

Public Utilities Commission

Proposed Electricity Byelaws 2017

Byelaws: ELECTRICITY (LICENSING AND CONSENT) BYELAWS, 2014

These are newly introduced Byelaws that establish 5 different classes of licences, being 3 Individual Licences for persons authorized to produce/transmit/distribute/supply electricity for the public or another person and 2 Class Licences for persons authorized to produce electricity for their own consumption. Holders of Class Licences will be allowed to enter into energy trading arrangements with suppliers. These Byelaws further establish rules and procedures for the granting/modification/suspension/cancellation of Licences and Consents.

ELECTRICITY (INTERCONNECTION OF POWER SYSTEMS) BYELAWS, 2014

These are newly introduced Byelaws that establish rights, responsibilities and obligations on licensees to interconnect their power systems for the provision of services (supply, wheeling, etc.) and procedures for effecting physical interconnection and negotiation and approval of agreements.

Regime: Under the umbrella regime, every person generating electricity for supplying another person on another premises or for the public (directly or indirectly) shall require an individual licence. Holders of individual licences will require consents to construct, operate or modify facilities.

Class licences will be granted to all persons to generate electricity for themselves (including tenants) provided that there is no interconnection with BEL (in this instance). These will cover standby sources where persons are supplied by BEL, main sources where persons are not supplied by BEL, and for intermittent, renewable sources that are also not connected to BEL's system. When energy trading (distributed generation, net billing, etc.) is introduced, a new class description will be implemented by Order and applicable persons will require a consent to proceed with arrangements with BEL.

Terms and conditions for class licences will be established by General Authorizations made by an Order of the PUC, including standards of construction and operation.

BEL is required to develop or update interconnection standards (construction, operation, protection, etc.), particularly for energy trading with persons operating small, distributed and intermittent renewable sources. These will be reflected in the General Authorizations made by the PUC and in consents granted for this purpose.

Any rates, tariffs, charges and fees charged by any licensee will be established according to the Tariff Byelaws, which will be expanded to include processes for approval of such for PPAs and other services not currently provided for.

The interconnection byelaws provide rules and procedures for licensees to negotiate and effect interconnection of their systems, including the approval process and dispute resolution.

Other: Interconnection standards for individual licence holders shall be according to BEL's Transmission Code that is required by the conditions of its licence.

Interconnection standards for class licence holders shall be according to wiring standards established by the PUC for standby sources or main sources and intermittent, renewable sources not connected to BEL's system, and according to new standards developed by BEL for energy trading.

It is anticipated that persons wishing to enter into energy trading arrangements with BEL will qualify under routine auctions (or other fair selection process) to be conducted by BEL/Ministry of Public Utilities/PUC from time to time. Those who are selected will be granted consents authorizing them to engage BEL.

These Byelaws address certain issues that are provided for somewhat in the Electricity Act, and they have been drafted to conform to the Act. However, there are certain provisions in the Act that may be amended in order to give better effect to the overall regime.