

HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SHIMLA

Notification

No. HPERC/428.-

Shimla, the 12th May, 2026

WHEREAS, the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (hereinafter referred to as “the Commission”) has framed and notified the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017 vide notification No. HPERC/428 dated 16th November, 2017 and published in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, on 23rd November, 2017 (hereinafter referred to as “ the RE Tariff Regulations, 2017”);

AND WHEREAS, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission has notified the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Tariff determination from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2024, published in the Gazette of India (EXTRAORDINARY) on 16th July, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as “ the CERC RE Tariff Regulations, 2024”);

AND WHEREAS, the Commission, find it expedient to add/align some of the provisions of the CERC RE Tariff Regulations, 2024 in its RE Tariff Regulations, 2017. Accordingly, the Commission proposes to make the following Regulations further to amend the RE Tariff Regulations, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section 61, sub-section(1) of section 62, clauses (a), (b) and (e) of sub-section (1) of section 86 and clause (zd) of sub-section (2) of section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003), read with section 21 of the General Clauses Act,1897 (10 of 1897), and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Commission proposes to make the following Regulations further to amend the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017 and as required by sub-section (3) of section 181 of the said Act and rule 3 of the Electricity (Procedure for Previous Publication) Rules, 2005, the Draft Amendment Regulations are hereby published for the information of all the persons likely to be affected thereby; and notice is hereby given that the said Draft Amendment Regulations will be taken into consideration after the expiry of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this Notification in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh, together with objections or suggestions, if any, received within the stipulated period.

The text of the aforesaid Draft Amendment Regulations is available on the website of the Commission i.e. [http:// www.hperc.org](http://www.hperc.org).

The objections or suggestions in this behalf should be addressed to the Secretary, Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission, Vidyut Aayog Bhawan, Block-37, SDA Complex, Kasumpti-171009(HP).

DRAFT REGULATIONS

1. **Short title and commencement.**- (1) These Regulations may be called the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) (Eighth Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

(2) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of publication in the Rajpatra, Himachal Pradesh.

2. **Amendment of Regulation 2.**- In Regulation 2 of the Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Promotion of Generation from the Renewable Energy Sources and Terms and Conditions for Tariff Determination) Regulations, 2017, in sub-regulation (1),-

(i) after clause (ba), the following clauses (bb) and (bc) shall be inserted, namely:-

“(bb) **‘Biomass’** means wastes produced during agricultural and forestry operations (for example, straws and stalks) or produced as a by-product of processing operations of agricultural produce (e.g., husks, shells, de-oiled cakes); wood produced in dedicated energy plantations or recovered from wild bushes or weeds; and the wood waste produced in some industrial operations; including such other wastes as may be recognised by the Central Government, as being part of biomass;

(bc) **‘Biomass gasification’** means the process of incomplete combustion of biomass resulting in the production of combustible gases consisting of a mixture of carbon monoxide (CO), hydrogen (H₂) and traces of methane (CH₄);” and

(ii) for existing clause (ac), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

“(ac) **‘Useful Life’** in relation to the project including a dedicated evacuation system shall mean the useful life of the following duration to be reckoned from the date of commercial operation of such project, namely:-

i	Wind power project	25 years
ii	Biomass power project with Rankine cycle technology	25 years
iii	Non-fossil fuel based co-generation project	25 years
iv	Small hydro Project	40 years
v	Municipal solid waste based power project/Refuse derived fuel based power project	20 years
vi	Solar PV power project/ floating solar project/ Solar thermal power project	25 years
vii	Biomass gasifier based power project	25 years
viii	Biogas based power project	25 years
ix	Renewable hybrid energy project	Minimum of the Useful Life of different RE technologies combined for Renewable Hybrid Energy Project for Composite Tariff.
x	Renewable energy with storage project	Same as the Useful Life of the project, assuming that there is no storage.”

By order of the Commission

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Secretary