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In the matter of:

Complaint No. 14/2022

M/S J. B. Rolling Mills Ltd., Vill Kheri, Trilokpur Road, Kala Amb, The Nahan, Distt Sirmour HP-173030 - Complainant

Vs

- 1. Executive Director (Personal), HPSEB Ltd, Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla-171004
- 2. The Sr Executive Engineer, Electrical Division, HPSEB Ltd, Nahan, District Sirmour, HP-173001
- The Assistant Executive Engineer (E), Electrical Sub-Division, HPSEBL, Kala Amb, District Sirmour,
 HP-173030 Respondents

Interim Order

M/S J. B. Rolling Mills Ltd., Vill Kheri, Trilokpur Road, Kala Amb, The Nahan, Distt Sirmour HP-173030 has filed an application, received & registered on 21/07/2022, under provisions of Regulation 28 (1) (b) of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013 against the Interim Orders passed by the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum (CGRF) on dated 20/07/2022 in Complaint No. 1515/3/22/24. Copy of the Complaint has also been sent by post on 21/07/2022 to the Respondents.

The Complainant had sought relief from the Forum for quashing the energy bill dated 12/07/2022 wherein the Respondents had included the Sundry and arrears of outstanding amount despite stay orders by the Hon'ble High Court in CWP No. 4275/2022. The Forum declined to grant Interim Relief stating that they can't provide As-interim Ex-parte stay on the energy bill amount issued on 12/07/2022 since the matter being sub-judice before the Hon'ble High Court.

The Complainant have now approached this court for providing relief with prayer for direction to Respondents not to recover and realize the amount of energy bill for RS 21,93,75,212 till the pendency of his Complaint at Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum.

The Complainant had option to file contempt of the Hon'ble High Court Orders dated 01/07/2022 in CWP No. 4275/2022 but instead approached the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum for granting interim relief since the Respondents despite stay on recoveries as per Annexure P-31 & P-32 of petition at High Court have included the same in the energy bill issued on 12/07/2022.

Further, since the Forum also didn't provide interim relief and declined for same, in order to provide interim relief as prayed for by the Complainant in the present Complaint, by invoking the powers under the provisions of Regulation 36 read with Regulation 33 (2) of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013, the Respondents are directed to honor the Hon'ble High Court stay order dated



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01/07/2022 and also not to take any coercive action to recover the energy bill amount dated 12/07/2022 till the pendency of Complaint No. 1515/3/22/24 at Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum.

The Forum shall continue to proceed in Complaint No. 1515/3/22/24 and decide the matter on merit as per provisions of the said Regulations. The case is not being listed but the Complainant have liberty to approach this Court at any point of time after issuance of final orders by the Forum on merit as per provisions contained in Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013. The case filed by M/S J. B. Rolling Mills Ltd., Vill Kheri, Trilokpur Road, Kala Amb, The Nahan, Distt Sirmour HP-173030 is hereby disposed off.

Given under my hand and seal of this office.

No. HPEO/(Case No. 14/2022)/2021-22- 233-36

Electricity Ombudsman

Dated: 23/07/2022