

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SCO NO. 220-221, SECTOR 34-A, CHANDIGARH**

Petition No. 02 of 2019

Date of Order: 18.03.2019

Present: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson
Sh. S.S. Sarna, Member
Ms. Anjali Chandra, Member

In the matter of: Petition for True Up for FY 2017-18, Annual Performance Review for FY 2018-19, Revised ARR Forecast and Determination of Tariff for FY 2019-20.

AND

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL), The Mall, Patiala.
.....Petitioner

ORDER

Petition No. 02 of 2019 filed by PSPCL for determination of Tariff for FY 2019-20 is under process. Meanwhile, the elections to the Lok Sabha have been announced by the Election Commission of India (ECI) on 10.03.2019 bringing into force the Model Code of Conduct. The policy and stand of ECI on the issue as contained in its letter No. 473/6/1/2014/CC&BE dated 29.03.2014 is as under:

“The Commission has no objection to the continuance of the process required for the decision on the power tariff. However, tariff award shall be made only on the completion of poll in the relevant State, i.e. after the poll date/ dates in that State.”

The Tariff Order dated 19.04.2018 for PSPCL for FY 2018-19 is operative till 31.03.2019 only. Therefore, there is no option but to continue with the existing tariff / charges till the completion of the polls so as to avoid a vacuum in the intervening period. As such, the Commission decides to continue with the existing tariff structure as per the said Order including the Time of Day (ToD) Tariff for all categories of consumers provisionally till the issue of the Tariff Order for FY 2019-20 after completion of the polls. The subsidy for FY 2019-20, shall be applicable as per the policy of the State Government.

As and when the Tariff Order for FY 2019-20 is issued, the same shall become applicable from the date as mentioned therein and have overriding effect on this Order.

Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Sd/-

(S.S. Sarna)
Member

Sd/-

(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: **18.03.2019**