M/s Prime Steel Industries Pvt. Ltd. & Others Versus The HPSEBL.

Filing No. 158 of 2024

13.05.2024

Present: Sh. Vipul Sharda, Ld. Vice Counsel for the Petitioner.

DAILY ORDER

Office report seen. This Petition has been filed by the Petitioners under Regulation 63 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005, as amended from time to time, seeking partial review of the tariff order dated 15.03.2024 in Petitions No. 14 & 15 of 2024 passed by the Commission.

Accompanied to the Petition is an application under Regulation 58 (4) of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005, as amended from time to time, for waiver of the court fee that the Petitioners actively participated in the proceedings and that the Petition is being filed for the whole State and public at large in the public interest as there are fundamental illegalities in the tariff order and no prejudice shall be caused to any party or the Commission in case the waiver is allowed. The application is supported by an affidavit.

We have carefully gone through the application. A careful perusal thereof shows that there is not even an iota that the Petitioners are facing any kind of hardship or financial difficulty in payment of the court fee. Mere public interest is certainly not a ground for the waiver of the court fee. Therefore, the Petitioners have not made out any case for the waiver of the court fee. Accordingly, the waiver as prayed is neither permissible nor in the public interest.

Resultantly, the Petitioners are directed to deposit the requisite court fee, as per the provision of the HPERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005 (as amended from time to time), within a week so as to proceed further with the Petition.

List this case on 12.06.2024 at 3:00 PM for further orders.

-Sd- -Sd- -Sd- (Shashi Kant Joshi) (Yashwant Singh Chogal) (Devendra Kumar Sharma)
Member Member (Law) Chairman