#### Before the

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

### Case No. 18 of 2022

Petition for seeking approval for procurement of 500 MW flexible and schedulable Power from Renewable Energy sources with energy storage facility on long term basis for 25 years from renewable sources and approval of tender documents.

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

## **Appearance:**

For the Petitioner : Mr. Abhishek Khare, Advocate

### **Daily Order**

- 1. Heard Advocate of MSEDCL.
- 2. The Commission was informed that in the Order dated 29 August 2019 issued in Case No.167 of 2019 on earlier Petition filed for approval of bid document for 500 MW flexible RE procurement, Commission had directed MSEDCL to refer to the provisions in Solar Energy Corporation of India Ltd's (SECI) tender for procurement of power of 1200 MW from RE Projects with assured Peak Power Supply. Accordingly, MSEDCL has revised its bid document and submitted the same in the present matter for approval of the Commission.
- 3. Considering the submission on record and pleading, the Commission sought following clarifications:
  - (a) Whether 50% storage capacity is mandatory or otherwise? Whether it is in line with SECI tender document?
  - (b) MSEDCL's definition of peak hours appears to be wider than SECI's final bidding document. Whether MSEDCL has consciously decided to keep such wider period under

'peak hours' or would update the present bid document in the light of latest modification made in SECI document?

- (c) MSEDCL has not stipulated criteria for DC oversizing (in case of Solar projects) for change in law considerations. This criterion has been the issue of litigations in recent past and MSEDCL could consider providing clarity in bidding document itself.
- (d) Whether MSEDCL has completely adopted provisions of SECI's tender and its amendments? If there are other provisions in the SECI document which have not been considered, reasons for the same should be brought on record.

MSEDCL is directed to file its Reply to above queries within three (3) days from the date of Order.

Post receipt of above submissions, Case is reserved for Orders.

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Member Member Chairperson