

Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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CORAM: Shri. Azeez M. Khan, Member
Shri. Deepak Lad, Member

Petition of R-Infra-D for waiver of Mini/Micro Hydro Renewable Purchase Obligation target for the Control Period FY 2010-11 to FY 2015-16

Reliance Infrastructure Limited -Distribution (R-Infra-D) Petitioner

Present During the hearing

For the Petitioner : Shri Ghanshyam Thakkar (Rep.)

For Consumer Representative : Dr. Ashok Pendse (TBIA)

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Heard the Representatives of the Petitioner and Consumer Representative.

R-Infra-D stated that:

1. The Commission has specified Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) target for the Obligated Entities as per the provisions of MERC (Renewable Purchase Obligations, its Compliance and Implementation of REC Framework) Regulations 2010 (RPO-REC Regulations). As per Regulation 7.1, from out of, 0.1% of Non-solar RPO percentage is to be met from Mini/Micro Hydro for FY 2010-11 to FY 2012-13, and thereafter 0.2%.
2. The Commission vide its Order dated 6 March, 2014 in Case No 183 of 2013, has allowed RInfra-D to meet its Mini/Micro Hydro RPO targets on cumulative basis for the control period FY2010-11 to FY2015-16 before 31.03.2016.
3. RInfra-D has made all efforts to comply with the RPO targets of Mini/Micro Hydro. There is no Mini/Micro Hydro Station in RInfra-D's area.

4. RInfra-D has issued Expressions of Interest from time to time, i.e. in Jan 2011, Jan 2012, May 2012, April 2014 and April 2015, for purchase of RE Power from Mini/Micro Hydro sources. However, no offers were received for the same.
5. The installed capacity of Mini/Micro Hydro in Maharashtra is 8.025 MW and there is no capacity addition since FY 2010-11. There are no separate Mini /Micro Hydro RECs available to fulfil RPO target.
6. R-Infra-D requested the Commission to waive the RPO targets for Mini/Micro Hydro for FY 2010-11 to FY 2015-16 or, in the alternative, allow Rinfra-D to meet target of Mini/Micro Hydro by way of purchase of Non-Solar RECs.

Dr. Ashok Pendse, TBIA submitted that the Commission should allow the same dispensation of waiver of Mini/Micro Hydro to all the Distribution Licensees and allow Distribution Licensees to purchase Non –solar RECs to fulfill their Mini/Micro Hydro RPO targets.

Case is reserved for Order.

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Member**

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