

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**NOTIFICATION***01st January, 2024***UERC (Guidelines for Appointment of Members and Procedure to be followed by the Forum for Redressal of Grievances of the Consumers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024.**

No. F-9(30)(iii)/RG/UERC/2023-24/1025 : In exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section (2) (r) of Section 181 read with sub-section (5) of Section 42 of the Electricity Act 2003, and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, and after previous publication, the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following amendments in "Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Guidelines for Appointment of Members and Procedure to be followed by the Forum for Redressal of Grievances of the Consumers) Regulations, 2019" (Principal Regulations) and the subsequent amendments thereof namely:

1. Short Title, Applicability, Commencement and Interpretation.

- (1) These Regulations may be called the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Guidelines for Appointment of Members and Procedure to be followed by the Forum for Redressal of Grievances of the Consumers) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2024.
- (2) These Regulations shall extend to the whole of the State of Uttarakhand.
- (3) These Regulations shall be applicable to the Distribution Licensee(s) in the territory of Uttarakhand in their respective licensed areas.
- (4) These Regulations shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official Gazette.
- (5) Words and expression used and not defined in these Regulations but defined in the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) shall have the meanings assigned to them in the said Act.

2. Sub Regulation (2) of Regulation 2.2 of the Principal Regulations and the subsequent amendments thereof shall now be read as:

"(2) Technical member shall be a retired officer of any Distribution Licensee company, not below the rank of Superintending Engineer possessing degree in Electrical/Mechanical/Electronics/Computer Engineering and having at least 15 years overall experience of working in distribution utility or a person possessing degree in Electrical/Mechanical/Electronics/Computer Engineering and having at least 20 years overall experience in power sector.

Provided that serving officer of the Distribution Licensee not below the rank of Superintending Engineer, working in the area falling within the jurisdiction of the Forum, where such member is required shall be given charge till such time full time Technical Member is selected."

3. Sub Regulation (4) of Regulation 2.4 of the Principal Regulations and the subsequent amendments thereof shall now be read as:

"The Judicial and Consumer member shall be appointed as full time members and Judicial member shall be administrative head of the Forum, provided, he is a retired district judge/additional district judge or a retired judicial officer, else the Licensee after approval of the Commission shall designate any of the three Members as Chairperson of the Forum subject to considering the seniority and suitability of the Member"

4. Sub Regulation (3) of Regulation 2.5 of the Principal Regulations and the subsequent amendments thereof shall now be read as:

"Any Member may relinquish his office by giving in writing to the licensee a notice of not less than three months and the licensee shall inform the Commission accordingly. Where the Commission is satisfied that in the public interest or for the reason of incapacity of any/all Member(s), it is necessary so to do, it may for reasons to be recorded in writing and by giving him/them one month's notice or one month consolidated salary in lieu of the notice period, direct the Distribution licensee to remove any/all Member(s) of the Forum from discharging his/their duties."

By Order of the Commission,

NEERAJ SATI,

Secretary,

Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission.