

**Before
UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**Petition No. 44 of 2023
(Suo-moto)**

In the matter of:

Suo-moto proceedings initiated by the Commission in the matter of representation made by M/s Himalaya Hydro Private Ltd. (M/s HHPL) relating to amendment in Regulation 6.2(22) of the UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2016.

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Shri D.P. Gairola, Member-Chairman (I/c)

Shri M. K. Jain, Member (Technical)

Date of Order: November 02, 2023

ORDER

This Order relates to the Suo-moto proceedings initiated by the Commission in the matter of representation made by M/s Himalaya Hydro Private Ltd. (M/s HHPL) stating that amendment to Regulation 6.2(22) of the UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2016, which was not proposed in the draft UERC (State Grid Code) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022, was finalized without giving opportunity to the stakeholders to file their objections/comments/suggestions on the said proposed amendment.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Commission vide its notification dated 08.06.2022 issued UERC (State Grid Code) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022 (which came into force with effect from 30.07.2022) to align UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2016 with 5th and 6th amendment dated 12.04.2017 and 20.03.2020 respectively of CERC (Indian Electricity Grid Code) Regulations, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as CERC, IEGC, Regulations) which majorly dealt with scheduling and despatch procedures.
- 1.2 Draft UERC (State Grid Code) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022 were prepared on the recommendations of Grid Coordination Committee, which were in line with the 5th and 6th amendment of CERC, IEGC, Regulations.
- 1.3 Comments on the Draft UERC (State Grid Code) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022 were sought from various stakeholders. No Comments/objections were received on the Draft UERC (State Grid Code) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022. However, UJVN Ltd. proposed an additional amendment in Regulation 6.2(22) of the UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2016 requesting the Commission to also incorporate maximum and minimum limits for 33 kV voltage as specified in the CERC, IEGC, Regulations.
- 1.4 The Commission accepted the suggestion of the UJVN Ltd. and modified 6.2(22) of the UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2016 to include maximum and minimum limits of 36 kV and 30 kV respectively for 33 kV voltage.

2. Submission of M/s Himalaya Hydro Power Ltd.

- 2.1 M/s HHPL vide its letter dated 20.10.2023 submitted that amendment to Regulation 6.2(22) of the UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2016 which was not proposed in the draft UERC (State Grid Code) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022 was finalized without giving opportunity to the stakeholders to file their objections/comments/suggestions.

3 Commission's views and decision

- 3.1 The Commission after detailed deliberation has come to the conclusion that since CERC has come up with new IEGC Regulations, 2023 and Commission in compliance of Section 86(1)(h) of the Electricity Act, 2003 is required to specify

new State Grid Code consistent with IEGC, Regulations, 2023, the Commission has initiated the process of reviewing the status of the existing State Grid Code in line with CERC, IEGC Regulations, 2023, and has referred the matter to Grid Coordination Committee (a Standing Committee formed under the provisions of the State Grid Code) for seeking recommendations in the matter of framing a new State Grid Code consistent with CERC, IEGC, 2023. Thereafter, based on the recommendation of the Committee, the Commission will holistically examine the existing State Grid Code Regulations including the operating range of the grid voltages as specified in Regulations 6.2(22) of UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2016.

- 3.2 Therefore, the Commission exercising its power to remove difficulties under Regulation 10.3 of UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2016, hereby, deletes the operating range of 33 kV from the Table given in Regulation 6.2(22) of UERC (State Grid Code) Regulations, 2022 read with UERC (State Grid Code) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2022. Further, Regulation 51 of UERC (Tariff and Other Terms for Supply of Electricity from Renewable Energy Sources and non-fossil fuel based Co-generating Stations) Regulations, 2023 shall accordingly, stand modified and now the existing provision which reads as:

“ -In case of 33 kV and above Voltage level, as per State Grid Code”

shall now be substituted by the following:

- In the case of 33 kV voltage level , + 6% and – 9%: and
- In case of voltage level above 33 kV, as per State Grid Code

Ordered Accordingly.

(M. K. Jain)
Member (Technical)

(D.P. Gairola)
Member (Law)-Chairman (I/c)