

**BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
Vidyut Aayog Bhawan, Block No. 37, SDA Complex, Kasumpti, Shimla-09**

**CORAM: Sh. Devendra Kumar Sharma, Chairman  
Sh. Yashwant Singh Chogal, Member (Law)  
Sh. Shashi Kant Joshi, Member**

**Decided on :19.08.2023**

In the matter of the draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit)( Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2023.

**ORDER**

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred as “the Commission”) made and published the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005 in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, dated 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2005 (hereinafter referred as “the said Regulations”).

2. WHEREAS, the Public Electric Vehicle Charging Station has been categorised as separate category under “Schedule-EV Charging Stations” by the Commission in its retail Tariff Order dated 31.03.2023.
3. AND WHEREAS, the Distribution Licensee had approached the Commission to specify the “Initial Security Deposit” to be recovered from “EV Charging Stations” category to be recovered from such category consumers.
4. AND WHEREAS, the Commission found it necessary to amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) Regulations, 2005 to specify the initial security deposit amount to be recovered by the Distribution Licensee from the consumer(s) fall under “EV Charging Stations” category.
5. THEREFORE, taking the above into consideration, the Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred by clauses (v) and (w) of Sub-section (2) of Section 181, read with Section 47 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) has issued the draft amendment Regulations i.e. HPERC (Security Deposit) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2023 on 10.07.2023 and published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh on 12.07.2023.
6. As required under Sub-section (3) of the Section 181 of the Act, the Commission invited public objections and suggestions by way of insertion a public notice in two News papers i.e. “Indian Express” and “Divya Himachal” on 20.07.2023 under Rule (3) of Electricity (Procedure of Previous Publication) Rules, 2005 and the full text of the draft amendment Regulations was made available on the Commission’s website: [www.hperc.org](http://www.hperc.org). The last date for filing objections/suggestions was 14.08.2023.

7. The Commission, vide letter dated 26.07.2023 requested the major stakeholders i.e. State Government, Directorate of Energy, HIMURJA etc. to send their objections/ suggestions as per the aforesaid public notice.
8. No comments/suggestions, on the aforesaid draft amendment, have been received in the stipulated period, allowed for filing objections/suggestions.

Therefore, in view of above, the Commission proceeds to approve the provisions of draft amendment Regulations without any changes and notify the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Security Deposit) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2023 accordingly.

Sd/-

(Shashi Kant Joshi)  
**Member**

Sd/-

(Yashwant Singh Chogal)  
**Member(Law)**

Sd/-

(Devendra Kumar Sharma)  
**Chairman**

Place: Shimla.

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> August, 2023