

**BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION SHIMLA**

**Miscellaneous Application No.: 34 of 2025
Decided on: 28.03.2025**

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**DEVENDRA KUMAR SHARMA
CHAIRMAN**

**YASHWANT SINGH CHOGAL
MEMBER (Law)**

**SHASHI KANT JOSHI
MEMBER**

In the Matter of:-

The HP State Electricity Board Ltd. through
Chief Engineer (Commercial),
Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla, HP-171004.

....Petitioner.

Fixation of per kW/kVA normative rates for providing power supply upto 150 kW/kVA at LT/11/22 kV voltage level under Regulation 4 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012.

ORDER

The Commission has notified the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012, as amended from time to time, (hereinafter referred to as "IDC Regulations, 2012" for the sake of brevity). Regulation 4 of the aforesaid Regulation provides for recovery of all expenses reasonably incurred on the works related to laying of service line to the premises of the applicant as well as the cost of providing terminal equipment and other arrangements at the applicant's

premises for the purpose of giving supply of electricity. Such expenses may be recovered on the basis of average or normative rates, as may be approved by the Commission. Regulation 4 of the IDC Regulations, 2012 reads as under:-

“4. Expenses for providing service line.- *The distribution licensee shall recover all expenses reasonably incurred on the works related to laying of service line to the premises of the applicant as well as the cost of providing terminal equipment and other arrangements (except the cost of meter, CT and PT) at the applicant’s premises:*

Provided that the distribution licensee may, with the approval of the Commission, recover the expenses on the basis of average or normative rates for providing the service lines for the purpose of giving supply of electricity to one or more categories of applicants based on connected load or contract demand, voltage level, nature of load, tariff classification and length and specification of service lines:

Provided further that in cases where the normative rates have been approved by the Commission for a particular period for a particular type of service line, the recovery for laying of that type of service line shall be made by the distribution licensee only in accordance with the rates and terms and conditions so approved by the Commission for that period:

Provided further that the Commission may direct the licensee to recover the cost of service line under this regulation at fixed per kilometer rates, based on the standard cost data, for all or any of the categories:

Provided further that the average or normative rates shall, unless specifically approved by the Commission, not apply to the temporary connections.”

2. The Government of India (GoI) by taking initiatives for ‘Ease of Doing’ Business have made various recommendations for the States including the fixed cost per kW/kVA at the time of release of electricity connection so as to ensure timely processing of application for electricity connection without any requirement of site inspection.

3. In line with the aforesaid provisions, the Commission, vide Order dated 17th December, 2018 in the Petition No. 41/2018, has fixed

normative Service Connection charges and other associated terms & conditions for load upto 50 kW/kVA.

4. For connections having load above 50 kW/kVA, the Distribution Licensee, i.e., the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (hereinafter referred to as the “the HPSEBL”) is presently recovering the cost of service lines as per Regulation 4 of the IDC Regulations, 2012 by framing estimates for individual connections according to the site conditions and in-line with the Cost Data available for the respective years(s).

5. The Ministry of Power (MoP), GoI has also notified the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 which were published in the Gazette of India on 31.12.2020. Sub-rule (13) of Rule 4 of these Rules provides that:

“for electrified areas up to 150 kW or such higher load as the Commission may specify the connection charges for new connection shall be fixed on the basis of the load, category of connection sought and average cost of connection of the distribution licensee so as to avoid site inspection and estimation of demand charges for each and every case individually. The demand charges, in such cases, may be paid at the time of application for new connection.”

6. Therefore, in order to align the IDC Regulations, 2012 with the aforesaid provision of Electricity (Right to Consumers) Rules, 2020, the distribution license i.e., the HPSEBL was asked to submit a detailed proposal for fixation of normative service connection charges for loads upto 150 kW/kVA vide Commission’s letter no. HPERC-H(1)-18/2018-Vol-VI-1353-54 dated 23.08.2021.

7. Pursuant thereto, the HPSEBL filed the proposal vide filing no. 08 of 2023 which was scrutinized at the Commission administratively and was not found in order. Thus, the HPSEBL was asked to submit revised proposal vide letter No. HPERC-419-Vol.-V/2018-1094 dated 05.07.2024. Accordingly, the modified/revised proposal for fixation of normative service connection charges for load upto 150 kW/kVA has been filed on 25.10.2024 which was admitted and ordered to be registered as Miscellaneous Application, vide order dated 20.01.2025.

