

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

**Petition No. 07 of 2019
Date of Order:18.03.2019**

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

In the matter of: Petition for determination of Additional Surcharge to be made applicable on the Open Access consumers availing power from the sources other than Punjab State Power Corporation Limited for the period 01.04.2019 to 30.09.2019.

AND

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

ORDER

Petition No. 07 of 2019 filed by PSPCL for determination of Additional Surcharge payable by open access consumers for the period 01.04.2019 to 30.09.2019 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 25.09.2018 in Petition No. 29 of 2018, determining the Additional Surcharge payable by open access

consumers is applicable for the period 01.10.2018 to 31.03.2019 only. Therefore, there is no option but to continue with the existing Additional Surcharge 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 Additional Surcharge as per said Order provisionally till the issue of new Order after completion of the polls.

As and when the Order for Additional Surcharge for the period 01.04.2019 to 30.09.2019 is issued, the same shall become applicable from the date as mentioned therein and have overriding effect on this Order.

Sd/-

(Anjuli Chandra)
Member

Chandigarh
Dated: **18.03.2019**

Sd/-

(S.S. Sarna)
Member

Sd/-

(Kusumjit Sidhu)
Chairperson