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Date:- 16 November, 2021

CORAM:- Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson I.M Bohari, Member Mukesh Khullar, Member

Case No 84 of 2021

Case filed by Maharashtra State Electricity Company Limited seeking directions to all IPPs having long term PPA with MSEDCL for providing rebate in fixed charges, interest free deferment of capacity charges and reduced late payment surcharge on account of Covid-19 pandemic

Maharashtra State Electricity Company Limited:- Vs	Petitioner
 Adani India Power Limited:- RattanIndia Power Limited:- 	Respondent No. 1 Respondent No.2
 JSW Energy Limited:- 	Respondent No. 3
Appearance	
For Petitioner: -	Shri Ravi Prakash (Sr.Adv.)
For Respondent No.1:- For Respondent No. 2:- For Respondent No. 3:-	Shri Venkatesh (Adv.) Shri Aman Anand (Adv.)

Daily Order

1. Heard the advocates of the Petitioner and Respondents.

- 2. Advocate of the MSEDCL stated that they are seeking rebate / interest free deferment / reduced rate of late payment surcharge based on Ministry of Power's advisory to the Central Generating Stations and Power Grid company for providing rebate during the Covid-19 pandemic period.
- 3. In reply to Commission's query whether similar advisory has been issued by the State Government or whether MSEDCL has approached State Disaster Management Committee for such relief, MSEDCL requested 4 weeks' period for approaching the State Government on this issue and requested the Commission to keep present matter pending till then. The Commission also enquired whether MSEDCL has requested similar rebate from MSPGCL and MSETCL.
- 4. Advocates of Respondents stated that the present Petition is not based on any Law or provision of PPA. MoP's guidelines are for the Central Government owned Power plants and could not be applied to IPPs. They suggested that instead of keeping the present petition pending till MSEDCL approached the State Government, MSEDCL could withdraw this Petition and may file fresh Petition subsequently with all desired compliances.
- 5. Considering request made by MSEDCL, the Commission allows 4 weeks' time to MSEDCL for taking appropriate action and submitting its say accordingly with copy to all parties.

Next date of hearing will be intimated by the Secretariat of the Commission.

Sd/-(Mukesh Khullar) Member Sd/-(I.M. Bohari) Member Sd/-(Sanjay Kumar) Chairperson