

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Memorandum explaining the reasons and circumstances leading to the HPERC (Conduct of Business) (Tenth Amendment) Regulations, 2019.

In order to ensure that the Commission conducts its business in an efficient, just and fair manner and progressive equitable and transparent provisions exist in its regulations, the Commission has been amending/modifying its Conduct of Business Regulations, including fee structure with reference to new and emerging needs from time to time per provisions of section 27 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001, the Commission is also to adjudicate the matters concerning the imposition of penalties under sections 14 and 15 of the said Act. Keeping in view the increase in the cost of needed expertise after commencement of the Conduct of Business Regulations, 2005 and amendments made thereto, some more gaps in provisions have been observed and in some cases the fees prescribed are inadequate and are not commensurate with the quantum of services being rendered in disposal of the tariff, periodic review, true up and other miscellaneous petitions. It has, therefore, become necessary to revise the fee structure to make it more reasonable and rational. The proposed amendments are designed to meet the aforesaid objectives.

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Secretary**