

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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No.....In exercise of the powers conferred on it by sub-section 6 and 7 of Section 42 and Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, and after publication, the Commission hereby proposes the amendments to the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Appointment & Functioning of Ombudsman) Regulations, 2004 (Principal Regulations) by amending the qualifications of the Ombudsman.

1. Short title and Commencement and Interpretation-

- (1) These Regulations may be called the Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Appointment & Functioning of Ombudsman) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2014.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force on and from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Clause 1 of sub-regulation 1 of Regulation 2 of the Principal Regulations shall be replaced as under:

““Licensee” means a distribution or a transmission licensee.”

3. Sub-regulation 5 of Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations shall be replaced as under:

“The Ombudsman shall be a person of ability, impeccable integrity and standing who has adequate knowledge of and has shown capacity in dealing with problems relating to engineering, finance, commerce, economics, law, consumer affairs or management and has held strategic positions in the said fields at the level not below that of the functional Director of any electricity utility or a retired civil servant not below the rank of Secretary to the State Government.

Provided that a person who had been in service of an electricity utility (in the State) shall not be eligible for appointment as Ombudsman within 2 years of his retirement.

4. Sub-regulation 6 of Regulation 3 of the Principal Regulations shall be replaced as under:

“The appointment or designation of the person(s) as the Ombudsman shall be made for a period not exceeding three (3) years.

Provided that the tenure of the Ombudsman may be extended by the Commission for a further period of two years.”

Provided further that, no person shall hold office as Ombudsman after he has attained the age of sixty eight years.

5. Following sub-regulation 3 shall be added to regulation 11 of the Principal Regulation.

“Nothing in these regulations shall be applicable to the existing Ombudsman and his/her appointment shall continue to be governed by the Principal Regulations.”

By the order of the Commission

(Neeraj Sati)
Secretary