

**BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION SHIMLA**

Miscellaneous Application
No. 1/2002

In the Matter of:

Complaint under clause 12 & 27 (xvi) failing under chapter IV of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations 2001.

AND

In the matter of:

PHD Chamber of Commerce & Industry,
New Delhi

....Applicant

Versus

Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board
Shimla

..... Respondent

ORDER

S.S. GUPTA, CHAIRMAN

Sh. B.P. Dhaka, Secretary General, PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry, New Delhi has filed on 15th Jan., 2002 an application titled "Petition under clause 12 & 27 (xiv) falling under Chapter IV of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2001." The applicant has pointed out that the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board (HPSEBL) has incorrectly applied the "Tariff Order" issued by the Commission on 29th October, 2001 while issuing the electricity bills for the month of Nov., 2001 and as such prayed as under:-

1. The consumers are not in a position to pay the escalation in amounts of the electricity bills arising out of erroneous calculations on the part of the respondent. At the same time the consumers stand the risk of their electricity supply being cut off due to non-payment of bills.
2. The Hon'ble Commission be pleased to direct the respondent to issue corrected bills to the consumers under LS category at the earliest and till such time the

matter is decided, to allow the payments of bills after deducting the demand charge and the peak load violation charges.

3. Hearing in this matter be fixed at an early date so that the supply to the consumer is not disconnected by the respondent.

Since the applicant had not approached the H.P.S.E.B. for the redressal of various grievances raised in the application and also for the rectification of the energy bills, HPSEB is directed to treat this application as a representation, examine the issues raised by the applicant and issue necessary directions to its field offices on the various points raised by the applicant to ensure that the “ Tariff Order” issued by the Commission on 29th October, 2001 is implemented in letter & spirit. Further directed that reasoned reply should be furnished to the applicant by the HPSEB within one month of the date of issue of this Order.

Should the applicant be not satisfied with the reply of HPSEB, he can approach the Commission with the appropriate petition/application.

H.P.S.E.B. may also consider deferring the action to disconnect supplies to the complainant consumers.

The application filed by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry is disposed off accordingly.

(S.S. Gupta)
Chairman

Dated Shimla, the, 19th January, 2002