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

Petition No. 16 of 2018 Date of Order: **05.03.2019**

Present: Ms. Kusumjit Sidhu, Chairperson

Sh. S.S. Sarna, Member Ms. Anjuli Chandra, Member

In the matter of: Petition under regulation 45 & 46 of the

Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Intrastate Open Access) Regulations, 2011, read with Regulation 10, 69 and 71 of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2005, praying for making necessary amendments in the above said Open Access Regulations.

AND

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited,

The Mall, Patiala.

.....Petitioner

ORDER:

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL) has filed this petition seeking amendment in the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for Intra-state Open Access) Regulations, 2011 for incorporation of the provisions of 'Standby Charges' and 'Other Charges' in the Open Access regulations.

The Commission vide its interim Order dated 30.04.2018 directed PSPCL to furnish the data / information regarding similar

provisions contained in the open access regulations of other States, for consumers and licensees separately in tabular form, within ten days. In compliance thereof, PSPCL submitted the requisite information vide its memo no. 6808/TR-5/897 dated 04.05.2018.

After preliminary consideration, the Commission decided to include draft provisions for 'Standby Charges' and 'Other Charges' in a Staff Paper along with other proposed amendments in line with the Central Commission's Regulations and other Regulations of this Commission and the recommendations of the Forum of Regulators / Ministry of Power.

Public notice for inviting objections/comments on the proposed Amendment in the Regulations was issued on 14.06.2018 in leading newspapers besides being uploaded on the website of the PSERC. In response 6 (six) objections/comments were received. PSPCL and SLDC/PSTCL also submitted the replies to the proposed amendments vide their letters dated 13.11.2018 and 14.11.2018 respectively. The Commission also held a Public hearing in the matter on 15.11.2018 in which PSPCL, SLDC/PSTCL, Associations and individual consumers participated.

After careful consideration of the submissions made in the Petition, additional submissions, objections/comments received in response to the Public Notice as well as during the public hearing and replies of PSPCL/PSTCL, the Commission has incorporated suitable provisions for 'Standby Charges' and 'Other Charges' as Regulations 27(A) and 27(B) respectively of the Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions for intra-State Open Access) (8th Amendment) Regulations, 2019 notified vide notification no. PSERC/Secy/Regu/138 dated 15th February, 2019.

The petition is disposed of accordingly. Sd/-Sd/-Sd/-(Anjuli Chandra) (S.S. Sarna) (Kusumjit Sidhu) Member Member Chairperson Chandigarh Dated: 05.03.2019