

**Before the**  
**MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**  
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**Case No. 89 of 2019**

**Dated: 11 April, 2019**

**Coram: Anand B. Kulkarni, Chairperson  
I. M. Bohari, Member  
Mukesh Khullar, Member**

**Case of Tata Power Company-Generation Business for Removal of Difficulties in  
implementation of MOD Guidelines in the case of generating units at its Trombay  
Thermal Power Station**

Tata Power Company Ltd. – Generation Business : Petitioner

**Appearance**

For the Petitioner : Ms. Swati Mehendale (Rep.)

**DAILY ORDER**

1. Representative of the Petitioner mentioned its Case before the Commission, stating that the Merit Order Despatch (MOD) Guidelines issued by the Commission on 8 March, 2019 will be implemented by Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre (MSLDC) w.e.f. 16 April, 2019. Technical minimum of Thermal Generating Units including Unit 8 (250 MW) of TPC-G has been revised from the currently operating 70% to 55% of the installed capacity. TPC-G stated that BHEL which is the OEM of Unit 8 has fixed restriction on loading of the Unit below 180-200 MW after the failure of the unit that occurred in the year 2014. Hence, TPC-G has requested the Commission to waive the requirement of 55% technical minimum for its Unit 8 under the MOD Guidelines and requests to hold hearing in the matter urgently.
2. The Commission noted that the MOD Guidelines have been issued by the Commission on 8 March 2019 which were to be made effective for implementation from 15 April 2019.

TPC-G has filed its Petition only on 8 April 2019 very near to the operational date of the Guidelines with a delay of more than a month since the time the Guidelines were issued by the Commission. It is also seen that TPC-G in its Petition has not impleaded the concerned stakeholders viz. SLDC the system operator and TPC-D, BEST the beneficiaries of the power supply from Unit 8.

3. The Commission is of the opinion that the loading restrictions for Unit 8 imposed by BHEL need to be carefully examined before passing the final Order. TPC-G would need to justify the waiver of 55% technical minimum by providing additional data such as declared capacity vis-a-vis the actual generation data on 15 minutes time block over a period of past five years. However, in order to avoid any possible undue incident such as impacting the health of LP Turbine blades of Unit 8 as apprehended by TPC-G in its Petition, pending detailed examination of the merits of the issues raised by TPC-G in this Petition, in the interest of consumers of BEST, TPC-G is allowed to operate its Unit 8 at the existing technical minimum level purely as an interim measure till further Orders.
4. The Commission further notes that in spite of being aware of the critical requirement of Unit 8 availability for uninterrupted power supply in Mumbai, the Petitioner has approached the Commission seeking the relief at the eleventh hour and that too without impleading the concerned stakeholders such as BEST Undertaking, TPC-D and MSLDC. Such complacency and deficiency in Petition on the part of Petitioner is not acceptable. The Commission is constrained to impose a token amount of Rs. 5 Lakh as cost on Petitioner. The amount becomes payable to MERC on or before next hearing in the matter.
5. The Commission directs that MSLDC as system operator responsible for ensuring compliance of the MOD Guidelines by all the participants and BEST Undertaking and TPC-D being beneficiaries of the power generation of Unit 8 of TPC-G, should be impleaded as Parties in the matter. TPC-G is directed to serve the copy of its Petition to impleaded Parties immediately and the Parties are directed to file their replies in the matter well before the next hearing scheduled.

**List the matter for hearing on 24 April, 2019 at 10.00 AM.**

**Sd/-**  
**(Mukesh Khullar)**  
**Member**

**Sd/-**  
**(I. M. Bohari)**  
**Member**

**Sd/-**  
**(Anand B. Kulkarni)**  
**Chairperson**