

ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION ITANAGAR

MP-01 of 2025

BEFORE THE ADJUDICATING OFFICER

In the matter of:

A petition under section 27 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 for adjudication of the penalty under Section 26 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 by the adjudicating Officer and for directions to the Department of power, Arunachal Pradesh to make payment of penalty as adjudicated by the adjudicating Officer.

In the matter of:

The Bureau of Energy Efficiency.

...Petitioner

Versus

Department of Power, Arunachal Pradesh.

... Respondent.

Date of Hearing: 07.02.2025.

Coram:

Adjudicating Officer, Mr. Nich Rika, Hon'ble Member (Law).

Recording of Proceeding

1. The petitioner, Bureau of Energy Efficiency. (Herein referred to as "BEE") had filed the petition under section 27 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 for adjudication of the penalty under Section 26 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 by the adjudicating Officer and for directions to the Department of power, Arunachal Pradesh to make payment of penalty as adjudicated by the adjudicating Officer.

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- 2. By way of this petition, the petitioner had prayed that the Adjudicating Officer for holding an enquiry for the purpose of adjudging the penalty under Section 26 of the Energy Conservation Act, 2001 for non-compliance of the Regulation namely "the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (Manner and Interval for Conduct of Energy Audit in Electricity Distribution Companies) Regulations, 2021".
- 3. The Commission on 29.03.2023 had received the petition along with supported affidavit and other relevant documents, however due to non-appointment of Adjudication Officer, the matter could not be listed for hearing.
- 4. Hon'ble Member (Law) being entrusted with responsibility as Adjudicating Officer, on 21.01.2025 issued notice to both the parties. The respondent was directed to filed their written reply within 15 days from receipt of the notice. The matter was fixed on 07.02.2025 for adjudication hearing.
- 5. Seen that the respondent had filed their written reply on 05.02.2025.
- 6. Today, the matter has been taken up for adjudication hearing.
- 7. The petitioner as well as his engaged learned counsel is absent without citing any reasons.
- 8. The respondent has also not turn up, but a letter dated 05.02.2025 has been placed before the Commission to consider the hearing date as the respondent authorities had prescheduled meeting of 54th Commercial Committee Meeting of North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERC) at Kaziranga, Assam coinciding with the same date of hearing. The Commission has taken serious note of the causal approach of the respondent in submission of the letter without appearance of any of its representatives. In further course, no letter of adjournment shall be accepted without the parties representative personally present in the hearing.

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- 9. In the interest of justice, it is directed to the petitioner that Commission be apprised the status of compliance of the energy audit as submitted by the respondent in its reply.
- 10. The petitioner may put forth their rejoinder to the written reply of the respondent within 1[one] month from issued date of this Record of Proceeding.
- 11. The matter for further adjudication hearing shall be considered only after petitioner submit documents intent to further proceed with the case.
- 12. In events, no such rejoinder is received within the stipulated time, the Commission may consider the matter MP-01 of 2025 deem fit to be dismiss as compliance on the part of respondent as prayed in the instant petition.

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Sd/-

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