

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

SITE NO. 3, BLOCK-B, SECTOR-18 A, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

In the matter of : Reduction in Fee on Petitions/Applications/Review Petitions by 50% upto 31.03.2021 due to unprecedented situation on account of COVID-19 pandemic

Order

The Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fee) Regulations 2005, prescribes the fee for petitions/applications/review petitions. As per Regulation 3 of the above Regulations, every petition/application/review petitions made to the Commission shall be accompanied by the appropriate fees specified in the Schedule to these Regulations. Regulations 4 of the above Regulations stipulates that the Commission may add, amend, alter or vary any of the provisions of the Regulations and the amount of Fee payable as provided in the Schedule in these Regulations by an Order to be made by the Commission.

Taking notice of the unprecedented situation arising due to COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant financial crunch and hardship being faced by all stake holders and to mitigate the same, a Staff Paper was prepared with a proposal to reduce the chargeable fee by 50% for all the Petitions/Applications/Review petitions filed before the Commission. This reduction is proposed to take effect from the date of issue of the Order by the Commission uptill 31.03.2021.

The Staff Paper was uploaded on the website of the Commission and public notice, inviting objection/suggestions from the public was published on 02.10.2020 in the The Tribune (English), Hindustan Times (English), Ajit (Punjabi) & Punjab Kesari (Hindi).

PSPCL & Mandi Gobindgarh Induction Furnace Association, filed their comments in response to the public notice. PSPCL has suggested retrospective reduction of the fees chargeable for petitions/applications/Reviews/license w.e.f 23.03.2020 upto 31.03.2021 and have also suggested that the fee paid since 23.03.2020 in excess may be refunded/adjusted against the fee payable at reduced rates. Mandi Gobindgarh Induction Furnace Association, has also welcomed the proposal to reduce the fee for filing petitions/applications etc. by 50%.

Having duly examined the comments/suggestions received and keeping in view the unprecedented situation arising due to COVID-19 pandemic and resultant financial crunch and hardship being faced by the public/stakeholders, the Commission, in exercise of the powers conferred under Regulation Regulation 4 of the PSERC (Fee) Regulations 2005, temporarily relaxes the quantum of fee on applications/petitions/review petitions as prescribed under Regulation 3 of the above Regulations to 50% of the chargeable fee with effect from the issue of this Order till 31.03.2021.

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(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: **29.10.2020**

