

# UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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## **Draft Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Distribution Code) Regulations, 2017**

### **Statement of Reasons (SOR)**

In order to ensure development and maintenance of the distribution system in an efficient, coordinated & economical manner and compliance of obligations as specified in The Electricity Act, 2003 by the Distribution Licensee and all distribution system Users, the Commission in exercise of the powers conferred on it under Section 181 of The Electricity Act 2003 and clause 18 of Distribution and Retail Supply Licence had issued UERC (Distribution Code) Regulations, 2007 on 05.04.2007 (published in the official gazette on 14.04.2007).

Since then a lot of technical & regulatory changes have taken place in the power distribution system/sector. Moreover, CEA has also issued its various Regulations pertaining to construction, safety, connectivity, metering etc. from time to time which makes it imperative to revise and update the prevailing Distribution Code to make it in accordance with the latest technical & regulatory changes.

Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under by Section 181 of The Electricity Act 2003, read with clause (c), (e) and (i) of sub-section 1 of Section 86 of the said Act and clause 18 of Distribution and Retail Supply Licence issued to the Distribution Licensee under Section 14 of the Act and all powers enabling it in that behalf, the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission has issued draft UERC (Distribution Code) Regulations, 2017 replacing the prevailing UERC (Distribution Code) Regulations, 2007 and invites comments/objections/suggestions on the same from the stakeholders. Last date of submission of comments/objections/suggestions is 20.10.2017.

This Statement of Objects and Reasons is being issued with the intent of explaining the rationale behind replacing the prevailing UERC (Distribution Code) Regulations, 2007 with draft UERC (Distribution Code) Regulations, 2017.