JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
FOR THE UT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND THE UT OF LADAKH

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ORDER

Order No. 07 of 2026
Dated: 01.10.2026

Subject: Authorization of officers under the first proviso to Section 135(1A) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for disconnection of supply upon detection of theft of electricity.

Reference: Managing Director, JPDCL, letter No. MD/JPDCL/TS/2304-06 dated 11.09.2026.

The Commission has considered the request of Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL) for authorization of Sub-division In-charge Officers to disconnect supply upon detection of theft of electricity. To specify the officers competent to exercise this power within its jurisdiction, the Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by the first proviso to Section 135(1A) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), hereby orders as follows:

1. The following officers of Jammu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (JPDCL), Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL) and Ladakh Power Development Department (LPDD) are hereby authorized under Section 135(1A) of the Act to take appropriate action upon detection of theft of electricity within the meaning of Section 135(1), subject to the Act and the applicable Electricity Supply Code:

   (a) Officers for the time being duly posted as In-charge of the respective Electric Distribution Sub-divisions, within their territorial jurisdiction; and

   (b) Officers holding a valid authorization under Section 135(2) of the Act from the competent Government authority, within the territorial jurisdiction covered by that authorization.

2. The authorization under paragraph 1(a) is independent of the existence of an authorization under Section 135(2). Officers of the respective licensee or supplier of a rank higher than the rank so authorized may also exercise the power of disconnection within their jurisdiction in terms of the first proviso to Section 135(1A).

3. This Order confers authorization for disconnection under Section 135(1A) only. Powers of entry, inspection, search and seizure under Section 135(2) shall be exercised only by officers separately authorized under that subsection, subject to the safeguards in Sections 135(3) and 135(4) and the applicable Supply Code. Where required, the concerned utility shall take up the matter of such separate authorization with the competent Government authority.

4. Each utility shall publish and maintain an updated list of the authorized officers at its offices and on its website, indicating their names, designations, ranks, territorial jurisdiction and the statutory provision under which they are authorised. Photo identity cards shall accurately indicate the scope of authorization. Inspection authority under Section 135(2) shall be indicated only where the requisite Government authorization exists. The requirements of Regulation 8.2 of the JERC Electricity Supply Code, 2023 shall be complied with in respect of officers authorized under Section 135(2).

5. All action shall conform to the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the UT of Jammu & Kashmir and the UT of Ladakh (Electricity Supply Code) Regulations, 2023, as amended, including the applicable requirements for inspection, evidence, assessment and consumer safeguards. Each utility shall maintain records of disconnections, police complaints and restoration of supply for production before the Commission when required.

6. The Managing Directors of JPDCL and KPDCL and the Chief Engineer, LPDD shall circulate this Order to all concerned officers and submit a compliance report to the Commission within fifteen days of its receipt, enclosing the published list of officers and copies of the Government authorizations, wherever applicable.

7. This Order shall take effect from the date of its issue.

By order of the Commission.

01.10.2026

(Mohammad Ashraf) JKAS
Secretary
Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission

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Copy to:

1. Managing Director, JPDCL, for necessary action and compliance.
2. Managing Director, KPDCL, for necessary action and compliance.
3. Chief Engineer, LPDD, for necessary action and compliance.
4. Officer in-charge of the Commission's website, for uploading the Order.