

**GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF POWER
(Power Reforms Wing)**

(ORDER)

No.1/4/2020-EB (PR)/184 - Whereas restrictions have been imposed on movement of public and opening of offices and establishments etc. by the Government of India as well as Government of Punjab to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in the country. In this time of crisis, the Government of Punjab is committed to provide uninterrupted 24x7 supply to all Health Care Institutions such as Medical Colleges, Hospitals, Dispensaries and other Medical Establishments and Quarantine Centres across the States for their smooth functioning. Besides, uninterrupted power supply is also being given to all consumers. Despite the lockdown, whole workforce of the power sector (Generation, Transmission, Distribution and System Operations) is working round the clock to keep all homes and establishments energised.

Whereas, due to the unprecedented situation which is likely to continue for some time the consumers are unable to pay their dues to the State Discom Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL). The PSPCL too has extended due date of electricity bills up to 15th April, 2020 of all the Domestic & Commercial consumers having current monthly & bimonthly bills up to Rs.10000/- and current electricity bills of Small Power Industrial consumers with due date falling on or after 20th March, 2020 without levy of late payment surcharge. There will be no disconnection of Small and Medium supply Industrial consumers up to 15.4.2020 on account of non-payment current electricity bills.

Whereas, in view of the force majeure situation arising due to severe restrictions placed on movement of public in the State and continue supply of electricity being an essential service, the Government of Punjab in exercise of powers conferred upon it under Section 108 of the Electricity Act, 2003 issues following directions to the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission in larger public interest: -

1) **Industrial Consumers:**

Fixed Charges for Medium Supply (MS) and Large Supply (LS) Industrial Consumers be exempted for next 2 months from 23.3.2020 and Energy Charges may be fixed to commensurate with reduction in Fixed Charges (single rate). Revised Energy Charges will be paid by consumers and not to be considered for subsidy.

2) Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 may be reduced by 1.50% and 2.00% respectively.

Dated, Chandigarh, the
7th April, 2020


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Department of Power

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A copy of the above is forwarded to following for information and further necessary action please:

- i) The Secretary, Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission, Chandigarh.
- ii) The Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Patiala.


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A/w Principal Secretary, Power