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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUGGESTIONS / COMMENTS ON MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED (MSEDCL)'S PROPOSAL FOR ADDITIONAL RECOVERY OF COST AS A RELIABILITY CHARGE FOR MITIGATING LOAD SHEDDING IN PUNE CITY.

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (MSEDCL), Prakashgad, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051 has submitted their proposal dated 31st December 2007 to recover the expenditure on account of costly power procurement for mitigating load shedding in Pune city, through levy of reliability charges from all the consumers excluding domestic consumers consuming less than 300 units. MSEDCL further submitted that the scheme will be implemented for a period of one year. In the original CII-Pune model, it was envisaged that the entire requirement of power to mitigate load shedding in Pune would be procured from surplus power available with Captive Power Plants (CPPs) in Pune. In the first Option under the revised Proposal under consideration, MSEDCL has submitted that as the surplus power from CPPs is insufficient to mitigate the demand-supply gap in Pune city, MSEDCL would procure additional power through separate PPAs exclusively for Pune Urban Circles, in addition to procurement from CPPs in Pune. In the second Option, MSEDCL has proposed to procure available surplus power from CPPs and to restore the load shedding for the remaining power deficit in Pune Urban Circles.

2. The Commission has also received another proposal from Thane Small Scale Industries Association – TSSIA House, Plot No. P-26, Road 16/T, Wagle Industrial Estate, Thane 400 604 vide letter dated 21st January, 2008 for additional supply of power from captive generation (i.e., from Independent Power Producer from outside the State) for supply of power to Thane, Bhandup and Mulund areas by levying additional surcharge.

3. Similar proposals have also been received from (i) Baramati Vyapari Maha Sangh Ltd. – Jai Hind General Stores, Mahaveer Path, Baramati 413 102, Dist. Pune vide letter dated 5th December 2007 for reduction in load shedding hours in Baramati Town and (ii) Mumbai Regional Congress Committee – Shop No. 9, Gala Nagar, J.N. Road, Near Mehul Cinema, Mulund (West), Mumbai 400 080 vide letter dated 13th December, 2007 for getting uninterrupted 24 hours quality power supply from available captive generation in the areas of Mulund, Bhandup & Kanjurmarg where ATC losses are less than 14%, and on similar lines as CII-Pune model.

4. Copies of MSEDCL's proposal can be obtained free of cost on written request from (i) Secretary, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, World Trade Centre, Centre 1, 13th Floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005; (ii) Superintendent Engineer (TRC), Maharashtra

State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd., Prakashgad, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051 and (iii) Circle and Division offices of MSEDCL in Pune.

5. Copies of (i) Thane Small Scale Industries Association's proposal; (ii) M/s Baramati Vyapari Maha Sangh Ltd.'s proposal and (iii) Mumbai Regional Congress Committee's proposal can be obtained free of cost on written request from the Secretary, MERC at the above address.

6. The above proposals are also available in downloadable format on the Commission's website www.mercindia.org.in.

7. Suggestions / comments (in Marathi or English) on the respective proposals may be sent to the Secretary of the Commission in person or by post (in 4 copies) or by fax/e-mail so as to reach by **22nd February 2008**, with a copy to the applicants as mentioned in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 above and should carry the sender's full name, postal address with pin-code number, and e-mail address, if any. It should be indicated whether the comments / suggestions are being made on behalf of any organization or category of consumers, and whether the sender wishes to be heard in person by the Commission, in which case opportunity would be given at the Public Hearing scheduled as below and for which no separate notice would be given.

8. A Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, 25th February, 2008 at 11.00 hours at Vista Hall, 30th Floor, World Trade Centre, Centre 1, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai 400 005.**

Sd/-
(P.B. Patil)
Secretary
Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission

Dated: 30th January, 2008
Mumbai.