

Before
UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
Misc. Application No. 30 of 2025

In the Matter of:

Petition on behalf of the petitioners filed under Regulation 9 of the UERC (Conduct of Business Regulation), 2014 read with Regulations 50 & 59, Sec. 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and Sec. 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1927 initiating contempt proceedings against the alleged contemnor for non-compliance of the order dated 07.10.2024 of this Hon'ble Commission in petition no. 04 of 2024.

And

In the Matter of:

Smt. Minakshi Bhatt and others,
703, Tower C, Panache Heights,
Panache Valley, Dehradun

...Petitioner

And

- (1) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. (UPCL),
VCV Gabar Singh Urja Bhawan,
Kanwali Road, Dehradun

&

- (2) General Secretary,
Panache Residents Welfare Association,
Near Kirsali Chowk, Sahastradhara Road,
Dehradun 248001

...Respondents

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Shri M. L. Prasad	Chairman
Shri Anurag Sharma	Member (Law)

Date of Hearing: July 08, 2025

Date of Order: July 10, 2025

ORDER

The matter was taken up for hearing. The Petitioner and Respondent No. 1 (Uttarakhand Power Corporation Ltd. -UPCL) were heard at length. Respondent

No. 2 (PRWA) despite due and proper notice, failed to appear and remained unrepresented during the proceedings.

During the hearing, both the Petitioner and UPCL reiterated the submissions already placed on record. The Petitioner alleged serious and continued non-compliance with the directions issued by this Commission in its order dated 07.10.2024 by both UPCL and PRWA.

In its response, UPCL submitted that communications were duly issued to PRWA in pursuance of the said order and that steps have been initiated to ensure compliance. UPCL further raised a preliminary objection arguing that the initiation of proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1927 falls beyond the statutory mandate of this Commission.

The Petitioner, rebutted that the instant petition is also filed under Regulations 50 and 59 of the UERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2014, read with Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003, which empowers the Commission to take action in cases of non-compliance with its orders and stated that the reply filed by UPCL has been received by them today only and requested time to file a reply/counter affidavit in response to the submissions made by UPCL.

Considering the request of the Petitioner, the submissions made by UPCL that PRWA is not fully cooperating with UPCL, it would be necessary to require PRWA to be present during hearing, therefore, the Commission allows the Petitioner a period of **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of this order to file its reply.

The matter shall be taken up for further consideration on the next date of hearing, which shall be communicated separately to the parties.

Ordered accordingly.

(Anurag Sharma)
Member (Law)

(M. L. Prasad)
Chairman