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To,
The Secretary,
Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission,
13th Floor, Centre No-1, World Trade Centre
Cuffe Parade, Colaba, Mumbai 400 005

Dear Sir,

Sub: Fulfilling Solar Renewable Purchase Obligation Target of FY 2019-20 cumulatively in the next control period

Ref: Tata Power-D MYT Order in Case No. 326 of 2019 dated 30th March 2020

1. The Hon'ble Commission has notified the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Renewable Purchase Obligation, its compliance and implementation of REC framework) Regulations, 2016 ("RPO Regulations, 2016") on 30th March 2016 for the control period starting from FY 2016-17 to FY 2019-20. As per the said Regulations, Tata Power as a Distribution licensee has to procure certain percentage of its power requirement through Renewable Sources.

2. In order to meet its Renewable Purchase Obligation ("RPO"), Tata Power-D has been procuring majority of its renewable energy requirement through its long-term tie-ups with wind and solar generating plants & the balance requirement is generally met through Renewable Energy Certificates ("RECs"). Tata Power-D in its MYT Petition bearing Case no. 326 of 2019 had estimated that Tata Power-D will fulfill its Non-Solar RPO obligation but is likely to have shortfall in fulfilling Solar RPO obligation for FY 2019-20. Additionally, the efforts taken by Tata Power-D for fulfilling its Solar RPO obligation for FY 2019-20 were also detailed in the MYT Petition, with a request to the Hon'ble Commission to allow Tata Power-D to fulfill its balance Solar RPO requirement of FY 2019-20 cumulatively in the next Control Period.

3. On 30th March, 2020, the Hon'ble Commission issued the MYT order of Tata Power-D in Case No. 326 of 2019. In the said Order, this Hon'ble Commission has stated that Tata Power-D's request for carry forward of cumulative shortfall will be dealt with in the verification process to be initiated separately as per RPO Regulations, 2016. The relevant para is reproduced herein below for ease of reference–

“Actual shortfall/surplus may undergo change based on RPO verification process to be initiated separately as per RPO Regulations, 2016. TPC-D's request for carry forward of cumulative shortfall will also be dealt with in the said proceeding.”

4. The Hon'ble Commission will appreciate that considering the submissions made in MYT Petition, Tata Power-D had not filed a separate petition for requesting Tata Power-D to fulfill its Solar RPO obligation for FY 2019-20 cumulatively in the next financial year. However, in light of the above mentioned order, we request the Hon'ble Commission to allow Tata Power-D to represent its detailed submissions qua cumulative fulfillment of Solar RPO target for FY 2019-20 during the *suo motu* proceedings of RPO verification process for FY 2019-20 as per RPO Regulation, 2016.

5. However, should the Hon'ble Commission deem it appropriate and necessary for Tata Power-D to file a separate Petition in this regard, we shall promptly file the same upon receiving directions from the Hon'ble Commission.

We request the Hon'ble Commission to take the same on record.

Thanking You,

Yours sincerely,

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