

## **HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA**

In the matter of draft amendment Regulations of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

**CORAM**  
**Sh. S.K.B.S. Negi**  
**Chairman**

**Sh. Bhanu Pratap Singh**  
**Member**

### **ORDER**

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred as “the Commission”) formulated the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred as “RE Tariff Regulations, 2017”), published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017;

The RE Tariff Regulations, 2017, specify that the said regulations shall remain in-force upto 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020 and control period thereunder for SHPs shall end on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2020;

The Commission observed that the stakeholders including SHP developers, State Government are in favour of reviewing the Hydro Policy of the State Government and the Commission is also not averse to such review by the State Government;

The State Government i.e. Department of MPP & Power vide letter No. MPP-F(1)-1/2005-IV dated 12.02.2018 had conveyed that as per the deliberation in the meeting with Bonafide Himachali Power Producers Association on 09.02.2018, many issues and grievances have been raised by the Power Producers on which State Government intends to take holistic view by way of re-examining the State Power Policy, 2006 and has further requested to pend the tariff determination process or start the process de-novo in due course of time;

The Commission, after having understood that the State Government intends to re-examine the State Hydro Policy on priority, found it appropriate to restrict the period of applicability as well as control period under the RE Tariff Regulations, 2017 suitably for which the Commission intends to put in place the new regulations to be formulated after duly taking into the account the provision of the amended/new hydro policy of the State;

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) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2018 on 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 and published the same in Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh on 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 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. "Hindustan Times" and "Divya Himachal" on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 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](http://www.hperc.org).

The Commission, vide letter dated 07.04.2018, requested the major stakeholders, including Small Hydro Project Developers Associations, State Government, Directorate of Energy and Distribution Licensee to send their objections/suggestions as per the aforesaid public notice.

The Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited vide letter No. HPPCL/ SoP/Misc./2018-1896-99 dated 25.04.2018 submitted that objections/suggestions on the aforesaid amendment may be treated Nil.

Further, no comments/suggestions, on the aforesaid draft amendment, have been received in the stipulated period, allowed for filing objections/suggestions.

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

Sd/-  
(Bhanu Pratap Singh)  
**Member**

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(S.K.B.S. Negi)  
**Chairman**

Place: Shimla.  
Date: 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2018.