

**PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

**Petition No. 62 of 2021**  
**Date of Order: 23.08.2022**

**Petition for clarification regarding applicability of PIU tariff to Electroplating Industries and some other type of industries under Regulation 69, 70, 71 & 72 of Chapter XIII of the Conduct of Business Regulations 2005.**

AND

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

.....Petitioner

Present: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson  
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

**ORDER:**

PSPCL has filed the present petition for clarification as to whether PIU tariff is applicable to Electroplating Industries, Hardening Furnaces, Tempering Furnaces, Metal Gathering Machines, Welding Machines/Butt Welding Machines and Power Coating Equipment. The Commission vide Order dated 07.01.2022 decided to get a study conducted from an expert body, to decide whether the above-mentioned industries are covered under the PIU category or not, through a transparent bidding process.

The Commission through press notice invited Request for Proposal (RFP) from expert consultants / institutes of National repute for study of determining the PIU status of above referred industries. Only 2 bids were received by the due date, even though RFP date was extended twice. However, no more bids were received except the already received two bids. On appraisal it was found that neither of the two bidders qualified the technical criteria.

Hence, the Commission has decided to drop the RFP enquiry and directs PSPCL to submit its recommendations after doing a technical study of the processes of these industries along with details of provisions prevailing in other States for these types of industries.

PSPCL shall submit its recommendations within one month. The next date of hearing is fixed for 19.10.2022 by which time PSPCL's report should be placed on the record for the consideration of the Commission. Notice may also be issued to the President, Association of Electroplating Industries, Punjab to file a response to the petition on behalf of the Association.

Sd/-  
(Paramjeet Singh)  
Member

Sd/-  
(Viswajeet Khanna)  
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: 23.08.2022