

MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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CASE NO. 13 OF 2024 **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.

- 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 had published a Notice in (i) Indian Express (English), (ii) Financial Express (English) (iii) Loksatta (Marathi) and (iv) Pudhari (Marathi) on 25th April, 2024, as required under Section 18(2) (a) of the Act inviting written suggestions or objections. No objections/ commentswere received in response to this Notice. TPC-T also forwarded a copy of its amendment application to State Transmission Utility (STU).
- 3. STU vide its letter dated 28th February, 2024has submitted the joint verification report wherein STU has verified the submissions of TPC-T for newly added/updated /transfer of assets as well as proposed assets and recommended for amendments.
- After evaluation of the application, documents submitted by TPC-T, STU asset verification Report dated 28 February, 2024 and nil comment received on TPC-T's Notice, the Commission is prima-facie satisfied that Transmission Licence No. 1 of 2014 (Third Amendment) granted to TPC-T may be amended as Fourth Amendment as indicated in the Appendix I, subject to fulfillment of the requirements laid down in the Electricity Act, 2003 and Regulations.
- 5. The details of the amendments proposed by TPC-T along with copy of the Petition STU report and Appendix I are uploaded on the Commission's website.
- 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 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.
- 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). 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 between 9.30 AM to 6.00 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 TheTata Power Company Limited, Backbay Receiving Station, 148 Lt Gen J Bhonsale Marg, Nariman Point, Mumbai - 400 021. (Email: shantanu.singh@ 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 6 PM on 30th July 2024 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 2nd August 2024 for all the objections/comments received till 30th July 2024. Stakeholders can submit their rejoinders on replies provided by TPC-T either during the e-public hearing or latest by 5th August 2024.
- 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 2nd August 2024 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 14th November, 2022. Sd/-

(Dr. Rajendra G. Ambekar) Date: 28/06/2024 Place : Mumbai Secretary, MERC

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