

HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA

Notification

No. HPERC/428.

Shimla, the 24th June, 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred under section 61, sub-section (1) of section 62, clauses (a), (b) and (e) of sub-section (1) of Section 86 and clause (zd) of sub-section (2) of section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), read with section 21 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 (10 of 1897) and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, hereby, after previous publication, makes the following Regulations further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as “the RE Tariff Regulations, 2017”), namely:-

REGULATIONS

1. Short title and commencement.-(1) These Regulations may be called the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) (Eighth 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 2.- In Regulation 2 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017, in sub-regulation (1)-

(i) after clause (ba), the following clauses (bb) and (bc) shall be inserted, namely:-

“(bb) **‘Biomass’** means wastes produced during agricultural, horticulture and forestry operations (for example, straws, stalks, litters and pine needles) or produced as a by-product of processing operations of agricultural produce (e.g., husks, shells, de-oiled cakes), wood produced in dedicated energy plantations or recovered from wild bushes or weeds and the wood waste produced in some industrial operations including such other wastes as may be recognised by the Central Government, as being part of biomass;

(bc) **‘Biomass gasification’** means the process of incomplete combustion of biomass resulting in the production of combustible gases consisting of a mixture of carbon monoxide (CO), hydrogen (H₂) and traces of methane (CH₄);” and

(ii) for the existing clause (ac), the following new clause shall be substituted, namely;-

“(ac)‘Useful Life’ in relation to the project including a dedicated evacuation system shall mean the useful life of the following duration to be reckoned from the Date of Commercial Operation of such project, namely:-

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| i. Wind power project: | 25 years |
| ii. Biomass power project with Rankine cycle technology: | 25 years |
| iii. Non-fossil fuel based co-generation project: | 25 years |
| iv. Small hydro Project: | 40 years |
| v. Municipal solid waste based power project/Refuse
derived fuel based power project: | 20 years |
| vi. Solar PV power project/ floating solar project/
Solar thermal power project: | 25 years |
| vii. Biomass gasifier based power project: | 25 years |
| viii. Biogas based power project: | 25 years |
| ix. Renewable hybrid energy project: | Minimum of the Useful
Life of different RE
technologies combined for
Renewable Hybrid Energy
Project for Composite
Tariff. |
| x. Renewable energy with storage project: | Same as the Useful Life of
the project, assuming that
there is no storage.” |

By order of the Commission

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Secretary