

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

**Petition No. 05 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 under Section 23 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking regulatory guidance for measures to be taken in case of exigencies leading to power cuts for the Tariff year 2019-20.

AND

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

ORDER

Petition No. 05 of 2019 filed by PSPCL seeking regulatory guidance for measures to be taken in case of exigencies leading to power cuts for the Tariff year 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 Order dated 04.05.2018 in Petition No. 06 of 2018, authorizing PSPCL to impose power cuts, peak load hours

restrictions and other regulatory measures in case of exigencies & system requirements, is applicable for FY 2018-19 only. Therefore, there is no option but to continue with the instructions contained in the said Order till the completion of the polls so as to avoid a vacuum in the intervening period. As such, the Commission decides to extend the applicability of said Order till the issue of new Order after completion of the polls.

As and when the Order in Petition No. 05 of 2019 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**