<b>12,000</b>	12,000

- Copies of the following documents can be obtained on written request from the offices of BEST Undertaking mentioned below:
  - Detailed Petition documents along with CD (in English) (on payment of ₹ 75/- by DD / Cheque / Cash drawn on "Brihan Mumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking")
  - Detailed Petition documents (in English) (on payment of ₹ 50/-).
  - CD of detailed Petition document (in English) (on payment of ₹ 25/-).

#### Office :

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Divisional Office 1	BEST Undertaking, Customer Care ('A' Ward), Electric House, 1st Floor, BEST Marg, Colaba, Mumbai - 400001.	22856262 Ext. 513, 523
Divisional Office 2	BEST Undertaking, Customer Care ('G' South), 4th Floor, Ancillary Bldg., Tilak Road Extension, Wadala, Mumbai - 400031.	24160337 / 24146262 Ext. 517, 551

- The Commission has directed BEST Undertaking to invite Suggestions/Objections from the public on its Petition through this Notice. Suggestions/Objections may be sent in English or in Marathi, in six (1+5) copies, to the Secretary, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, 13th Floor, Centre No.1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400005; or by Fax or E-mail [Fax : 22163976, E-Mail : [mercindia@merc.gov.in](mailto:mercindia@merc.gov.in)] **by Tuesday, 26 September, 2017**, along with proof of service on General Manager, Brihan Mumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking, BEST Bhavan, BEST Marg, Colaba, Mumbai - 400 001 [Fax: 022 22851244, Email ID : [dcmerc@bestundertaking.com](mailto:dcmerc@bestundertaking.com)] and should carry the full name, postal address and e-mail address, if any, of the sender. It should be indicated whether the suggestion/objection is being filed on behalf of any organization of category of consumers. It should also be mentioned if the sender wants to be heard in person, in which case opportunity would be given by the Commission at the Public Hearing to be held at **Centrum Hall, 1st Floor, Centre No.1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400 005 on Wednesday, 4 October, 2017 at 11.30 Hrs, for which no separate notice will be given.**
- BEST shall reply to each of the Suggestions/Objections received within three days of its receipt, but not later than **Friday, 29 September, 2017 for all the Suggestions / Objections received till Tuesday, 26 September, 2017.** Rejoinders may be submitted on replies provided by BEST either during the Public Hearing or **by 6, October, 2017.**
- The detailed Petition document is available on BEST's website [www.bestundertaking.com](http://www.bestundertaking.com) and is also available on the website of the Commission [www.mercindia.org.in/www.merc.gov.in](http://www.mercindia.org.in/www.merc.gov.in) in downloadable format (free of cost).

Dated : 1st September, 2017  
Mumbai.

**General Manager**  
Brihan Mumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking

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