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Case No. 60 of 2014

ADVT. No. : 10/2014-15

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION OF VIDARBHA INDUSTRIES POWER LIMITED FOR ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION LICENCE

1. M/S. VIDARBHA INDUSTRIES POWER LIMITED ("VIPL") has constructed 600 MW plant at Butibori in Nagpur, Maharashtra. VIPL, during project implementation had approached the State Transmission Utility i. e. MSETCL, for providing adequate grid connectivity for power evacuation and for construction of the power evacuation arrangement from its generating station.
2. Consequently, MSETCL had given acceptance for grid connectivity and directed VIPL to construct interconnecting transmission system comprising of following schemes under its supervision and monitoring.

SCHEME NO.	DETAILS OF THE SCHEME	DISTRICT
Scheme 1	(i) 220 kV Double circuit transmission line (1.2 Kms) from VIPL Power Plant switchyard to MSETCL Butibori Substation III (ii) 2 Nos. of 220 kV bays at 220 kV MSETCL Butibori substation III	Nagpur, Maharashtra
Scheme 2	(i) 220 kV Double circuit transmission line (1.86 Kms) from VIPL Power Plant switchyard to MSETCL Butibori Substation I (ii) 2 No. of 220 kV GIS bays at 220 kV MSETCL Butibori substation I	

3. Pursuant to the Commission's Order in Case No. 2 of 2013, the Commission had directed VIPL to modify the definitions of Interconnection Point and Power Station in its Power Purchase Agreement with R-Infra. Consequent to this direction, VIPL is required to obtain Transmission Licence for the construction of the arrangement for evacuation of power from its generating station.
4. In view of the above, VIPL has made an application for grant of Transmission Licence under the provisions of Section 14 read with Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003, on **20th February, 2014**.
5. The registered office of VIPL is at H-Block, 1st Floor, Dhirubhai Ambani Knowledge City, Navi Mumbai - 400 710, Maharashtra.
6. In accordance with sub-section (2) of Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003, VIPL published a notice of its application on **23rd May, 2014** in local editions of 'The Indian Express', 'Hindustan Times', 'Loksatta' and 'Saamna'.
7. Pursuant to the notice of the VIPL's application in newspapers, no suggestions and objections were received from the public. Further, vide letter dated **30th June, 2014**, the State Transmission Utility has recommended the grant of Transmission Licence to VIPL as per Alternative II as specified in Part II: General Terms and Conditions of MERC (Transmission Licence Condition) Regulations, 2004. On consideration of the material available on record, the Commission is satisfied that prima facie VIPL qualifies for grant of Transmission Licence for the proposed area of transmission.
8. In view of above, the Commission proposes to grant the Licence to VIPL under Alternative II as a Transmission Licensee for the schemes referred in para. 2 above, in accordance with Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004 as amended in 2006 subject to fulfilment of all the requirements laid down in the Act and Regulations.
9. Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the EA 2003 to invite suggestions and / or objections, if any, to the proposal to grant Transmission Licence to the applicant by the Commission, to be received by the undersigned by, **3rd December, 2014** at the above noted address. The suggestions and/or objections received after the specified date shall not be considered.
10. A copy of the application, along with its annexures and enclosures, made by VIPL before the Commission can be accessed at the Commission's website www.merc.gov.in / www.mercindia.org.in or inspected by any person in the Commission's office in accordance with the procedure laid down in Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004.
11. Every person who intends to file objections and comments / suggestions can submit the same in English or Marathi, in (6+1) copies, and should carry the full name, postal address and E-mail address, if any, of the sender. It should be indicated whether the suggestions and/or objections are being filed on behalf of any organization or of any category of consumers. It should also be mentioned if the sender wants to be heard in person, in which case opportunity would be given by the Commission at the Public Hearing to be held on **Tuesday, 9 December, 2014 at 11.30 hours in the office of the Commission at 13th Floor, Centre No.1 , World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Colaba, Mumbai - 400 005**. No separate notice will be issued for the same.

Date : 12.11.2014

Place : Mumbai

Sd/-

Secretary, MERC