

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH**

**Petition No. 11 of 2020
(Suo –Motu)
Date of Order: 01.05.2020**

In the matter of: Directions vide letter No. 01/04/2020-EB(PR)/180-182 dated 30.03.2020 Govt. of Punjab, Department of Power issued under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to specify a reduced rate (subject to maximum 6% per annum) of late payment surcharge(LPS) for payment which becomes delayed beyond the due date during the period from 24.03.2020 to 30.06.2020 to the Generating Companies or Transmission licensee, treating the restrictions imposed by the Central and State Government to contain COVID-19 as an event of Force Majeure.

And

In the matter of: The Commission on its own Motion

Vs

1. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
The Mall, Patiala
2. Punjab State Transmission Corporation Ltd. (PSTCL),
PSEB Head Office. The Mall, Patiala.
3. All Generators Supplying Power to PSPCL

... Respondents

Coram: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson
Sh. S.S. Sarna, Member

ORDER

1. The Government of Punjab, Department of Power issued directions vide letter No. 01/04/2020-EB(PR)/180-182 dated 30.03.2020 under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to specify a reduced rate (subject to maximum 6% per annum) of late payment surcharge(LPS) for payment which becomes delayed beyond the due date during the period from 24.03.2020 to 30.06.2020 to the Generating Companies or Transmission licensee, treating the restrictions imposed by the Central and State Government to contain COVID-19 as an event of Force Majeure.
2. The Commission took notice of the above directions as a Petition No 11 of 2020 (Suo- Motu) and exercising the powers under Regulation 67 and 64 of the PSERC Tariff Regulations 2014 and 2019, relaxed the provisions of Regulations 31 of Tariff Regulations 2014 and 2019 and vide Order dated 07.04.2020 decided to provisionally reduce the rate of late payment surcharge to 6% per annum for such payments which become delayed beyond the due date during the period from 24.03.2020 till 30.06.2020, payable by PSPCL to the generating companies and PSTCL. This matter was decided to be taken up for hearing along with public hearing at 11 AM on 7th May, 2020 in the Commission's office. All generators, PSPCL, PSTCL and therefore other stakeholders were invited to send their comments and objections via email at secretarypsercchd@gmail.com by 30.04.2020.
3. However, the Government of Punjab has further extended the Lockdown to contain COVID-19 and therefore now the date of hearing along with public hearing in the petition no 11 of 2020 (suo motu) will be intimated separately. All generators, PSPCL, PSTCL and other stake holders may send their comments and objections via email at secretarypsercchd@gmail.com by 20.05.2020

4. The Order dated 07.04.2020 stands amended accordingly.

Sd/-

(S.S. Sarna)
Member

Sd/-

(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: 01.05.2020