

MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Case No. 141 of 2024 and Case No. 142 of 2024
Inviting Comments on Applications of M/s SEZ Bio-Tech Services Pvt. Ltd. for amendment of its Specific Conditions Regulations under Section 18 of the Electricity Act, 2003

- 1. M/s SEZ Bio-Tech Services Pvt. Ltd. (SEZ Biotech) has made applications before the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Commission) for amendment of MERC (Specific Conditions of Distribution License applicable to M/s. SEZ Bio-Tech Services Private Limited for the sector specific SEZ for the Poonawalla Biotechnology Park at Village Manjari Budruk, District Pune) Regulations, 2024 and MERC (Specific Conditions of Distribution License applicable to M/s. SEZ Bio-Tech Services Private Limited for the sector-specific SEZ for Biotech and Pharmaceuticals Sectors at Hadapsar Village, District Pune) Regulations, 2024 (Specific conditions Regulations), notified by the Commission on 23 July 2024 for including revised area in both the SEZs at Manjari Budruk and Hadapsar Village, District Pune.
- 2. SEZ Biotech had published a Notice in (i) Times of India, Pune Edition (English), (ii) Indian Express, Pune Edition (English) (iii) Loksatta, Pune Edition (Marathi) and (iv) Maharashtra Times, Pune Edition (Marathi) on 19 December 2024 as required under Section 18(2) (a) of the Electricity Act inviting written suggestions or objections. In response to the public notice published, no suggestion/objection has been received.
- 3. After evaluation of the applications and other documents submitted by SEZ Biotech, the Commission is prima facie satisfied that Specific Conditions Regulations of SEZ Biotech may be amended, subject to fulfillment of the requirements laid down in the Electricity Act, 2003 and Regulations.
- 4. Copies of SEZ Biotech's Applications along with its Annexures and Enclosures can be accessed at the Commission's website www.merc.gov.in or inspected by any person in the Commission's office in accordance with procedure laid down in MERC (Transaction of Business and Fees and Charges) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024.
- 5. 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 the 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 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM on all working days.
- 6. A person who has uploaded suggestion and objection on 'E-Public Consultation' Tab need not 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 Mr. Nisar Shaikh, General Manager, 709, Floor 7, Tower 2, World Trade Centre, Kharadi, Pune 411014, email: nisar@eropower.in and should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address, if any, of the sender. Suggestions and/or objections received after 5 PM on 4th July 2025 shall not be considered.
- 7. SEZ Biotech shall reply to each of the objections /comments received within three days of the receipt of the same but not later than 8th July 2025 for all the objections/comments received till 4th July 2025. Stakeholders can submit their rejoinders on replies provided by SEZ Biotech either during the e-public hearing or latest by 11 July 2025.
- 8. If the sender/objector who has submitted his comments/suggestions as per para 5 above and wants to be heard in person in e-Public Hearing, he 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. All participants attending the e-Public Hearing shall follow the Practice Directions on 'Operational procedure and protocol to be followed for e-hearing of the Petition before the Commission' issued by the Commission on 14 November 2022.
- 9. E-Public Hearing shall be held through video conference on Friday, 25th July 2025, at 10.30 AM, when SEZ Biotech's applications for amendment of Specific Conditions Regulations will be considered. No separate notice will be issued for the purpose.

Date: 4th June 2025 (Dr. Rajendra G. Ambekar)
Place: Mumbai Secretary, MERC