

NOTICE

Subject:- Petition of Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking for Approval of Power Procurement Plan for FY 2018-19 to FY 2027-28 under Regulation 19 & 20 of MERC (MYT) Regulations, 2015.

- **Case No. 25 of 2017**

And

Petition of Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking for approval of deviations in Standard Bidding Document for Procurement of 300 MW of Power on Long Term basis as per Guidelines issued by MoP, Govt. of India.

Case No. 26 of 2017

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (BEST) has submitted a Petition on 27.01.2017 for approval of its Power Procurement Plan for FY 2018-19 to FY 2027-28 under Regulations 19 & 20 of the MERC (MYT) Regulations, 2015 [**Case No. 25 of 2017**]. BEST has also submitted a Petition on 01.02.2017 under these Regulations for approval of deviations in the Standard Bidding Document for procurement of 300 MW power on Long Term basis as per the Guidelines issued by MoP, Govt. of India [**Case No. 26 of 2017**].

2. The first hearing in the above matters was held on 9 March, 2017.

3. The existing Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) between BEST and Tata Power Company - Generation (TPC-G) for 932 MW is expiring on March 31, 2018, and hence the new PPAs have to be in place before March 31, 2018 so that power flow under the PPAs can commence from April 1, 2018.

4. The Commission is considering the proposed Power Procurement Plan for FY 2018-19 to FY 2027-28 in Case No. 25 of 2017, which includes 300MW of power procurement through competitive bidding, for which approval from the MoP Guidelines has also been sought by BEST in Case No. 26 of 2017. The approval of the Power Procurement Plan for FY 2018-19 to FY 2027-28 in Case No. 25 of 2017 is likely to take some more time, because of inter-related issues such as transmission congestion, etc. The power procurement through competitive bidding has to follow the stipulated timelines, and delay in commencement of the competitive bidding process may result in a situation where the power flow may not be able to commence by April 1, 2018.

5. BEST has proposed to procure 300 MW power through competitive bidding, which is around 30-35% of its total power procurement. The Commission observes that BEST has been purchasing substantial Short term power from outside Mumbai.

6. In this background, pending approval of the overall Power Procurement Plan, the Commission is considering whether to permit BEST to proceed for procurement of 300 MW through Competitive Bidding Guidelines as proposed by it.

7. For this purpose, I am directed to communicate that a combined hearing in both the above matters will be held in the presence of the authorized Consumer Representatives on **Friday, 19 May, 2017 at 11.30 hrs** in the office of the Commission at 13th Floor, Centre No.1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400 005.

8. The Commission has impleaded Tata Power Company Limited (Generation), Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd, and State Transmission Utility (STU) as Respondents in Case No.26 of 2017. The Petitioner is directed to serve a copy of its Petition (in soft and hard copy) to the impleaded Respondents.

9. The Commission has communicated certain data gaps and sought certain clarifications from BEST in the context of its Petition in Case No. 26 of 2017. BEST is directed to submit its replies to the above-mentioned queries immediately (in soft and hard copies) to the Commission, and to the impleaded Respondents and the authorised Institutional Consumer Representatives.

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