

HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA

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Date of Order: 19.11.2020

IN THE MATTER OF:-

Finalisation of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2020.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred as “the Commission”) notified the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017, as published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, dated 23rd November, 2017 and also amended from time to time (hereinafter jointly referred as “RE Tariff Regulations, 2017”).

The Micro Hydel Projects Policy notified by the Government of Himachal Pradesh vide notification dated 12th March, 2012 interalia provides that the “Application will only be considered if the generation is for captive or third party sale and not if the sale to HPSEBL is being sought.”

The State Government vide notification dated 23rd August, 2017 amended the aforesaid Policy to the extent that “HPSEBL shall buy the power from the projects upto 100 kW capacity also in case there is no captive or direct third party sale.”

The HIMURJA has allotted 55 Nos of projects to Bonafide Himachalis on 23.02.2017 and the stakeholders (project developers as well as HIMURJA) have requested the Commission to specify the generic levelled tariff applicable to such micro hydel projects. For facilitating the determination of tariff for micro hydel power projects, the HPERC RE Tariff Regulations, 2017 require certain amendments.

Taking into consideration the above, the Commission notified the draft amendment i.e. HPERC (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2020 on 6th October, 2020 and published the same

in Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh on 08.10.2020 in exercise of the power, conferred under sub-section (1) of section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003).

As required vide sub-section (3) of the section 181 of the Act, the Commission invited public objections and suggestions by way of insertions in two News papers i.e. "Times of India" on 17.10.2020 and "Amar Ujala" on 18.10.2020, under Rule (3) of Electricity (Procedure of Previous Publication) Rules, 2005 and the full text of the draft amendment regulations was made available on the Commission's website: www.hperc.org.

The Commission, vide letter dated 21.10.2020, requested the major stakeholders, including Industries Associations, State Government, Directorate of Energy, Consumer's Representative and Distribution Licensee to send their objections/suggestions on the aforesaid draft amendment.

Two stakeholders i.e. Consumer's Representative and Directorate of Energy have communicated through their written submissions that they have no objections/suggestions to offer on the proposed draft amendment. No other stakeholder(s) has offered comments/suggestions on the draft amendment within the stipulated period, allowed for such filing.

The draft amendment regulations are finalized and approved as such and be notified accordingly.

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