

HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA
NOTIFICATION

No. HPERC/419

Shimla, the 22th May, 2024

WHEREAS, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred as “the Commission”) framed 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 and amended from time to time;

AND WHEREAS, the Commission finds it appropriate to rationalize the provisions relating to cost data. The Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) is preparing the cost data books since 2006-07 and gained lot of experience for carrying out this activity. The Commission felt that the period to capture the cost of material as per the existing provisions for preparing the said annual cost data books needs to be rationalized alongwith other need based changes;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 46 and 181, of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) read with Section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (10 of 1897), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Commission proposes to further amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012, and as required by Sub-Section (3) of Section 181 of the said Act and Rule 3 of the Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publication) Rules, 2005, the draft amendment Regulations are hereby published for the information of all the persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said draft amendment Regulations will be taken into consideration after the expiry of thirty (30) days from the date of Notification together with any objections or suggestions which may, within the aforesaid period, be received in respect thereto.

The text of the aforesaid draft amendment Regulations is also available on the website of the Commission i.e. <http://www.hperc.org>.

The objections or suggestions in this behalf should be addressed to the Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, Viduyut Aayog Bhawan, Block-37, SDA Complex, Kasumpti-171009 (HP).

DRAFT REGULATIONS

1. **Short Title and Commencement:** -(1) These Regulations may be called the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) (Sixth Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh.

2. **Substitution of Regulation 13.**- For Regulation 13 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Recovery of Expenditure for Supply of Electricity) Regulations, 2012 (hereinafter referred to as “the said Regulations”), the following Regulation shall be substituted, namely:-

“13. **Standard cost data.**- (1) The distribution licensee shall, on annual basis prepare the cost data (including the departmental charges) and shall, after inviting public objections, finalize the standard cost data book by 1st March of each year after considering the public observations, if any received, and after approval of the Board of Directors/Competent Authority.

(2) The Distribution Licensee shall, latest by 15th March of each year, upload the standard cost data, on its website and also make available the printed copies of the same to any interested person on demand at a reasonable charges. Sufficient number of copies of the cost data book shall be kept available in its field offices.

(3) The cost data printed book which shall be made effective from the 1st day of start of the next financial year, shall form the basis for approving the average or normative rates as per these Regulations and also for making the initial estimates for erection of electric lines and/or electrical plants and/or any other works to be executed in order to provide supply to the applicants in cases where the cost is to be recovered on actual basis.

(4) In case the Distribution Licensee does not upload the cost data book before the start of the succeeding financial year, the cost data for the relevant current year shall continue to be followed till the same is uploaded on the website.”

3. **Amendment of Regulation 21.**- In Regulation 21 of the said Regulations, for words, brackets, signs and figures “Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Licensee’s Duty for supply of Electricity on Request) Regulations, 2004”, the words, signs and figures “the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Supply Code, 2009, as amended from time to time:” shall be substituted.

By order of the Commission
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(Chhavi Nanta), HPAS
Secretary