8. The Commission observed that in order to decide the MA in its true perspective, it is necessary that the objections/ suggestions are invited from the stakeholders and public hearing is conducted in the matter. Therefore, it is ordered that the draft proposal be published on the website of the Petitioner on 27.01.2025 and objections/ suggestions be invited on or before 27.02.2025 and public hearing in the matter was fixed on 11.03.2025.

9. The detailed proposal, alongwith the salient features of the Petition, was made available on HPSEBL's website i.e. <https://hpseb.in> as also on the Commission's website i.e. <https://hperc.org>. The last date for filing the comments/objections on the proposal/petition was 27.02.2025.

10. As required under the Section 64 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission issued a public notice in two Newspapers i.e. "Times of

India” and “Amar Ujala” on 30.01.2025. The Commission, vide letter dated **01.02.2025** also requested the major stakeholders, including the State Government, to file their objections/ suggestions on the petition/proposal.

11. Though the public hearing in the matter scheduled to be held on 11.03.2025 was rescheduled to 12.03.2025 at 11.30AM onwards in the Commission. A public notice in this regard was inserted in the newspapers i.e. “Danik Bhasker” and “The Tribune” on 06.03.2025. Major stakeholders were also informed vide letter/email dated 06.03.2025 for such rescheduling of the public hearing.

12. The Commission has received the objections/ suggestions from the BBN Industries Association. No other stakeholders filed any objections/ suggestions.

13. As scheduled the public hearing was held on 12.03.2025. Shri. Rakesh Kapoor representative of HPSEBL appeared in the public hearing and supported the proposal in the public hearing and requested the Commission to approve the same. No other stakeholder attended the public hearing. In addition to Sh. Rakesh Kapoor, following officers of the HPSEBL attended the public hearing:-

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Sr. No.	Name of persons representing the HPSEBL in the hearing on 12.03.2025
1.	Er. Lukesh Kumar, Chief Engineer (System Operation)

2.	Er. R.K. Verma, SE (Inter-State)
3	Shri. Kamlesh Saklani, Under Secretary (Law)
4	Er. Sandeep Sharma, AE
5	Er. Shivam Dhiman, AE

14. M/s B.B.N. Industries Association, has submitted its written comments/suggestions on the proposal which are summarized as under:-

“For small and medium enterprises with load upto 150 kVA, a one-time Infrastructure Development Charges (IDC) can be structured to ensure affordability while maintaining the sustainability of the Utility. To support the growth of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in Himachal Pradesh, it is crucial for the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) to consider strategies that prevent increases in Infrastructure Development Charges (IDC) for certain industries. The stakeholder has suggested for one time IDC based on industrial load upto 150 kVA at LT supply instead of 11/22 kV class. The stakeholder has further suggested that by adopting the suggested measures, HPSEBL can foster a more conducive environment for SMEs, ensuring that IDC remains manageable and does not hinder industrial growth in Himachal Pradesh. Further, the IDC charges for small and medium industries should be lower and moderate to encourage such industries to invest in State or undertake expansion. The growth of these SME industries creates significant local employment opportunities. It has been emphasized that the Commission should ensure that normative rates of IDC for loads upto 150 kVA are maintained at Rs. 200 per kVA.”

15. Additionally, the Association has also made the following suggestions:

1. IDC waiver upto 50% for priority sectors like micro and small;
2. SME industry should be allowed to pay IDC over 5 years;
3. Lower IDC for industries adopting solar/green energy;

4. Common power infrastructure in industrial clusters to reduce individual IDC cost;
5. Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs): Collaborate with private entities to share the costs of infrastructure development, reducing the need for IDC increases;
6. Government Grants and Aids: Seek state or central government funding to subsidize infrastructure projects, alleviating the financial burden on SMEs.

COMMISSION'S ANALYSIS

16. The Commission has carefully examined the draft proposal and the suggestions of the stakeholders including the suggestions made during the public hearing.

17. As per the petition/proposal, the HPSEBL is presently recovering the cost of service line by framing the estimate for individual connections on case to case basis as per the site conditions and in line with the approved Cost Data available for the corresponding years as per the provisions of the Regulation 4 of IDC Regulations, 2012.

