

Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Case No. 48 of 2017

Date: 13 April, 2017

CORAM: Shri. Azeez M. Khan, Member
Shri. Deepak Lad, Member

Petition filed by Gigaplex Estate Private Limited (GEPL) for approval of PPA and adoption of tariff for procurement of 2 MW RTC Power and 1 MW Power from 08:00 to 23:00 hours for a period of six months from April 19, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

Petitioner: Gigaplex Estate Private Limited (GEPL)

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Representatives for the Petitioner:

Shri. Palaniappan M.
Shri. Suhas Ambade

Daily Order

Representatives of Petitioner made a detailed presentation on process undertaken for short-term power procurement through Competitive Bidding under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003, in accordance with the applicable Guidelines of the Central Govt.

In the Competitive Bidding process, Global Energy Pvt. Ltd. emerged as the lowest bidder, and PPA was signed with it on March 22, 2017 for 2 MW RTC Power at Rs. 3.49/kWh and 1 MW Power from 08:00 to 23:00 hours from Monday to Friday at Rs.3.79/kWh, for a period of six months from April 19, 2017 to September 30, 2017.

He further stated that, at the end of March 2017, perhaps to the steep increase in temperature, the peak load requirement increased by around 0.6 MW to 1 MW, which was not anticipated by GEPL. As the summer months have started, it is expected that this higher load requirement will continue to prevail for a large part of the tenure of the PPA.

In view of the above, GEPL requested the winning Bidder, viz., Global Energy Pvt. Ltd., to increase the quantum of Peak Load power from 1 MW to 2 MW for Peak Load, Monday to Friday, at the same rates as discovered through Competitive Bidding upon agreement by from Global Energy Pvt. Ltd., an addendum to the PPA has been signed for 2 MW.

The Commission observed that there is no provision for such purchase of power by way of addendum to PPA signed under the Competitive Bidding Guidelines. Therefore, either GEPL has to purchase additional 1 MW peak power from Power Exchanges or undertake such additional procurement separately as per short term Competitive Bidding Guidelines. The Commission also directed GEPL to file a corrigendum to the PPA to the effect that the Peak Load of 1 MW from 8.00 hrs to 23.00 hrs. Monday to Friday is excluding National Holidays, which is stipulated in the RFP but is missing in the PPA signed between the Parties.

The Commission also directed GEPL to submit a Table showing the Clause-wise compliance of the Short Term Competitive Bidding Guidelines within a week.

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(Deepak Lad)
Member

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(Azeez M. Khan)
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