

NOTICE

Subject: Petition of BEST Undertaking for approval of bid documents for Long Term Power Procurement from Renewable Sources

Case No. 101 of 2009

The Brihan-Mumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking (BEST) have submitted a Petition under affidavit on 21.01.2010, seeking approval of bid documents for Long Term Power Procurement from Renewable Sources. It has been submitted inter alia that BEST had earlier submitted a Petition (Case No, 45 of 2008) for approval of Expression of Interest Bidding Procedure followed to procure Renewable Energy from eligible sources inside Maharashtra as Competitive Bidding Process. The Commission vide its Order dated 21.11.2008, dismissed the aforesaid Case as not maintainable. However, the Commission granted BEST liberty to file an appropriate Petition to seek the Commission's prior approval on the deviations contained in the bidding documents in accordance with the procedure prescribed by the "Guidelines for Determination of Tariff by Bidding Process for procurement of power by distribution licensees." The Commission also observed that BEST can always procure renewable energy as per rates and other terms approved by the Commission in its respective Orders, which are applicable for all licensees in the State of Maharashtra and meet its RPS obligation. The following are the main prayers of the Petitioner:

1. *Approve the Quantum of Energy to be procured;*
2. *Approve the principles outlined in the Petition for Request for Proposal (RFP) and Energy Purchase Agreement (EPA);*
3. *Approve the Bid Documents (Request for Proposal and Energy Purchase Agreement);*
4. *Provide waiver on the penalty charged until the completion of the bid process."*

I am directed to communicate that the Hearing in the above matter will be held in the presence of authorised consumer representatives on **Friday, 5th March, 2010 at 15.00** hours in the office of the Commission at 13th floor, Centre No.1, World Trade Centre, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005.

The Petitioner is directed to serve a copy of the above mentioned Petition, along with its accompaniments (in soft and hard version) to the Respondents and four authorized consumer representatives latest by 22nd February, 2010.

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- Petitioner

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