18. The HPSEBL had earlier submitted the proposal for fixation of normative fixed cost of service line up to 50 kW/ kVA to be released on LT supply Voltage in Petition No. 41 of 2018 which was approved by the Commission vide Order dated 17.12.2018 fixing the normative charges.

19. The Ministry of Power, Govt. of India has notified the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, which were published in the Gazette of India on 31.12.2020. Sub-rule (13) of Rule 4 *inter alia* provides that:-

“For electrified areas up to 150 kW/KVA or such higher load as the Commission may specify the connection charges for new connection shall be fixed on the basis of the load, category of connection sought and average cost of connection of the distribution licensee so as to avoid site inspection and estimation of demand charges for each and every case individually. The demand charges, in such cases, may be paid at the time of application for new connection.”

20. It is apparent from the aforesaid Rule 4 (Sub-rule (13)) that the Commission may specify the connection charges for new connection for electrified areas up to 150 kW/KVA or such higher load as shall be fixed on the basis of the load, category of connection sought and average cost of connection of the distribution licensee so as to avoid site inspection and estimation of demand charges for each and every case individually. The demand charges, in such cases, may be paid at the time of application for new connection. In the circumstances, the Commission is under an obligation to specify the aforesaid charges.

21. Coming to the suggestion of the B.B.N Industries Association relating to clubbing of normative Infrastructural Development Charges with service line charges as one time IDC upto 150 kW/kVA, the Commission is of the view that there is separate provision for recovery of service line charges and IDC in Regulations 4 and 5 of the IDC Regulations, 2012. The sub-regulation (2) of the Regulation 5 of the IDC Regulation, 2012 provides for recovery of expenses by the distribution licensee in the shape of Infrastructural Development Charges at the normative rate with associated terms and conditions for upstream infrastructure which have been fixed by the Commission vide order

dated 05.06.2024 in the Petition No. 22 of 2024. Further, it is also relevant to mention that the service line charges on normative basis are governed under Regulation 4 of the IDC Regulation, 2012. The present regulatory process is limited to fix the normative rate for providing supply (i.e. laying of service line to the premises of applicant) upto 150 kW/kVA at LT/11/22 kV voltage level. The issue of harmonization of IDC and service line charges can't be clubbed in view of the above Regulations. Hence, the Commission does not agree with the suggestions made by the stakeholder. Also, other suggestions made by the Industries Association cannot be considered in the present regulatory process which is limited to fix the service connection charges upto 150 kW/kVA load/ voltage level.

22. The HPSEBL has made the following proposal:

(a) Normative Service Connection Charges upto 50 kW/kVA load/demand:-

It has been proposed to release the connections up to 15 kW at single phase 230 voltage supply. The calculation of per kW connection charges has been done and the minimum fixed charges for the release of connection upto 10 kW have been proposed. Above 10 kW, the charges shall be calculated on per KW basis for release of service connection at Single Phase, 230 Volt supply.

The connected load above 15 kW and upto 50 kW/kVA is to be released at 400 Volt, 3 Phase LT supply. However, the consumers having load less than 15 kW/KVA may also opt for connection at three phase LT supply, on payment of normative charges for 3 Phase connection. The minimum charges for the release of connection upto 35 kW/KVA have been proposed & above 35KW/KVA upto 50KW/KVA, the normative charges shall be calculated on per KW/KVA basis for release of service connection at 3 Phase, 400 Volt supply.

(b) Normative charges for load above 50 kW /kVA and up to 150 kW/kVA to be released at 11 kV or 22 kV supply voltage:-

(i) The connections to be released at 11 kV supply voltage:

To work out the normative charges, following methodology has been adopted:-

- (a) The maximum capacity of 11 kV line has been considered as 5 MW with line length as 5 KM.
- (b) The conductor of 6/1/4.72 (100 mm²) has been taken in the costing of 11 kV line.
- (c) The terminal CT/PT/metering structure has been considered as per the applicable standards. The load of 50 kW/kVA to 150 kW/ kVA i.e. 100 kW/kVA has been considered for working out per kW cost to be charged from the consumers. Minimum fixed charges for the release of connection upto 100 kW/kVA have been proposed. Above 100 kW/kVA and upto 150 kW/kVA, the charges shall be calculated on per kW/kVA basis for the release of service connection at 11 kV Supply Voltage.

