

**THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SHIMLA**

Case No. 5 of 2020

In the matter of: Revision of tariff for Domestic category of the consumers on account of modification in subsidy by the Government of HP in the HPSEBL schedule of tariff, 2020 approved by the Commission in the First Annual Performance Review Order of HPSEBL for MYT Period FY20- FY24 dated 06-06-2020, in accordance with Section 65 of Electricity Act, 2003

ORDER

The Commission, in the Wheeling and Retail Supply Tariff Order for the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited for the FY 2020-21 issued on 6th June, 2020, had determined the tariff for domestic category of the consumers, after considering HP Government subsidy, at the following rates:-

Table 167: Subsidized tariff for Domestic category

Particulars	Units/month	Approved Tariff (Rs/kWh)	GoHP Subsidy (Rs./kWh)	Effective Tariff after subsidy (Rs/kWh)
Lifeline consumers	0-60	3.30	2.30	1.00
Other consumers	0-125	3.95	2.40	1.55
	126-300	4.85	1.90	2.95
	Above 300	5.45	1.05	4.40
	Prepaid consumers	4.85	1.90	2.95

- 1.2 The above subsidized tariff was based upon the provision of Rs. 480 Crore, for providing subsidy to electricity consumers of domestic and agriculture categories during the year, by Govt. of Himachal Pradesh in the financial budget for 2020-21. Subsequently, after issuance of the tariff order by the Commission, HPSEBL vide letter dated 14-07-2020 informed that the Govt. of HP in the Council of Ministers Meeting (CMM) dated 25-06-2020 has decided to revise the rates of the subsidy for domestic category of the consumers. However, the Commission observed that the letter dated 14-07-2020 of HPSEBL lacks clarity and HPSEBL vide letter dated 17-07-2020 was requested to make it amply clear. Thereafter, the HPSEBL vide letters dated 22-07-2020 and 29-07-2020 replied to the observations of the Commission.
- 1.3 Now, in accordance with provisions of Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Commission in terms of sub-regulation (5) of Regulation 42 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Determination of

Wheeling Tariff and Retail Supply Tariff) Regulations, 2011 in giving effect to the revised subsidy hereby makes the following provisions:

- a. There has been no change in the tariff of domestic category of the electricity consumers for the period 1st June, 2020 to 30th June, 2020. The effective energy charges for Domestic Supply category, as proposed by the GoHP after accounting for Government subsidy, with effect from 1st July, 2020 shall be as given in the table below:-

Revised subsidized tariff for Domestic category of the consumers with effect from 1st July, 2020

Particulars	Units/month	Approved Tariff (Rs/kWh)	GoHP Subsidy (Rs./kWh)	Effective Tariff after subsidy (Rs/kWh)
Lifeline consumers	0-60	3.30	2.30	1.00
1 st Slab	0-125	3.95	2.40	1.55
2 nd Slab	0-125	3.95	2.10	1.85
	126-300	4.85	0.90	3.95
3 rd Slab	0-125	3.95	2.10	1.85
	126-300	4.85	0.90	3.95
	Above 300	5.45	0.45	5.00
	Prepaid consumers	4.85	0.90	3.95

- b. In case the GoHP/ HPSEBL want to change the level of subsidy provided to above classes/ categories of consumers, they shall inform the Commission accordingly for necessary changes.
- c. The above revised tariff in respect of domestic category shall be effective retrospectively from 1st July, 2020. The HSPEBL shall make appropriate adjustment in the bills for the modified subsidy amount.
- d. The Commission further order that subsidy amount shall be paid in advance to the HPSEBL, as per provisions of Section 65 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and reconciled after every quarter. HPSEBL is directed to submit quarterly report regarding the payment of subsidy as well as the outstanding amount, if any.

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(BHANU PRATAP SINGH)
Member

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(S.K.B.S. NEGI)
Chairman

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Dated:04.08.2020