

**BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION, SHIMLA-02.**

PETITION NO. 89/2014

IN THE MATTER OF:-

Petition under regulation 14 of the HPERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012 for approval of Schedule of Service Connection Charges, containing normative rates of Infrastructure Development Charges to be recovered under sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 5 of the said Regulations.

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**SUBHASH C. NEGI
CHAIRMAN**

ORDER

The Commission notified HPERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012 (herein after referred to as “the said Regulations of 2012” for the sake of brevity vide notification NO.HPERC/419 dated 18.05.2012 which were published in the Rajpatra, HP on 23.05.2012.

2. The sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 5 of the said regulation of 2012 *inter alia* provide that the distribution licensee shall recover the expenses in the shape of infrastructural development charges at the normative rates and associated terms and conditions, as may be approved by the Commission for the various slabs and categories based on the connected load or contract demand and/or supply voltages and /or nature of loads and /or geographical areas and/or tariff classification. As per various other provisions of the said Regulations of 2012, certain other expenses/charges etc. are also recoverable in addition to the aforesaid Infrastructural Development Charges.

3. The Commission vide orders dated 30.04.2013 and 04.05.2013 in petition No. 172/2012 and MA no. 08/2013 approved the normative rates of Infrastructure charges recoverable under sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 5 of the HPERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012.

4. The HPSEB Ltd., has filed petition for approval of Normative Infrastructure charges as per the provision of said regulations, 2012 for FY 2014-15. During the process of analyzing the petition no. 89/2014, the Commission issued a interim order dated 07.04.2014 as-

“that the Orders dated 30.04.2013 and 04.05.2013 made by the Commission in the petition no. 172 of 2012 shall continue to be inforce after March 31, 2014, till the petition, bearing Case No. 89/2014, is disposed off and the normative rates of Infrastructure Development Charges to be recovered, by distribution licensee under sub-regulation(2) of Regulation 5 of the regulations (ibid) is approved for the FY 2014.15.”

5. The Commission vide even letter no. HPERC/Petition No.89/2014-15 dated 10.04.2014 and 27.05.2014, requested the HPSEBL (Distribution Licensee) to furnished the detail of revenue collected, it's utilization and balance funds available on account of recovery of expenditure for supply of electricity as per the provisions of the said regulations, 2012.

6. In absence of the requisite data, the Commission, therefore, in exercised to the power conferred under sub-regulation (2) of regulation 14 of the said regulations, 2012, orders that Orders dated 30.04.2013 & 04.05.2013 approved by the Commission in the petition no. 172/2012 shall continue to be inforce upto March 31st, 2015 and the petition no. 89/2014 is disposed off accordingly with a direction that-

- (a) that HPSEBL shall file the schedule of service connection charges for approval alongwith the application for determination of retail tariff.
- (b) that HPSEBL shall maintain separate accounting head and sub-head of revenue collected, its utilization and balance fund available on account of recovery of expenditure for supply of electricity.
- (c) the cost data books shall be updated regularly as per the provision of said regulation,2012.

HPSEBL shall accordingly take necessary action to implement these orders.

SHIMLA
Date:- 14th JULY, 2014

(Subhash C. Negi)
Chairman