Before the MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION World Trade Centre, Centre No.1, 13th Floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400005 Tel. 022 22163964/65/69 Fax 22163976 Email: mercindia@merc.gov.in Website: www.mercindia.org.in / www. merc.gov.in

Case No. 151 of 2016

Dated: 31 January, 2017

<u>CORAM</u>: Shri Azeez M. Khan, Member Shri. Deepak Lad, Member

In the matter of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company's Petition for Review of Order dated 16.05.2016 in Case No. 09 of 2016

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL)Petitioner

Appearance:

For the Petitioner:

For the Authorized Consumer Representatives: Shri. Ashish Chandarana (VIA) Shri. Pratap Hogade (CMIA)

Daily Order

Heard the representatives of the Petitioner and Authorized Consumer Representative.

- 1. Advocate of MSEDCL stated as follows:
 - (i) He re-iterated the submissions as stated in the Petition. He stated that the Commission, in its Daily Order dated 29 March, 2016 in Case No. 9 of 2016 had directed MSEDCL to submit the details of applications received from consumers for enhanced load on LT within a week. MSEDCL had been unable to furnish these details at that time.

Shri. Ashish Singh (Adv.) Shri. S N Sherkar (Rep.)

(ii) The Commission may review its Order dated 16 May, 2016 in Case No.9 of 2016 under Regulation 85 of MERC (Conduct of Business) Regulation, 2004 in the light of new information as MSEDCL has now collated details of such consumers.

- 2. The Commission observed that the data furnished by MSEDCL in the present Petition indicates only the number of applications and not the other relevant details. Advocate of MSEDCL stated that he would submit the further details.
- 3. Shri. Ashish Chandarana (for Vidharbha Industries Association, an authorized Consumer Representative) referred to his written submission dated 30 January, 2017, which also sets out the various actions taken by MSEDCL in certain cases .Notwithstanding these anomalies, he stated that, due to space constraint in converting existing LT consumer to HT, MSEDCL may be allowed to enhance load limit from 80 KW to 150 KW in areas other than Municipal Corporations. He also suggested that, since State Government is intending to facilitate small entrepreneurs, it is the State Government may also be impleaded.
- 4. Shri. Pratap Hogade, on behalf of Chamber of Marathwada Industries and Agriculture(an authorized Consumer Representative) stated that the figures of applications received from the consumers for enhanced load on LT furnished by MSEDCL are not correct but there are many more. He also stated that MSEDCL may be allowed to enhance the load limit from 80 KW to 150 KW on LT in areas other than Municipal Corporations.
- 5. The Commission asked what the impact on revenue and losses of MSEDCL would be if it is allowed to enhance the load limit in areas other than Municipal Corporations, and what would be the yardstick to decide the applicability of the proposed relaxation in specific areas.
- 6. The Commission directed MSEDCL to file the required details and replies within two weeks with a copy to the Authorized Consumer Representatives.

The Case is reserved for Order.

Sd/-(Deepak Lad) Member Sd/-(Azeez M. Khan) Member