

NOTICE

Subject: Petition of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd (MSEDCL) for removal of difficulty under Regulation 19 of MERC (Renewable Purchase Obligations, its Compliance and Implementation of Renewable Energy Certificate Framework) Regulations, 2019, and Relaxation of penalised clauses under RPO Regulations, 2019
- **Case No. 21 of 2020**

The Petitioner Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd has filed this Petition on 21.01.2020 the Petition for removal of difficulty under Regulation 19 of MERC (Renewable Purchase Obligations, its Compliance and Implementation of Renewable Energy Certificate Framework) Regulations, 2019. and Relaxation of penalised clauses under RPO Regulations, 2019 to the extent of non-fulfilment of RPO target by 2022-23 and fixing of tariff for procurement of power from re sources post expiry EPA and seeking increase in ceiling tariff for procurement of solar and wind power through competitive bidding process.

The main prayers of the Petitioner are as under-

- a) *To admit the Petition as per the provisions under Regulation 85 of the MERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 and Regulation 19 of the MERC (Renewable Purchase Obligation, its Compliance and Implementation of Renewable Energy Certificate Framework) Regulations.*
- b) *To not levy the penalty, on non-compliance of standalone annual targets and cumulative targets of RPO, till 2022-23, in lieu of repeated efforts by MSEDCL to procure power through Renewable Energy sources but not receiving responses from the bidders.*
- c) *To allow MSEDCL to revise the ceiling tariff rate for competitive bidding tenders floated under MSKVY for solar project with capacity 2 to 10 MW at 11 kV level from Rs.3.15/kWh to Rs 3.30/kWh or above as per the market conditions.*
- d) *To allow MSEDCL to purchase the bagasse power with expiry EPAs at APPC price of respective financial years, for remaining useful life, with a tariff cap of Rs. 4.00 per unit.”*
- e) *To allow MSEDCL to issue tenders with combination of ‘post EPA expiry wind’ and new capacities, to encourage better participation and accordingly allow, MSEDCL to increase ceiling tariffs, for upcoming Wind Energy tenders, based on the market conditions.*
- f) *To consider the submission made by the Petitioner and consider the same positively while deciding the Petition as well as for further actions;*
- g) *To pass any other order/relief as the Hon’ble Commission may deem fit and appropriate under the circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice;*

h) To condone any error/omission and to give opportunity to rectify the same;

i) 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 hearing in the above matter will be held on **Tuesday, 18 February, 2020 at 10.00 hrs** in the office of the Commission at 13th floor, Centre No.1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai - 400 005.

3. The Petitioner is directed to immediately serve a copy of its above-mentioned Petition (both in soft and hard Copy) to the Respondent and file acknowledgement to the office of the Commission.

4. 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.

5. 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.

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