

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

Case No. 15 of 2022

Petition under section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for adoption of the tariff discovered through the competitive bidding process held for long term procurement of 500 MW Wind-Solar hybrid power from the grid connected power projects.

M/s Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (MSEDCL) : Petitioner

1) M/s TP Saurya Limited (TPSL) }
2) M/s Azure Power India Pvt. Ltd. (APIPL) } : Respondents

Appearance:

For the Petitioner : Ms. Kavita Gharat, CE (RE)
For the Respondent : Mr. Rakesh Singh
Mr. Gaurang Sethi

Daily Order

1. Heard Representative of MSEDCL and Advocate / Representative of Respondents
2. Representative of MSEDCL narrated the sequence of events during the tendering process and stated that tariff discovered through the transparent competitive bidding process is Rs. 2.62 P.U. In reply to query from the Commission, Representative of MSEDCL tried to justify such higher discovered rate with lower rate discovered in SECI's auction for 1200 MW (Tranche IV) wind-solar Hybrid power.
3. Representative of Respondent, TPREL mentioned that the discovered price is reflective of bid conditions, and it cannot be compared with SECI's discovered price.
4. The Commission notes that in SECI's auction for 1200 MW (Tranche IV) wind-solar Hybrid power has discovered tariff of Rs.2.34 P.U. MSEDCL's discovered rate of Rs 2.62 P.U. is higher than such rate. In normal course, Distribution Licensee needs to source power from cheapest available source. Hence, MSEDCL is directed to submit detailed justification for proposing such higher rate for adoption. Said submission be filed within a week. Respondent

may file their replies, if any, in a week thereafter.

5. Further, the Commission notes that reverse bidding in the matter was concluded on 9 July 2021 and MSEDCL has filed present Petition for adoption of tariff on 20 December 2021 i.e. after delay of 5 months. Such delay in competitive bidding process is not desirable. Hence, MSEDCL is directed to submit the chronology of its activities from 9th July 2021 till filing of tariff petition along with the reasons for delay.

Subsequent to receipt of above submissions, Next date of hearing will be intimated by the Secretariat of the Commission.

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Chairperson