

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

**Petition No. 12 of 2020
(Suo- Motu)**

Date of Order: 04.05.2020

In the matter of: Due to unprecedented conditions in view of the force majeure situation arising due to severe restrictions on movement of public in the State due to the spread of COVID-19 and continue supply of electricity being an essential service in larger public interest, Govt. of Punjab, Department of Power has issued directions vide letter No. letter No. 01/04/2020-EB(PR)/185-186 dated 07.04.2020 to the Commission under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, to exempt the fixed charges for medium supply (MS) and large supply (LS) industrial consumers for the next 2 months from 23.03.2020 and to fix energy charges to commensurate with reduction in fixed charges (single rate) and further directing to reduce the Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) for year 2019-20 and 2020-21 by 1.50% and 2.00% respectively.

And

In the matter of: The Commission on its own Motion

Vs

1. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL),
The Mall, Patiala
2. Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA),
Solar Passive Complex, Plot No. 1&2,
Sector -33D, Chandigarh

... Respondents

Coram: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson

Sh. S.S. Sarna, Member

ORDER

The Commission took on record the directions given by the Govt. Of Punjab vide letter no. 01/04/2020-EB(PR)/185-186 dated 07.04.2020 as petition no. 12 of 2020 (Suo-/motu) and issued notice dated 09.04.2020 to PSPCL and PEDDA to give their respective comments by 17.04.2020.

The Commission also issued a public notice in the newspapers inviting the objections/ comments/ suggestions of the general public and the stake holders on the above letter dated 07.04.2020 of the Govt. through email by 04.05.2020. However, the Govt. of Punjab has further extended the lock down to contain COVID-19 and therefore the stake holders and the general public may send their comments /objections/ suggestions through e-mail at secretarypsercchd@gmail.com within two weeks i.e. by 19.05.2020.

The date of hearing in the petition shall be intimated separately.

Sd/-

(S.S. Sarna)

Member

Sd/-

(Kusumjit Sidhu)

Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: 04.05.2020