



MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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Case No. 112 of 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 FOR GRANT OF TRANSMISSION LICENCE TO TATA POWER COMPANY LIMITED

1. An application for grant of Transmission Licence has been made by M/s. Tata Power Company Limited (TPC) on 23 May, 2014 under the provisions of Section 14 read with Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 for a period of 25 years w.e.f. 16 August, 2014. TPC has submitted in its licence application that it is an existing Transmission Licensee under four licences issued to various group companies that were eventually merged in Tata Power Company in 2000. These licences were amended from time to time and the validity of the licences expires on 15 August, 2014.
2. TPC has submitted the application for grant of Transmission Licence for transmission of electricity for area of Mumbai City, Mumbai Suburban Area, Mira Bhayandar Municipal Corporation with the existing and proposed transmission lines & Receiving Stations (including those outside the Mumbai Area).
3. The registered office of Tata Power Company Limited is at Bombay House, 24, Homi Mody Street, Mumbai – 400 001.
4. TPC owns and operates around 1140 ckt. km. of transmission lines at 220 kV / 110 kV with 20 Receiving Stations spread across Mumbai having a transformation capacity of 8873 MVA as on 31st March 2014 (as provided in Annexure 6 & 7 of the Application). It proposes to add another 24 Receiving Stations, 1155 Bays and 1266 ckt. km. (overhead & under-ground) transmission lines in the period from FY 2014-15 to FY 2018-19 (as provided in Annexure 8 & 9 of the Application).
5. For complete details of the transmission lines, substations and associated equipments proposed under the application for grant of Transmission Licence, any interested person may refer to TPC's application for grant of Transmission Licence.
6. In accordance with sub-section (2) of Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 6 of MERC (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004, TPC published a notice of its Transmission Licence application on 13 June, 2014 in two English newspapers, viz. 'Financial Express' & 'DNA' and two Marathi newspapers, viz. 'Loksatta' & 'Prahar'.
7. Pursuant to the notice by TPC of the aforesaid application in newspapers, no suggestions and objections were received from the public.
8. As per MERC (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004, **Alternative 1** specifies that the area of transmission shall be the State of Maharashtra and **Alternative 2** specifies **that the Licence shall be to establish and operate specific transmission lines, substations & associated equipments**. TPC has submitted the application for grant of Transmission Licence which is related to a combination of **area specific Transmission Licence for Mumbai Transmission Area** under **Alternative 1** and **line specific Transmission Licence for transmission lines including receiving stations situated outside Mumbai** under **Alternative 2**.
9. Recommendations vide letter dated 27 June, 2014 were received from the State Transmission Utility (STU) of Maharashtra under Section 15 (4) of the Electricity Act, 2003. STU has recommended that TPC may be granted the Transmission Licence only for combination for (i) Licence for Mumbai Transmission Area and (ii) Licence for Receiving Stations (or Transmission Receiving Stations) and transmission lines which are situated outside Mumbai Area that are owned or proposed to be constructed by TPC in future, forming part of intra-State transmission system of Maharashtra and which are in the STU plan approved by the Commission.
10. In view of the above, the Commission proposes to grant the Licence to the applicant under Alternative 2 as a Transmission Licensee, in accordance with Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004 as amended in 2006 subject to fulfilment of all the requirements laid down in the Act and Regulations.
11. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to invite suggestions and / or objections, if any, to the proposal to grant Transmission Licence to TPC by the Commission, to be received by the undersigned by Thursday, 7th August, 2014 at the above noted address. Suggestions and/or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.
12. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by TPC before the Commission can be accessed at the Commission's website www.mercindia.org.in/www.merc.gov.in or inspected by any person in the Commission's office in accordance with the procedure laid down in Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004.
13. Every person who intends to file objections and comments/suggestions can submit the same in English or Marathi, in (6+1) copies, and should carry the full name, postal address and e-mail address, if any, of the sender. It should be indicated whether the suggestions and/or objections are being filed on behalf of any organization or of any category of consumers. It should also be mentioned if the sender wants to be heard in person, in which case opportunity would be given by the Commission at the Public hearing to be held on **Tuesday, 12th August 2014 at 11.00 hours in the office of the Commission at World Trade Centre, Centre No. 1, 13th Floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, 400005**. No separate notice will be issued for the purpose.

Date: 17th July, 2014

Place: Mumbai

Sd/-
Secretary, MERC