JHARKHAND STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, RANCHI

DRAFT JSERC (CONDUCT OF BUSINESS, AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2014

In exercise of the powers conferred on it under section 181 read with Section 92 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all powers enabling it in that behalf, the Jharkhand State Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following amendments

DRAFT AMENDMENTS

Clause 3(2) shall be replaced by

"Unless otherwise directed, the headquarters and other offices of the Commission shall be open daily except on Saturdays and Sundays and Government holidays notified by the Government of Jharkhand. The working hours of the Commission shall be between 10.00 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. with lunch break from 1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m."

Clause 3(4) shall be replaced by

"The Commission may hold sittings for hearing matters at the Headquarters or at any other place on days and time to be specified by the Commission."

Clause 7(1) shall be replaced by

"The Secretary shall be the Principal Officer of the Commission and shall perform such functions as are assigned to him/her by these Regulations or by the Chairperson/Member(s)."

Clause 7(2)(g) shall be replaced by

"He shall have the right to collect from the Government or other offices, companies and firms or any other party as may be directed by the Chairperson/Member(s), such information as may be considered useful for the purpose of efficient discharge of the functions of the Commission under the Act and place such information before the Chairperson/Member(s)."

Clause 7(3) shall be replaced by

"The Secretary may, with the approval of the Chairperson, or in the event of vacancy of the position of the Chairperson with the approval of the Member(s), delegate to any other officer of the Commission any function required by these Regulations or otherwise, to be exercised by the Secretary"

Clause 7(4) shall be replaced by

"In the absence of the Secretary, such other officer of the Commission, as may be designated by the Chairperson, or in the event of vacancy of the position of the Chairperson, as may be designated by the Member(s), may exercise all the functions of the Secretary.

Clause 7(5) shall be replaced by

"The Chairperson, or in the event of vacancy of the position of the Chairperson, the Member(s) may delegate to the officers such functions including functions that may be required by these Regulations to be performed by the Secretary."

Clause 7(6) shall be replaced by

"The Chairperson, or in the event of vacancy of the position of the Chairperson, the Member(s), shall at all times have the authority, either on an application made to it by any interested or affected party or suo motu to review, revoke, revise, modify, amend, alter or otherwise change any order passed or action taken by the Secretary or Officers of the Commission, if the Chairperson, or in the event of vacancy of the position of the Chairperson, the Member(s) considers the same to be appropriate.

Clause 8(2) shall be replaced by the following

"The quorum for the meetings of the Commission shall be as per Clause 10 of these Regulations."

Clause 8(7)(a) shall be replaced by the following

"The Secretary or in his absence any officer of the Commission as such designated officer shall record the minutes of the meetings and maintain a register which will, amongst other things, contain the names and designation of Members and invitees present in the meeting, a record of proceedings and notes of dissent, if any. The draft minutes shall, as soon as practicable, be sent to the Chairpersons and the attending Members."

Clause 10 shall be replaced by the following

- "(1) For all initial procedural issues and also adjudicatory proceedings of the Commission, generally the quorum of the Commission shall be two among the three members.
- (2) In the event that the position of Chairperson and any one of the two Members is not filled, the quorum shall be one Member for all initial procedural issues and also adjudicatory proceedings of the Commission. The one Member shall also exercise all financial powers."

Clause 17 (12) Shall be replaced by the following

The Chairperson or any Member designated by him for the purpose shall be entitled to call for the petition presented by the party and give such directions regarding the presentation and acceptance of the petition as considered appropriate. In the event that the Commission has only one Member then he/she shall exercise the same power.

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