(ii) The connections to be released at 22 kV supply voltage:

To work out the normative charges, following methodology has been adopted:-

- (a) The maximum capacity of 22 kV line has been considered as 7 MW with line length as 5 Km.
- (b) The conductor of 6/1/4.72 ACSR has been taken in the costing of 22 kV line.
- (c) The terminal CT/PT/metering structure has been considered as per the applicable standards. The load of 50 kW/kVA to 150 kW/kVA i.e. 100 kW/kVA has been considered for working out per kW cost to be charged from the consumers. The terminal CT/PT/metering structure has been worked out as per standard being followed. The load of 50 kW/kVA to 150 kW/kVA i.e. 100 kW/ kVA has been considered for working out per kW cost to be charged from the consumers. Minimum fixed charges for the release of connection upto 100 kVA have been proposed. Above 100 kW/kVA and upto 150 kW/kVA, the charges shall be calculated on per kW/kVA basis for the release of service connection at 22 kV Supply Voltage.

(c) The abnormal conditions where the normative rates are not applicable are as under:-

- (a) The village/ hamlet/ area, where connection is required, by the applicant, is not electrified.
- (b) The Forest Clearance /Right of way is involved.
- (c) Road Crossing/ Railway Crossing is involved.

(d) In order to avoid anomalies in the cases involving extension of loads/demand, it is proposed that:-

a) for additional load up to 150 kW/kVA:

The per kW/kVA normative rate for additional load shall be levied at the time of extension of load provided the total load does not exceed 150 kW/kVA.

b) for additional load beyond 150 kW/KVA:

Since the normative regime for service line charges is applicable up to 150 kW /kVA load, any extension in existing load which results total load in excess of 150 KW/KVA, the charges shall be three times the normative charges for additional quantum of load beyond 150 kW/kVA load in order to avoid manipulations by the applicant by applying for lesser quantum of load initially and later on to apply for additional load. The proposal to charge 3 times the normative rate in such cases will equalize the amount to be paid by the individual consumers who will apply one time above 150 kW/kVA and those who apply partially.

(e) The normative per kW/kVA rate has been worked out based on the Cost Data for FY 2023-24 and calculations of normative rate for FY 2024-25 has been done based on escalation factor of 1.33%.

16.5 (a) Normative Charges for Single phase, 3-Phase, 11 kV & 22 kV Service Connections upto 150 kW/kVA based on Cost data for FY 2023-24 have been proposed as under:-

Table-1

Sr. No.	Description	Normative Charges		Service Connection Annexure	Per kW/ kVA Cost	Minimum Amount to be paid for Service Connection Charges (Rs.)		Illustration
		Maximum Load Considered (in kW/kVA)	Average Cost (in Rs.) as per relevant sheet					
	A	B	C	D	E=C/ B	F	G	
A)	Single Phase	15	4355	Single Phase Calculation Sheet	290	2900		
B)	Three Phase	50	18183	Three Phase Calculation Sheet	364	12740		Upto 35kW/kVA, Rs. 12740/- required to be paid and after 35 kW/kVA, per kW cost required to be paid.
C)	11 KV							
1	Cost of HT Line as per annexure attached	5000	7180000	11 KV Line Calculation Sheet	1436			
2	Cost of CT/ PT Metering Equipment	100 (Average 50-150)	282000	11 KV structure Calculation Sheet	2820	4262	426200	Upto 100 KW/KVA, Rs. 426200/- required to be paid

	Structure as per annexure attached								and after 100 kW/ kVA, per kW/kVA cost required to be paid.
3	Electrical Inspector Fee	100	600	MPP & Power Notification dated 02.09.2024	6				
D) 22 KV									
1	Cost of HT Line as per annexure attached	7000	8215000	22 KV Line Calculation Sheet	1174	4490	448957		Upto 100 KW/KVA, Rs. 448957/- required to be paid and after 100 kW/ kVA, per kW/kVA cost required to be paid.
2	Cost of CT/ PT Metering Equipment Structure as per annexure attached	100 (Average 50-150)	331000	22 KV structure Calculation Sheet	3310				
3	Electrical Inspector Fee	100	600	MPP & Power Notification dated 02.09.2024	6				

(f) Normative Charges for Single phase, 3 Phase, 11kV & 22 kV Service Connections upto 150 kW/kVA for FY 2024-25 with escalation of 1.33 % on Cost Data for FY 2023-24 have been proposed as under:-

