MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION



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NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRCITY ACT, 2003 (EA 2003) [Case No. 1 of 2023]

- 1. An application for grant of Distribution Licence has been made by **Torrent Power Limited (TPL)** for distribution in Vasai Virar Municipal Corporation **(VVMC)** and surrounding areas, Kalyan Dombivli Municipal Corporation **(KDMC)**, Ulhasnagar Municipal Corporation **(UMC)**, Thane Municipal Corporation **(TMC)** excluding Distribution Franchisee **(DF)** Area, Ambernath Municipal Council **(AMC)** and surrounding areas.
- 2. In accordance with sub-section (2) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003, TPL published a notice of its application on 8 January, 2023 in 'Hindustan Times', 'Indian Express', 'Lokmat' and 'Saamana'.
- Broadly, the licence areas include VVMC and surrounding areas, KDMC, UMC, TMC excluding DF area (Bhiwandi, Shil, Mumbra and Kalwa) and AMC and surrounding areas. For complete details of the proposed area of licence, any interested person may refer to TPL's application for grant of license, available in downloadable format on the Commission's website www.merc.gov.in.
- 4. The registered office of TPL is at Samanyay, 600, Tapovan, Ambawadi, Ahmedabad –380015.
- 5. A copy of the application along with its annexures and enclosures, made by TPL before the Commission can be accessed at the MERC's website www.merc.gov.in or inspected by any person in the Commission's office in accordance with the procedure laid down in MERC (Transaction of Business and Fees and Charges) Regulations, 2022.
- 6. Pursuant to the notice of the aforesaid application in newspapers, suggestions and objections were received from the public. On consideration of the material available on record, the Commission is satisfied that prima facie the applicant qualifies for grant of Distribution licence for the proposed area of supply. The Commission proposes to grant the licence to the applicant, as a Distribution Licensee, in accordance with MERC (General Conditions of Distribution Licence) Regulations, 2006 subject to fulfilment of all the requirements laid down in the Act and Regulations.
- 7. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the EA 2003 to invite suggestions and/ or objections, if any, to the proposal to grant Distribution licence to the applicant by the Commission. 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 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 Mr. Raghavendra Rao, General Manager, Torrent Power Ltd. Aadeshwar Tower A wing, Kamatghar, Narpoli, Old Mumbai Agra Road, Bhiwandi, Thane District, Maharashtra 421 320, email: applications@torrentpower.com and should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address, if any, of the sender. Suggestions and/or objections received after 5:00PM on 16 July 2025 shall not be considered. Suggestions/Objections filed through any other mode shall not be considered.
- TPL shall reply to each of the objections/comments received within three days of the receipt of the same but not later than 19 July 2025 for all the objections/comments received till 16 July 2025. Stakeholders can submit their rejoinders on replies provided by TPL either during the e-public hearing or latest by 23 July 2025.
- 10. If the sender/objector who has submitted his comments/suggestions as per above and wants to be heard in person in 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.
- 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.
- 12. E-Public Hearing shall be held through video conference on **Tuesday**, **22 July 2025**, **at 11.00 AM**, when TPL's Licence application will be considered. No separate notice will be issued for this purpose.

Date: 23th June 2025 (Dr. Rajendra G. Ambekar)
Place: Mumbai Secretary, MERC