

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

CORAM: Sh. Shashi Kant Joshi, Member-Cum- Chairman

Date of order: 19.08.2026

In the matter of finalization of the draft Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

ORDER

The Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) notified the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) Regulations, 2015, which were published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, on 3rd August, 2015 and amended from time to time.

2. The Government of India (GoI) has approved the ‘PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana’ Scheme on 29th February, 2024, so as to increase the share of solar Rooftop capacity and to empower residential households to generate their own electricity. The scheme is to be implemented by the National Programme Implementation Agency (NPIA) at the National level and by the State Implementation Agencies (SIAs) at the State level.

3. The Commission, considered it in the interest of consumers of the State to simplify the procedure for widespread adoption of the scheme and timely implementation thereof and to initiate consumer friendly measures. In the State of Himachal Pradesh, under the existing provisions of the Rooftop Solar Regulations, the consumers were required to enter into a separate Net Metering Agreement with Discom for installation of rooftop solar PV plant under ‘PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana’. The Commission, after careful consideration of the matter and the interest of the consumers of the State, decided to accept a Digital Solar Metering Connection Agreement which is part of the on line application form and made available through online portal of Central/State Government or its agencies for implementation of Rooftop Solar photovoltaic systems under any scheme of the Central/State Government and to make suitable amendments in the relevant provisions of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) Regulations, 2015. Further, the Commission has also decided that the eligible consumers may also be allowed to make application to the distribution licensee, to install and connect the Rooftop Solar system, in any other format provided in online mode by the Central/State Government under any Rooftop Solar Scheme and has decided to amend the relevant provisions of the Regulations accordingly.

4. Taking into consideration the above, the Commission notified the Draft Amendment Regulations i.e. Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026 on 14th July, 2026 and published the same in Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh on 15th July, 2026 in exercise of the powers, conferred under sub-section (1) of section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) to allow Discom to adopt digital agreement which is part of online application form for 'PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana'.

5. As required under sub-section (3) of the section 181 of the Act read with rule (3) of the Electricity (Procedure of Previous Publication) Rules, 2005, the Commission invited public objections and suggestions by way of insertions in two daily News papers i.e. "The Tribune" and "Divya Himachal" on 21th July, 2026. The full text of the draft amendment Regulations was also made available on the Commission's website: www.hperc.org.

6. The Commission, vide letter dated 21.07.2026, also requested the major stakeholders, including the Industries Associations, State Government, Directorate of Energy, HIMURJA, Consumers Representative and Distribution Licensee to send their objections/suggestions as per the aforesaid public notice, on or before 17.08.2026.

7. A public hearing in the matter was conducted on 18.08.2026. Sh. Sandeep Bhardwaj, XEN and Shri. Vishal Salaria representative of HPSEBL were present during the public hearing, but nothing is commented on the Draft Amendment Regulations by the said officer/official of the distribution licensee.

8. Since, no stakeholder(s) has submitted any written comments/suggestions on the Draft Amendment Regulations nor any comments offered during the public hearing, therefore, the Commission hereby approved and finalized the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive System) (Fourth Amendments) Regulations, 2026 without any modification and ordered to be notified the same in Rajpatra, HP as per procedure.

Sd/-

Shashi Kant Joshi
(Member-Cum- Chairman)