

Georgian Government

Decree N144

March 25, 2019

Tbilisi City

**On Introducing Amendment to the Decree #18 (dated January 28, 2019)
Of the Government of Georgia "On the Approval of Mandatory Criteria
For the Direct Consumers of Electricity"**

Article 1. In accordance with the Organic Law of Georgia "On Normative Acts" (Article 20, Clause 4), an amendment shall be introduced to the Decree #18 (dated January 28, 2019) of the Government of Georgia "On the Approval of Mandatory Criteria for the Direct Consumers of Electricity" and

1. The Article 2 shall be edited as follows:

“**Article 2.** A user, who meets the mandatory criteria for direct consumers of electricity based on the data of 2018 shall be registered as a direct consumer of electricity, following the rule established by law, no later than May 1, 2019.”

2. “**Mandatory Criteria for the Direct Consumers of Electricity**” approved by the Decree shall be formulated in accordance with the enclosed edition.

Article 2. The Decree comes into force from the moment of its publication.

Prime Minister

Mamuka Bakhtadze

Annex

To the Decree N144

Of the Government of Georgia,

Dated March 25, 2019

Mandatory Criteria for the Direct Consumers of Electricity

Article 1

1. Obligatory criteria for a direct consumer of electricity are the characteristics, after meeting of which, the customer will become the direct consumer of electricity in accordance with the Law on Electricity and Natural Gas (Article 2, Sub-clause k¹a) and the customer shall be registered as the direct consumer of electricity, following the Electricity (Capacity) Market Rules.

2. The meaning of the terms used in the Mandatory Criteria for Direct Electricity Customers is defined by the Law on Electricity and Natural Gas.

Article 2

1. In accordance with the Law of Georgia on Electricity and Natural Gas (Article 2, Sub-clause k¹a), a direct consumer of electricity is a customer, who meets the mandatory criteria included in one of the sub-clauses listed below:

a) A customer, who receives the electricity (capacity) for own needs from the network(s) of the licensee(s) of generation, transmission, distribution, small capacity power plants or other users and at least one of the network connection points is connected to the network with a voltage of 35-110 kV and average monthly consumption of this customer is at least 5 million kilowatts of electricity obtained from the aforementioned grid(s) and at the same time, at least 90% of consumed electricity was received at delivery points with a network voltage of 35-110 kW;

b) A customer, who receives the electricity (capacity) for own needs from the network(s) of generation licensee(s) or small capacity power plants from the network(s) with a voltage of 6-10 kV and its total monthly consumption is minimum 5 million kilowatts of electricity obtained from the aforementioned connection point(s).

2. The average volume of the month provided for in Clause 1 of this Article is calculated by dividing the total amount of electricity consumed during the calendar year by the number of months, when this electricity was consumed.

3. Conformity with the criteria set out in Clause 1 of this article shall be based on:

- a) The results of the calendar year - in case of existing user;
- b) The forecasted consumption of the calendar year - in case of new user.

Article 3. A consumer, who meets the obligatory criteria for the direct consumers of electricity specified in this Annex (Article 2, Clause 1) must be registered as the wholesale trade participant direct consumer of electricity, in accordance with the Electricity (Capacity) Market Rules, in the case included:

- a) In Sub-clause “a” of Clause 3 of Article 2 of this Annex - not later than May 1 of the following year;
- b) In Sub-clause “b” of Clause 3 of Article 2 of this Annex - before the beginning of the consumption of electricity.