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PUBLIC NOTICE

Inviting suggestions and objections from the public on Draft MERC (Levy and collection of fees and charges by State Load Despatch Centre) Regulations, 2014

The State Load Despatch Centre (SLDC) plays an important part in the monitoring, control and reliable operation of the grid in the State. Accordingly, co-ordinating generation, transmission and distribution of electricity on real time basis so as to ensure maximum security and efficiency of the grid is the prime objective of Load Despatch Centre.

In accordance with the first proviso to Section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited (MSETCL), which is the State Transmission Utility (STU) in the State of Maharashtra, operates the Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre (MSLDC) from two centres - one at Kalwa and the other at Ambazari (Nagpur) and an additional sub-LDC Mumbai at Trombay. MSETCL, in its capacity under the first proviso to section 31(2) of the Electricity Act, 2003,, has been filing petition seeking the Commission's approval for the Annual budget for the operational costs of MSLDC as required under Regulation 18.1 of the MERC (Transmission Open Access) Regulations, 2005. However, there was no separate comprehensive Regulations available which outlined the principles to be adopted for determination of fees and charges which would be levied by the MSLDC on the identified beneficiaries for its services.

The Commission under clause (g) of sub-section (2) of Section 181 read along with sub-section (3) of Section 32 of the Electricity Act, 2003, has prepared the Approach Paper and Draft MERC (Levy and collection of fees and charges by State Load Despatch Centre) Regulations, 2014. A copy of the said Approach Paper and Draft Regulations is available on the Commission's website, www.mercindia.org.in / www.merc.gov.in in downloadable format. The Commission hereby invites suggestions and / or objections from the public/ stakeholders on the above draft, which may be sent (1+5 copies) to the Secretary, MERC, 13th Floor, Centre No.1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400005 [Fax: 022-22163976; E-mail: mercindia@merc.gov.in] **on or before 10 March, 2014.**

All suggestions and / or objections received **on or before 10 March, 2014** shall be considered by the Commission.

Place : Mumbai
Date : 4 February, 2014

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Secretary, MERC