

HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA

In the matter of draft amendments of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

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Sh. S.K.B.S. Negi
Chairman

Sh. Bhanu Pratap Singh
Member

ORDER

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred as “the Commission”) notified the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012 (hereinafter called “the said regulations”), published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, dated 23rd May, 2012;

2. The Distribution Licensee i.e. the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd. (HPSEBL) had proposed the amendment in regulation 10 i.e. ‘Restoration of Supply after Permanent Disconnection’ of HPERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012, as per the proposal, there will be 100% rebate for the premises which has been disconnected permanently without time duration and the consumer itself or any other consumer can approach HPSEBL for restoration of supply. All the codal formalities for release of new connection as provided in the Supply Code has to be completed by the consumer and payment of requisite charges as per regulations except the normative IDC (which shall not be levied). The suggestion has been made on the premise that such charges are specific to the premises (not to the consumers) and that the new applicant has the option either to avoid payment of IDC by clearing the dues in respect of old connections on that premises or get the connection in a normal mode by paying the usual IDC.
3. The Commission found it appropriate to rationalize the provisions in relation to the recovery of Infrastructural Development Charges (IDC) for the premises which has been disconnected permanently. However, to give equitable

treatment to the existing consumer(s) those have reduced some of their sanctioned load or contract demand permanently opts later to restore the same may also be eligible for the similar treatment as proposed by the HPSEBL on account of permanent disconnection to the premises, so Commission also proposed to amend the Regulation 7 of the said regulation alongwith amendment in Regulation 10.

4. In light of the above, the Commission, exercising the powers conferred under sub-section (1) of section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), notified the draft amendment i.e. HPERC (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2018 on 28th July, 2018 and published the same in Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh on 23rd July, 2018.
5. As required vide sub-section (3) of the section 181 of the Act and read with Rule (3) of Electricity (Procedure of Previous Publication) Rules, 2005, the Commission invited public objections and suggestions by way of insertions in two News papers i.e. "Amar Ujala" and "Times of India" on 26th July, 2018. The full text of the draft amendment regulations was also made available on the Commission's website: www.hperc.org.
6. The Commission, vide letter dated 31.07.2018, 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.
7. No comments/suggestions, on the aforesaid draft amendment regulations have been received in the stipulated period, allowed for filing objections/suggestions.

The draft amendment regulations are finalized and approved as such and be notified accordingly.

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(Bhanu Pratap Singh)
Member

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

Place: Shimla
Dated: 5th September, 2018