

HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA

In the matter of draft amendment Regulations of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Power Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2017.

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Sh. S.K.B.S. Negi
Chairman
Sh. Bhanu Pratap Singh
Member

Statement of Reasons

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred as “the Commission”) notified the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Power Purchase Obligation and its Compliance) Regulations, 2010, which were published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, dated 29th May, 2010;

As per the 60th meeting of Forum of Regulators (FoR), there was general consensus of opinion that the SERCs may deploy generic web-tool for monitoring the RPPO compliance on the pattern of the web-tool developed and integrated with the Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited (RRECL) website;

In the aforesaid 60th meeting of Forum of Regulators (FoR), it was proposed to implement the monitoring of RPPO compliance through the generic web-tool and the SERCs are required to provide regulatory support for web-tool implementation;

Taking into consideration the above, the Commission notified the draft amendment i.e. HPERC (Renewable Power Purchase Obligation and its Compliance)(Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2017 on 27th September, 2017 and published the same in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh on 3rd October, 2017 in exercise of the powers, 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 Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission invited public objections and suggestions by way of insertions in two News papers i.e. “Hindustan Times” and “Divya Himachal” on 8th October, 2017 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 13.10.2017, requested the major stakeholders, including Industries Associations, State Government, Directorate of Energy and Distribution Licensee to send their objections/suggestions as per the aforesaid public notice.

Only one stakeholder i.e. Directorate of Energy (DoE) has submitted that-

- (i) the designing and development of the said web-portal will incur a considerable cost; and
- (ii) the State Agency will require manpower support, with IT background official to handle this system effectively;

In light of this it is suggested that suitable provision may be incorporated in the proposed amendment regulations for recovery of the expenditure stated above by issuing separate order to meet out the financial aspect as State Agency has no funds for monitoring and registration activities of RPPO's.

On the aforesaid suggestion of DoE, it is clarified that the expenditure related to development and deployment of generic RPO compliance web-tool in the State Agency shall be borne by the Forum of Regulators (FoR) as well as SERCs. As regard to requirement of man power support with IT background, the Commission is of the view that after deployment of web-portal tool, the manpower requirement for monitoring RPO compliance may get reduced. However, if any difficulty arises during implementation of the said web-tool, the Commission shall address the issue separately.

The draft amendment regulations are finalized without any modification and approved as such and be notified accordingly.

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(Bhanu Pratap Singh)
Member

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Chairman

Place: Shimla.

Dated: 06.12.2017