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Case No. 89 of 2022

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**PUBLIC NOTICE****Inviting Comments on Application of The Tata Power Company Ltd.- Transmission for amendment of Transmission Licence under Section 18 of the Electricity Act, 2003.**

1. The Tata Power Company Ltd.-Transmission Business (TPC-T) has applied to the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC or the Commission) for amendment to its Transmission Licence No. 1 of 2014 for reflecting the revised asset position on account of commissioning/decommissioning/modification proposed to the Transmission Lines /Bays post grant of the Licence.
2. TPC-T has proposed the amendments the Transmission Lines / bays under broad categories -
  - ◆ Transmission Lines / Bays to be shifted from "Proposed- List of Transmission Lines / Bays" to "Existing Transmission Lines / Bays" in the Transmission Licence post their commissioning.
  - ◆ Addition/Deletion of Transmission Lines / Bays to Existing Transmission Lines /Bays.
  - ◆ Addition of bays missed out in the second amendment application.
  - ◆ Amendment in terms of addition/deletion to "Proposed- List of Transmission Lines /Bays" as per STU five year plan.
3. TPC-T had published a Notice in (i) Indian Express (English), (ii) Financial Express (English) (iii) Loksatta (Marathi) and (iv) Navarashtra (Marathi) on 7 October, 2022, as required under Section 18(2) (a) of the Act inviting written suggestions or objections. No objection was received in response to this Notice. TPC-T also forwarded a copy of its amendment application to State Transmission Utility (STU).
4. STU vide its letter dated 23 November, 2022 and 20 January 2023 has submitted the joint verification report wherein STU has verified the submissions of TPC-T for newly added/ updated assets as well as proposed assets.
5. After evaluation of the application and documents submitted by TPC-T and Report of STU dated 23 November, 2022 and 20 January, 2023, the Commission is prima-facie satisfied that Transmission Licence No. 1 of 2014 (Second Amendment) granted to TPC-T may be amended as Third Amendment as indicated in the Appendix I uploaded on the Commission's website, subject to fulfillment of the requirements laid down in the Electricity Act, 2003 and Regulations.
6. A copy of TPC-T's Application along with its Annexures, Enclosures and STU's Report can be accessed at the Commission's websites [www.merc.gov.in](http://www.merc.gov.in) or inspected in the Commission's office in accordance with procedure laid down in the MERC (Transaction of Business and Fees and Charges) Regulations, 2022.
7. In response to the Public Notice published, every person who intends to file suggestions/ objections can submit the same in English or Marathi language in writing by uploading it through 'E-Public Consultation' Tab on MERC Website ([www.merc.gov.in/e-public-consultation](http://www.merc.gov.in/e-public-consultation)). In case of any difficulty in accessing this feature, concerned stakeholders can contact the MERC Office on Mobile No.: 8928071522 or on email id: [suggestions@merc.gov.in](mailto:suggestions@merc.gov.in) between **10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** on all the working days.
8. A Person who has uploaded suggestion and objection on 'E-Public Consultation' Tab need not to file any hard copy of its submission. Person who does not have access to electronic media can file their suggestion and objection in a hard copy addressed to 'The Secretary', Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, 13th Floor, Centre No.1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai-400 005 along with proof of service on the The Tata Power Company Limited – Transmission, Bombay House, 24, Homi Mody Street, Fort, Mumbai 400 001. (Email: [srmehendale@tatapower.com](mailto:srmehendale@tatapower.com)) and should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address, if any, of the sender. It should be indicated whether the objection is being filed on behalf of any organization or category of consumers. Suggestions and/or objections received after **5 PM on 21 March, 2023** shall not be considered. Suggestions/Objections filed through any other mode shall not be considered.
9. TPC-T shall reply to each of the objections /comments received within three days of the receipt of the same but not later than **24 March, 2023** for all the objections/comments received till **21 March, 2023**. Stakeholders can submit their rejoinders on replies provided by TPC-T either during the e-public hearing or latest by **27 March, 2023**.
10. If the sender/objector who has submitted his comments/suggestions as per para (7) above and wants to be heard during e-Public Hearing, then he/she should specifically mention the same at the time of filing of suggestions /objections. In such cases, submission of valid email ID and Mobile Number would be mandatory. The Commission at its sole discretion, may permit such sender/ objector to be heard in the e-Public Hearing to be held through video conference on **23 March 2023 at 10.30 Hrs**, for which no separate notice will be given.
11. All participants attending the e-Public Hearing shall follow the Practice Directions on 'Operational procedure and protocol to be followed for e-filing and e-hearing of the petition before the commission' issued by the Commission on 14 November, 2022.

Date : 01.03.2023

Place : Mumbai

Secretary, MERC