

UTTARAKHAND ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Statement of Reasons for Draft Uttarakhand Electricity Regulatory Commission (Fees and Fines) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2018.

Statement of Reasons

The Commission had issued UERC (Fees and Fines) Regulations, 2002 (hereinafter referred to as “Principal Regulations”) vide notification dated January 04th, 2003 (adopted by the Commission on 21.11.2002). The Commission vide amendment dated 19.01.2013 to UERC (Fees and Fines) Regulations, 2002 amended the Schedule referred to in Regulation 3(1), 4(2), 4(5) and Regulation 7 of the Principal Regulation and forming part of the UERC (Fees and Fines) Regulations, 2002.

1. The Commission had issued UERC (Fees and Fines) Regulations, 2002 which were later amended vide notification dated 19.01.2013 after taking into consideration the scale of operation of the Commission, expected earnings from Bank Interest and revenue from fees and fines, to meet out the expected expenses of the Commission on yearly basis. The cost of operations has since increased manifold considering the increase in staff, 7th pay commission impact, expenses to upkeep the facilities at Commissions office, new initiatives in the era of digitization etc.
2. The Commission in order to meet the expected yearly expenses with the expected annual revenue of the Commission considered the need to amend the UERC fees & fines Regulations (Principal Regulations) and has proposed an increase under various types of fees for the defined purposes as set out in the draft UERC (Fees and Fines) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2018. Additionally, certain activities for which no fess has been specified under the current Regulations have been included under the proposed draft amendment Regulations.
3. Further, the Commission has also proposed to include NEFT/RTGS mode of payment for the purposes of remittance of required fees, in accordance with the UERC fees and fines Regulations, in the Commission’s account to facilitate the applicant and also to align with the objective of the GoI to promote digital mode of transactions.

4. The Commission has decided to issue the draft Regulations inviting comments/objections/suggestions on the same from the stakeholders. Last date of submission of comments/objections/suggestions on the same is 28.02.2018.

By the order of the Commission

(Neeraj Sati)
Secretary