

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

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

No. HPERC-ED(T)/D(TE)/2026.

Shimla, the 8th January, 2026.

WHEREAS, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission has notified the HPERC (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013 vide Notification No. HPERC-(H)(1)-1/2012 dated 23rd January 2013 and the same were published in the Rajpatra on 28th January 2013 (hereinafter referred to as “the said Regulations”);

AND WHEREAS, the Commission has invited applications to fill up the vacant posts of Independent Members in some of the Forums as per provisions of sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 7 of the said Regulations;

AND WHEREAS, it is observed that sufficient number of applications are not being received due to required long service experience of minimum twenty years under the existing eligibility criteria specified under Regulation 7 (1)(ii)(a) of the said Regulations;

AND WHEREAS, in order to nominate Independent Members to the CGRF Shimla and Additional CGRFs in the State and to made these forums functional, it is considered necessary in the interest of the Electricity Consumers of the State to reduce the existing eligibility condition of “20 years service experience” to “10 years service experience” in sub-clause (a) of clause (ii) of sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 7 by making necessary amendment in the said Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission in exercise of the powers conferred under clauses (r) and (s) of sub-section (2) of section 181 read with sub-sections (5) to (8) of section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) read with section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (Act No. 10 of 1897) and rule 15 of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, proposes further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman)

Regulations, 2013, and as required by 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 objections or suggestions, if any, received within the above stipulated period.

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

The objections or suggestions in this behalf may be addressed to the Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, Vidyut 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 (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

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

2. Amendment of Regulation 7.- In Regulation 7 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) Regulations, 2013, in sub-regulation (1), in clause (ii), for sub-clause (a), the following sub-clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(a) who are retired officers of the Central or State Government or its Undertakings having minimum service experience of ten years as such and are familiar with the consumer affairs, power sector or regulatory affairs; or”.

By order of the Commission

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Secretary