Before the

MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Notification of Effective Date for implementation of Commercial Arrangement under MERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar and Wind Generation) Regulations, 2018

Date: 18 March, 2019

Notification

In accordance with first proviso of Regulation 1.2 of MERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar and Wind Generation) Regulations, 2018, notified on 20 July, 2018, the Commission is required to notify the date for coming into force of Commercial Arrangement specified in Part C of these Regulations and the related provisions regarding Deviation Charges and Penalties applicable for Wind and Solar Generating Stations in the State. Such date for coming into effect of Commercial Arrangement ("Effective Date") shall not be later than 9 months from the notification of these Regulations (i.e. 20th April 2019).

- 2. MSLDC vide its letter dated 12 March, 2019 submitted that, for implementation of said Regulations, a Co-ordination meeting was held with the Stakeholders on 26 February, 2019 at Prakashganga, HQ. of MSETCL, Mumbai. MSLDC submitted the minutes of the meeting dated 26 February, 2019 to the Commission wherein it is stated that, during meeting, Stakeholders raised the concern about the short time period available for activities to be undertaken for implementation of the said Regulations. MSLDC further provided updated status of the implementation activities along with the timelines. The Commission notes that as per the proposed timelines indicated by MSLDC, the establishment of online Qualified Coordinating Agency (QCA) management and Renewable Energy Scheduling and Deviation Accounting Software shall be ready by 30 June 2019.
- 3. The Commission has noted the concern raised by Stakeholders during the meeting dated 26 February 2019 regarding the short time available for implementation of the Regulations and also the submission made by MSLDC about its preparedness to rollout the Commercial Arrangement by 30 June 2019.
- 4. In view of the above, in exercise of the power conferred by Regulation 19 and in pursuance of first proviso of Regulation 1.2 of the MERC (Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement for Solar and Wind Generation) Regulations, 2018, the Commission hereby notifies the **Effective Date** for coming into force of Commercial Arrangement as **1** July 2019.

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