MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION (Specific conditions of Distribution Licence applicable to Reliance Energy Limited) Regulations, 2008

ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003

No. **MERC/TEC/ Licence Conditions/REL/2008/1665** : In exercise of powers under clause (d) of sub-section (2) of Section 181 read with the proviso to section 16 and clause (b) of Section 172 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following regulations, namely:-

1. Short Title, Applicability, Extent and Commencement

(1) These Regulations may be called the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Specific conditions of Distribution Licence applicable to Reliance Energy Limited) Regulations, 2008.

(2) Save and except to the conditions herein, these Regulations shall supercede the previous Licence, clearance or approval granted to Reliance Energy Limited under the laws repealed by the Electricity Act, 2003.

(3) These Regulations shall extend to the whole of the Area of Supply of Reliance Energy Limited.

(4) These Regulations shall come into force from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Definitions: In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:-

(a) "Act" means the Electricity Act, 2003 (36 of 2003) as in force from time to time;

(b) "REL" or "Distribution Licensee" means Reliance Energy Limited (now known as Reliance Infrastructure Limited pursuant to Fresh Certificate of Incorporation Consequent upon Change of Name dated 28th April, 2008 issued by the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra, Mumbai);

(c) "General Conditions" means the General Conditions as specified in the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (General Conditions of Distribution Licence) Regulations, 2006, as in force from time to time.

Words and expressions used in these Regulations and not defined shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Act or rules and regulations made thereunder.

3. Interpretation

These Specific Conditions with respect to REL and the General Conditions of Licence as notified by the Commission shall be deemed to be the conditions of licence of REL and shall govern its operations of distribution and retail supply of electricity in the area specified herein.

4. Area of Supply

4.1 The Area of Supply within which the Distribution Licensee is authorised to supply electricity shall be the whole of the area as described in "The Bombay Suburban Electric License, 1926" subject to such conditions and exclusions as specified in the said License.

4.2 The Distribution Licensee is authorised to supply electricity to the public for all purposes in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

5. Term of Licence

Subject to the provisions of the Act, the Licence shall remain in force till 15th August 2011, i.e., the remaining period for which REL shall be deemed to be a Distribution Licensee under the Act.

6. Inspection of Specific Conditions and Licence

The Distribution Licensee shall make provision for public inspection of these Specific Conditions and its licence, clearance or approval, immediately on the date of notification of these Regulations.

7. Power to amend

The Commission may, at any time, vary, alter, modify or amend any provisions of these Regulations. Any alteration made to these Regulations shall come into force on the date of the notification and the alteration shall thereafter have effect only in such modified form or be of no effect, as the case may be, so, however, that any such alteration or annulment shall be without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done in pursuance of that alteration.

8. Power to remove difficulties

If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, the Commission may, by general or specific order, make such provisions not inconsistent with the provisions of the Act, as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty.

P. B. Patil, Secretary Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, Mumbai

Mumbai, Dated 20th August, 2008