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NOTICE

- Subject:- Petition of The Tata Power Company Limited for seeking approval for Quantum and deviations sought in the Bidding Documents, as compared to the standard bidding documents notified by Ministry of Power, Government of India, for Long Term Procurement (25 years) of 150 MW capacity from grid connected solar PV projects through competitive bidding process for meeting the Renewable Purchase Obligations.
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The Petitioner The Tata Power Company Limited has filed the Petition on 10.06.2019 petition under Regulation 5 of the MERC (Terms and Condition for determination of Renewable Energy Tariff) Regulation 2015, Regulation 19 of the MERC (RPO, its compliance and implementation of REC framework) Regulations,2016 and Regulation 94 of the MERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 for seeking approval for Quantum and deviations sought in the Bidding Documents, as compared to the standard bidding documents notified by Ministry of Power, Government of India, for Long Term Procurement (25 years) of 150 MW capacity from grid connected solar PV projects through competitive bidding process for meeting the Renewable Purchase Obligations.

The main prayers of the Petitioners are as under-

- a) To admit the Petition as per the provisions of the Regulation 5 of the RE Tariff Regulations 2016, 19 of RPO Regulations 2016 and 94 of the Conduct of Business 2004.
- *b)* To accord approval for procurement of 150 MW Solar power from grid connected Solar PV projects for a PPA period of 25 years.
- c) To approve the Bidding Documents (Draft RFS and Draft PPA) prepared for procurement of power from grid connected Solar PV projects along with the deviations and certain approvals as sought above in this Petition.
- d) To accord approval for initiation of competitive bidding process for procurement of 150 MW Solar power from grid connected Solar PV projects through competitive bidding process (To be conducted through appropriate E-procurement platform) with a ceiling Tariff of Rs. 2.75 per kWh.
- e) To consider the procurement of such power from grid connected Solar Power projects as purchase towards meeting the Solar Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) of Tata Power -D.
- *f)* To pass any other order/relief as the Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and appropriate under the circumstances of the case;

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g) Condone any error/omission and to give Tata Power-D an opportunity to rectify the same;

h) To permit the Petitioner to make further submissions, addition and alteration to this Petition as may be necessary from time to time.

2. I am directed to communicate that; the Commission has impleaded Maharashtra Energy Development Agency (MEDA) as Respondent, it is nodal agency.

3. I am directed to communicate that the hearing in the above matter will be held on **Friday, 05 July, 2019 at 10.00 hrs** in the office of the Commission at 13th floor, Centre No.1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400 005.

4. The Petitioners are directed to immediately serve a copy of its above mentioned Petition (both in soft and hard Copy) to the impleaded Respondent before the scheduled date of hearing.

5. The Respondent is directed to submit the say on affidavit in 1+6 copies to the Commission with documents, if any, on the above mentioned Petition immediately, with a copy to the Petitioner.

6. The Parties are directed to file their Petition and submissions in MS -Word file and PDF version as far as possible and to file 1+6 copies of all relevant documents/citations produced during the proceedings.

Sd/-(R. S. Sonawane) Dy. Director (Legal)

Petitioner

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