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Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Specific Conditions of Distribution Licence applicable to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust for SEZ at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Taluka Uran, District Raigad) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2023

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Date:- 3 October, 2023

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) has been notified as a developer for the Port based SEZ at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Taluka Uran, District Raigad by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India. As per Section 14 of the Electricity Act, 2003, JNPT is a deemed Distribution Licensee to operate and maintain a distribution system for supplying electricity to consumers in that area. Accordingly, the MERC (Specific Conditions of Distribution Licence applicable to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust for SEZ at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Taluka Uran, District Raigad) Regulations, 2018 were notified on 13 November 2018.

Vide its Letter dated 10 May 2023, JNPT informed that its name has been changed from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) in pursuance of the repeal of earlier The Major Port Trusts Act, 1963 and enactment of the new act, i.e. The Major Port Authorities Act, 2021. The Development Commissioner, SEEPZ SEZ vide its letter dated 19 January, 2023 has taken on record and approved the change of name from JNPT to JNPA.

In order to incorporate this name change in the existing specific conditions Regulations of JNPT, a process of amendment to these Regulations was initiated and the draft MERC (Specific Conditions of Distribution Licence applicable to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust for SEZ at Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Taluka Uran, District Raigad) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2023 were published in Two English and Two Marathi newspapers (Times of India, Indian Express, Maharashtra Times and Loksatta) on 19 July 2023 for inviting suggestions/ objections from public and stakeholders. Also, these draft Regulations were made available on the Commission's website. Last date for receipt of comments was 18 August 2023.

In response, no comment has been received. Therefore, the Commission is of the view that no change is required in the draft amendment to the Regulations, and it is finalized accordingly.

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