

Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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CASE Nos. 108 of 2016

Date: 29 November, 2016

**Coram: Shri. Azeez M. Khan, Member
Shri. Deepak Lad, Member**

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Petition filed by Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co Ltd., for review and merging of Solar & non-Solar RPO targets and to specify a composite RPO target by clubbing both Solar & non Solar RPO targets, and other issues.

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (MSEDCL) Petitioner

Appearance

For the Petitioner : Shri. Rahul Sinha, Adv.
: Shri. D.H. Kulkarni,(Rep)
: Shri. B. Y. Khandait, (Rep)

DAILY ORDER

Heard the Advocate/Representatives of the Petitioner.

1. Advocate of MSEDCL stated that he would like to make three prayers/submissions with respect to the MERC (Renewable Purchase Obligation, its Compliance and Implementation of Renewable Energy Certificate Framework) Regulations, 2016 (RPO-REC Regulations, 2016):
 - (i) To review and merge/club the Solar and non-Solar RPO targets
 - (ii) To subject all Obligated Entities having load 1 MW to 5 MW (both inclusive) to Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO), from which they are currently exempted.
 - (iii) To provide an appropriate mechanism to monitor the compliance of RPO targets by Open Access users and Captive consumers.
2. Advocate of MSEDCL stated that the major sources for MSEDCL's non-Solar RPO are wind and bagasse, and also biomass, Small Hydro and Municipal Solid Waste. MSEDCL has almost achieved its targets as far as this category is concerned. MSEDCL will shortly sign EPA's for 550 MW of Wind power. Barring this, MSEDCL has signed all available EPA's for wind power.
3. There is a thrust in the Policies of both State and Central Government for development of Solar projects. In order to absorb power from such upcoming Solar projects, it would be appropriate to club Solar and non-Solar targets. Moreover the rate of Solar power is declining which puts

comparatively lesser burden on Distribution Licensees. The targets may be clubbed to enable procurement of Solar power quantum which is difficult to calculate in terms of percentage RPO to be achieved.

4. He stated that current RPO Regulations exempt other Obligated Entities with load 1 MW to 5 MW from RPO ambit. Therefore, the entire burden gets passed on to Distribution Licensees. This exemption may be removed.
5. Advocate for MSEDCL further submitted that the Commission may put in place a suitable monitoring mechanism for verification of RPO compliance of Captive and Open Access consumers.
6. The Commission suggested that MSEDCL may first discuss these issues with other Distribution Licensees. MSEDCL was directed to serve a copy of its Petition to other Distribution Licensees viz, BEST Undertaking, Tata Power Co. (Distribution), and Reliance Infrastructure Ltd. (Distribution).
7. The Distribution Licensees viz, BEST Undertaking, Tata Power Co. (Distribution), and Reliance Infrastructure Ltd. (Distribution) may file their submissions within three weeks from receipt of the Petition, with a copy to MSEDCL. The Secretariat of the Commission shall forward a copy of this Daily Order to them.

Next date of hearing shall be communicated by the Secretariat of the Commission.

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Member

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