Table-2

Sr. No.	Description	Normative Service Connection Charges		Per kW/ kVA Cost	Minimum Amount to be paid for Service Connection Charges (Rs.)	Illustration	
		Maximum Load Considered (in kW/ kVA)	Average Cost (in Rs.) as per relevant sheet				
A)	Single Phase	15	4413	294	2940	Upto 10KW, Rs. 2940/- required to be paid and after 10KW, per KW cost required to be paid.	
B)	Three Phase	50	18425	369	12915	Upto 35KW/KVA, Rs. 12915/- required to be paid and after 35KW/KVA, per KW cost required to be paid.	
C) 11 kV							
1	Cost of HT Line as per annexure attached	5000	7275494	1455	4319	431900	Upto 100 KW/KVA, Rs. 431900/- required to be paid and after 100KW/KVA, per KW/KVA cost required to be paid.
2	Cost of CT/ PT Metering Equipment Structure as per annexure attached	100 (Average 50-150)	285751	2858			

3	Electrical Inspector Fee	100	600	6			
D) 22 kV							
1	Cost of HT Line as per annexure attached	7000	8324260	1189	4549	454900	Upto 100 kW/kVA, Rs. 454900/- required to be paid and after 100 kW/kVA, per kW/kVA cost required to be paid.
2	Cost of CT/PT Metering Equipment Structure as per annexure attached	100 (Average 50-150)	335402	3354			
3	Electrical Inspector Fee	100	600	6			

(d) The annual rate of escalation for the FY 2025-26 and onwards shall be fixed based on escalation factor taken in the cost data for the immediate preceding year.

The detailed calculations for the normative rates for LT and HT service connection up to 150 kW/kVA have been done as per regulation 4 of the HPERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012 as amended from time to time. Recovery of expenditure for Supply of Electricity as per other provisions of the said regulations (such as IDC etc.) shall be recovered as per sub-Regulation 3 of Regulation 5 of the HPERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012.

23. The Commission has carefully considered the aforesaid proposal which does not contain any relief for domestic consumers. Therefore, the Commission is of the considered view that a marginal relief is required to be given to the domestic consumers having load upto

20kW/kVA which has been considered accordingly. Similarly, the proposal of the HPSEBL for normative charges of service line for FY 2024-25 has been framed based on the approved cost data for FY 2023-24. This needs to be escalated by considering the variation in All India Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers (AICPIN) and Whole Sale Price Index (WPI) for all commodities to arrive at normative charges for 2025-26. The Commission, therefore has considered the WPI and AICPIN changes occurred during the period of October, 2023 to January, 2025 and worked out the escalation rate of 2.05% for FY 2025-26 as under:-

Formula for computing % escalation =

$$[\{ 0.70 \times \text{WPI} (n+1) / \text{WPI} (n) + 0.3 \times \text{AICPIN} (n+1) / \text{AICPIN} (n) \} - 1] \times 100$$

Where:-

- I) WPI (n+1) = Monthly whole sale price index (Base year 2011-12 =100) of considered month for all commodities of (n+1)th year considered for escalation.
- II) WPI (n) = Monthly whole sale price index (Base year 2011-12 =100) of considered month for all commodities of (n)th year considered for escalation.
- III) AICPIN (n+1) = All India Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial Workers as published by labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour, Government of India (Base 2016=100) of considered month of (n+1)th year considered for escalation.
- IV) AICPIN (n) = All India Consumer Price Index Number for Industrial Workers as published by labour Bureau, Ministry of Labour, Government of India (Base 2016=100) of considered month of (n)th year considered for escalation.

Illustration for FY 2025-26: -

For calculation of escalation factor for FY 2025-26, which is being calculated for first time for fixation of normative service line charges, the Commission has considered escalation from Oct-2023 (n) to Jan-2025 (n+1) in the aforesaid formula.

WPI and AICPIN values:

	Oct-23 (n)	Jan-25 (n+1)
WPI	152.5	154.7
AICPIN	138.4	143.2

For WPI, data source :- <https://eaindustry.nic.in/>

For AICPIN, data source :- <https://labourbureau.gov.in/centre-index>

As per above data, the WPI(n+1)= 154.7, the WPI(n)= 152.5, the AICPIN (n+1)= 143.2, and the AICPIN (n)= 138.4.

