

**HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
**Keonthal Commercial Complex, Khalini, Shimla-171002**

**NOTIFICATION**

*Shimla, the 4<sup>th</sup>, January, 2014*

No. HPERC/609-B/2014 In supersession of Notification No. HPERC/ Secy/ MISC/ BSB/JSR/2004-5381 dated 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2004, published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh (Extraordinary) dated 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2004, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of the power conferred under sub regulation (7) of regulation 30 of Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013, hereby makes the following Order to determine the salary and allowances and other terms and conditions of appointment of the Electricity Ombudsman.:-

**ORDER**

1. **Short title.**- This Order may be called Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Appointment of Electricity Ombudsman) Order, 2014.
2. **Qualifications, terms and conditions for appointment.**- (1) The qualifications, terms and conditions for appointment of Electricity Ombudsman shall be as per Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013,  
(2) No person, who at the time of his selection for appointment as the Electricity Ombudsman is serving officer or is holding any post in CPSUs/Central/State Government, shall be eligible for his appointment as such, unless and until he resigns from the said post.
3. **Pay and allowances.**- (1) The appointment of Electricity Ombudsman will be in the pay scale (pay band with grade pay) fixed by the State Government for the post of the Director on the Board of Directors of the Distribution Licensee i.e. Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (HPSEBL) and he will be entitled to draw such DA and other allowances as are admissible to the other officers drawing salary in the said scale.

(2) Where appointment is in continuation after superannuation or if a person is appointed after superannuation his pay will be regulated as per the State Government policy i.e. pay minus pension.

(3) Where the selected incumbent is a serving officer, his pay, if higher, will be protected.

4. **Residential accommodation and facility for official vehicle.--** He will be provided official residential accommodation or house rent allowance in lieu thereof and official vehicle as per the provisions applicable to the Director, on the Board of Directors, of the Distribution Licensee i.e. in the HPSEBL.

5. **Pension.-** He will not be entitled to the pensionary benefits for the period of service rendered as the Electricity Ombudsman. However, he would be entitled to draw pension, if any, due to him from the previous employer as per rules.

6. **Oath of office.-** He will also have to take oath of office and secrecy as in Form-I and II (attached herewith) before the Chairperson, Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, before entering upon his office.

7. **Controlling Officer.-** The Chairperson of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission shall be his Controlling Officer for the purpose of the provisions of this order.

8. **Miscellaneous.-** In respect of any matter of conditions of service not covered under this Order, he will be governed by the rules and orders as applicable to Grade I Officers of the State Government.

9. **Savings.-** (1) The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Appointment of the Electricity Ombudsman) Order 2004 is hereby repealed.

(2) Notwithstanding such repeal, anything done or any action taken or purported to have been done or taking including any appointment made under the repealed Order, shall, in so far as it is not inconsistent with the provisions of this Order, be deemed to have been done, taken or made under the corresponding provisions of this Order.

(3) Nothing in this Order shall affect the terms and conditions for appointment (including pay and monetary benefits) of the existing incumbent of the post of the Electricity Ombudsman.

By Order of the Commission.

Sd/-  
Secretary

FORM-I

FORM OF OATH OF OFFICE

I..... have been appointed as the Electricity Ombudsman, Himachal Pradesh, do swear in the name of God that I will faithfully and conscientiously discharge my duties as the Electricity Ombudsman, to the best of my ability, knowledge and judgment, without fear or favour, affection or ill will.

(.....)

Date.....  
Place: Shimla-2.

FORM-II

FORM OF OATH OF SECRACY

I ..... having been appointed as the Electricity Ombudsman, Himachal Pradesh do swear in the name of God that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person or persons any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties as the Electricity Ombudsman.

(.....)

Date.....  
Place: Shimla-2.