Before

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Pet. No. 55 of 2024

In the Matter of:

Suo-moto proceeding in the matter of Show Cause Notice under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with Regulation 3.3.2(4) of the UERC (The Electricity Supply Code, Release of New Connections and Related Matters) Regulations, 2020.

And

In the Matter of:

- (1) Managing Director, Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL), VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun
- (2) Director (Operations), Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL), VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan, Kanwali Road, Dehradun
- (3) Chief Engineer (Kumoan Zone), Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL), 132 kV Substation, Kathgodam, Haldwani, Phone No. 05946-266557
- (4) Chief Engineer (Rudrapur Zone), Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL), Sec-02, Near Titan Industry, SIDCUL Rudrapur, Phone No. 05944-250246

...Respondents

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Shri M. L. Prasad Member (Technical) / Chairman (I/c)

Shri Anurag Sharma Member (Law)

Date of Hearing: November 13, 2024

Date of Order: November 13, 2024

<u>ORDER</u>

Respondent No. (1) & Respondent No. (2) failed to appear during the hearing. They neither sought any exemption from appearance, nor any reason was assigned for such nonappearance. This act of the licensee reflects its careless approach towards the important aspect pertaining to non-compliance of the

Commission's Regulations. The Commission expressed its displeasure on such casual approach. Respondent No. (3) & Respondent No. (4) were present. Respondents were represented by their counsel, who made the submission on behalf of Respondents and requested additional time to place on record certain additional information.

The reply filed by Respondent No. (3) & Respondent No. (4) was deficient of required information and was also not satisfactory.

The Commission directs UPCL to furnish following information before the Commission latest by **29.11.2024**: -

- (1) UPCL vide its submission dated 08.10.2024 furnished information pertaining to Kumaon Zone & Rudrapur Zone only. UPCL to examine and confirm under Affidavit that no such connections were released in other zones namely Garhwal Zone & Haridwar Zone.
- (2) To furnish the designation of the officer authorized for sanctioning the PTW connections for various load capacities.
- (3) To state whether any approval/permission is required to be obtained from any authority like BDO/VDO/Pradhan etc. prior to release of PTW connection or any other formality is required to be completed.
- (4) To furnish details of voltage levels i.e. 230V or 400V at which PTW connections of various loads are released in the State alongwith norms for releasing the same by extension of LT line or extension of HT line including transformer.
- (5) To furnish division-wise details of such PTW connections released in last 03 years in hard & soft copy (in MS Excel format) including following information: -
 - (a) Connection number
 - (b) Name & Address of Consumer
 - (c) Load in HP
 - (d) Details of deposited security amount
 - (e) Date of release of connection
 - (f) Connection released with or without transformer at site
 - (g) Connection released on 1 phase or 3 phase.

- (h) Year-wise annual energy consumption (in kWh) for last 3 years & load factor.
- (i) Details of Provisional Billing.
- (j) Connection from Rural feeder/Agriculture feeder/Mixed feeder/Urban feeder.

Ordered accordingly.

(Anurag Sharma) Member (Law) (M. L. Prasad) Member (Technical) /Chairman (I/c)