HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA Vidyut Aayog Bhawan, Block-37, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-171009.

NOTIFICATION

No. HPERC- SLDC/479

Shimla the 04th July, 2024.

WHEREAS, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission has notified the HPERC (Levy and Collection of Fees and Charges by State Load Despatch Centre) Regulations, 2011 vide Notification No. HPERC/SLDC/479 dated 28th May, 2011 and the same were published in the Rajpatra on 2nd June, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as "the said Regulations"). The said Regulations came into force on 2nd day of June, 2011 and were amended by (First Amendment) Regulations 2013 vide Notification No. HPERC/F(5) (3) (1) (SLDC) dated 01 November 2013 and further amended by (Second Amendment) Regulations 2018 vide Notification No. HPERC- F (1)-4/2018 dated 22 November 2018 respectively;

AND WHEREAS, the Commission considers it expedient to make certain amendments in the said Regulations to address the matters of fee and charges and other provisions to facilitate the HPSLDC, to make them more competent to handle their operations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (g) of sub-section (2) of section 181 read with sub section (3) of section 32 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) (Act for short) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, proposes further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Levy and Collection of Fees and Charges by State Load Despatch Centre) Regulations, 2011 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 publication of this Notification in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, 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 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, Vidyut Aayog Bhawan, Block-37, SDA Complex, Kasumpti-171009 (HP).

DRAFT REGULATIONS

 Short title and commencement.- (1) These Regulations may be called the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Levy and Collection of Fees and Charges by State Load Despatch Centre) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024.

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

2. Amendment of Regulation 20.- In Regulation 20 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Levy and Collection of Fees and Charges by State Load Despatch Centre) Regulations, (hereinafter referred to as the "said Regulations") in sub-regulation (1) for the figures and signs "15.5%", the figures and signs "14.5%" shall be substituted, and for the existing Illustration appearing under sub-regulation 2, the following Illustration shall be substituted, namely:-

"Illustration:-

 (i) In case of the power system operation company paying Minimum Alternate Tax (MAT)@ 17.16% including surcharge and cess:

Rate of return on equity = 14.50/(1-0.1716) = 17.504%.

(ii) In case of the power system operation company paying normal corporate tax
@ 27.82% including surcharge and cess;

Rate of return on equity = 14.50/(1-0.2782) = 20.089%.".

3. Amendment of Appendix-II.- In Appendix II of the said Regulations, for the existing "Depreciation Schedule", the following "Depreciation Schedule" shall be substituted as follows, namely:-

| S. | Asset Particulars | Depreciation | Depreciation |
|-------|---|----------------|----------------|
| No | | Rate -Existing | Rate -Proposed |
| А | Land owned under full ownership | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| В | Land under lease | | |
| (a) | For investment in land | 3.34% | 3.34% |
| (b) | For cost of clearing site | 3.34% | 3.34% |
| С | Other Assets | | |
| (a) | Building & civil engineering works | | |
| (i) | Offices and residential | 1.63% | 3.34% |
| (ii) | Containing plant and equipments | 3.34% | 3.34% |
| (iii) | Temporary erection such as wooden structures | 3.34% | 100.00% |
| (iv) | Roads other than kutcha roads | 100.00% | 3.34% |
| (v) | Others | 1.63% | 3.34% |
| (b) | Transformers, kiosk sub-station equipment & other fixed apparatus (including plant foundations) | | |
| (i) | Transformers (including foundations) having a rating of 100 kilo volt amperes and over | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (ii) | Others | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (c) | Switchgear, including cable connections | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (d) | Lightning arrestors: | | |
| (i) | Station type | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (ii) | Pole type | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (iii) | Synchronous condenser | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (e) | Batteries | 5.28% | 15.00% |
| (i) | Underground cable including joint boxes and disconnected boxes | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (ii) | Cable duct system | 3.34% | 3.34% |
| (f) | Overhead lines including cable support | | |
| (i) | Lines on fabricated steel operating at terminals voltages higher than 66 kV | 3.34% | 3.34% |
| (ii) | Lines on steel supports operating at terminal voltages higher than 13.2 kV but not exceeding 66 kV | 5.28% | 5.28% |

| S. No | Asset Particulars | Depreciation Rate -Existing | Depreciation Rate -Proposed |
|----------|---|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| (iii) | Lines on steel or reinforced concrete supports | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (iv) | Lines on treated wood supports | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (g) | Meters | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (h) | Self propelled vehicles | 9.50% | 9.50% |
| (i) | Air conditioning plants: | | |
| (i) | Static | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (ii) | Portable | 9.50% | 9.50% |
| (j) | Office Furniture and Fixtures | | |
| (i) | Office furniture and furnishings | 6.33% | 6.33% |
| (ii) | Office equipments | 6.33% | 6.33% |
| (iii) | Internal wirings including fittings and apparatus | 6.33% | 6.33% |
| (iv) | Street Light fittings | 5.28% | 5.28% |
| (k) | Apparatus let on hire: | | |
| (i) | Other than motors | 9.50% | 9.50% |
| (ii) | Motors | 6.33% | 6.33% |
| (I) | Communication equipment | | |
| (i) | Radio and higher frequency carrier systems | 6.33% | 6.33% |
| (ii) | Telephone lines and telephones | 6.33% | 6.33% |
| (m) | IT Equipments | 15.00% | 15.00% |
| (n) | Softwares | 30.00% | 15.00% |
| (o) | Any other assets not covered above | 5.28% | 5.28% |

4. Amendment of Regulation 27. In Regulation 27 of the said Regulations-

(i). in sub-regulation (2) for the words and figures "Rs. 1 Lakh", the words and figures "Rs. 3 Lakhs" shall be substituted; and,

(ii). existing sub-regulation (3) shall be omitted.

By Order of the Commission

Sd/-Secretary