Therefore, the % escalation for FY 2025-26 works out to be:-

$$[(0.70 \times 154.7/152.5 + 0.3 \times 143.2/138.4) - 1] \times 100 = \mathbf{2.05\%}$$

Note: for computation of normative service line charges for the subsequent years, the terminology of “n” and “n+1” shall be considered as following:

For example, for working out the normative service line charges for FY 2026-27, “n” shall be FY 2025-26 and n+1 shall be FY 2026-27.

24. The IDC Regulations, 2012 provides for recovery of expenses for providing service line and expenses for the distribution system other

than the service line. The Commission in exercise of the powers vested in it under Regulation 5 of the IDC Regulations, 2012 has already determined and fixed the normative IDC rates to be recovered from the consumers for the release of the connections vide Order dated 05.06.2024 in Petition no. 22 of 2024.

25. This Commission has already fixed normative charges of service line to be charged for the new connections upto 50kW load vide Order dated 17.12.2018 in the Petition No. 41/2018. However, the normative charges for service line above 50kW/kVA have not been fixed. Therefore, keeping in view the requirement for specifying the service line charges for new connections or extension of existing loads as specified by the Electricity (Right to Consumers) Rules, 2020, read with Regulation 4 of the IDC Regulations, 2012, considering the objections and suggestions of the stake holders and the proposal submitted by the HPSEBL, the Commission is of the considered view that it is necessary to fix and specify service line charges for all the new connections and also extensions upto 150kW/kVA. Therefore the Commission decides to approve the normative rates for service lines on Single phase, 3-Phase at LT voltage and at 11 kV & 22 kV voltage level for providing power supply upto the 150 kW/KVA for FY 2025-26 as under:-

Sr. No.	Connection type/ voltage level	Maximum Load limit for release of connection under normative regime (in kW/kVA)	Minimum fixed charges applicable in all ranges of loads (Rs.)	Loads above which the additional per kW/kVA Normative charges shall be applicable in addition to the minimum fixed charges (in kW/kVA)	Per Normative Charges to be recovered in addition to the fixed charges for connections having load more than the load defined for fixed charges (Rs.)	Illustration for payment of Minimum Fixed Charges and additional per kW/kVA normative charges
(i)	(ii)	(iii)	(iv)	(v)	(vi)	(vii)
A)	Single Phase (Domestic)	20	2368	10	237	Upto 10 kW, Rs. 2368/- required to be paid and after 10 kW, per kW cost required to be paid.
	Single Phase (other than domestic consumer)	15	2959	10	296	Upto 10 kW, Rs. 2959/- required to be paid and after 10 kW, per kW cost required to be paid.
B)	Three Phase	50	13001	35	371	Upto 35 kW/kVA, Rs. 13001/- required to be paid and after 35 kW/ kVA, per KW cost required to be paid.
C)	11kV	150	434937	100	4349	Upto 100 kW/kVA, Rs. 434937/- required to be paid and after 100 kW/ kVA, per kW/kVA cost required to be paid.
D)	22kV	150	458161	100	4582	Upto 100 kW/kVA, Rs. 458161/- required to be paid and after 100 kW/ kVA, per kW/kVA cost required to be paid.

(a) These charges shall be applicable from 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026. However, the applications already received upto 31.03.2025 shall be dealt as per the existing procedure.

- (b) For the period beyond 31.03.2026, the HPSEBL shall work out the normative service line charges by considering WPI & AICPIN for the month of January of respective years by following the methodology as provided in para-23 and specify such charges by publishing on its website by 31st March unless modified by the Commission.
- (c) These charges shall be reviewed by the Commission after 03 years and the Petitioner/HPSEBL is directed to file a Petition in this regard for the Financial Year commencing 01.04.2028.
- (d) In case the Distribution Licensee accepts some item of material from the prospective consumer, the amount recoverable from the prospective consumer shall be reduced accordingly.
- (e) Other terms and conditions shall be as per the provisions of the HPERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012.

The distribution licensee i.e. HPSEBL shall take necessary action to implement this order.

The Miscellaneous Application is accordingly disposed off.

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Sd/-
(Devendra Kumar Sharma)
Chairman

Place: Shimla

Dated: 28th March, 2025