



BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, MUMBAI

FILING NO: \_\_\_\_\_

CASE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF

PETITION FOR IN PRINCIPLE APPROVAL FOR SUPPLYING POWER DURING DAY TIME TO AG CONSUMERS CONNECTED ON AG FEEDERS OF THOSE SUBSTATIONS WHERE SOLAR POWER PROJECTS GETSCOMMISSIONED UNDER "MUKHYAMANTRI SOUR KRISHI VAHINI YOJANA."

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

HON'BLE COMMISSION'S DIRECTIVES IN CASE NO. 81 OF 2010 REGARDING POWER SUPPLY TO AG CONSUMERS

AND

IN THE MATTER OF

REGULATION 94 OF THE MERC (CONDUCT OF BUSINESS) REGULATIONS, 2004;

IN THE MATTER OF

MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANY LIMITED – THE PETITIONER

**Affidavit on behalf of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited.**

I, Sainath Sitaram Bongane, age 40 Years, having my office at MSEDCL, Prakashgad, Plot No.G-9, Anant Kanekar Marg, Bandra (E), Mumbai-400051 do solemnly affirm and say as follows:

I am Superintending Engineer (Load Management) of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd., the Petitioner in the above matter and duly authorized by the said Petitioner to make this affidavit.

The statements made in the enclosed Petition for in principle approval for supplying power during day time to Ag consumers connected on Ag feeders of those substations where solar power projects gets commissioned under "Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana" are based on the information received from the concerned officers of the Company and I believe them to be true.

I say that there are no proceedings are pending in any court of law/tribunal or arbitrator or any other authority, wherein the Petitioner is a party and where issues arising and /or relief sought are identical or similar to the issues arising in the matter pending before the Commission.

I solemnly affirm at Mumbai on this day of 18<sup>th</sup> June-2018, that the contents of this affidavit are true to my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.

*Sanyal*

Deponent

Supdt. Engineer  
(L.M.) Section

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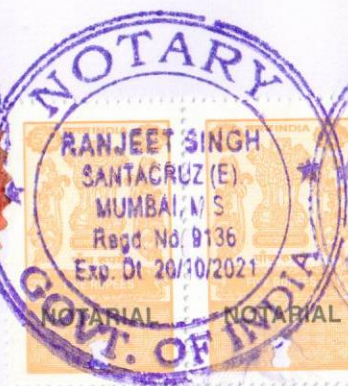
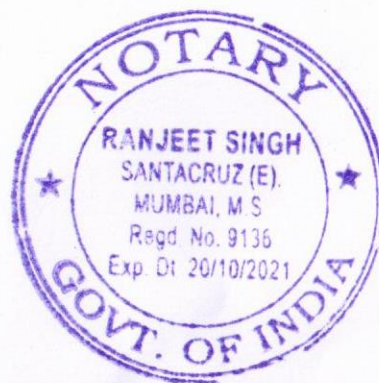
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Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. respectfully submits as under:

**1. Background**

- 1.1. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd. (hereinafter to be referred to as "MSEDCL" or "the Petitioner") has been incorporated under Indian Companies Act, 1956 pursuant to decision of Government of Maharashtra to reorganize erstwhile Maharashtra State Electricity Board. The Petitioner submits that the said



reorganization of the MSEB has been done by Government of Maharashtra pursuant to "Part XIII – Reorganization of Board" read with section 131 of The Electricity Act 2003. The Petitioner has been incorporated on 31.5.2005 with the Registrar of Companies, Maharashtra; Mumbai has obtained Certificate of Commencement of Business on 15th Sep 2005. The Petitioner is a Distribution Licensee under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 (EA, 2003) having license to supply electricity in the State of Maharashtra except some parts of city of Mumbai.

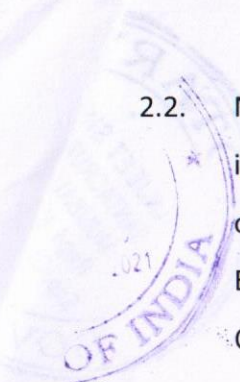
- 1.2. The Petitioner is a Company constituted under the provisions of Government of Maharashtra, General Resolution No. PLA-1003/C.R.8588/Energy-5 dated 25th January 2005 and is duly registered with the Registrar of Companies, Mumbai on 31st May 2005.
- 1.3. The Petitioner is functioning in accordance with the provisions envisaged in the Electricity Act, 2003 and is engaged, within the framework of the Electricity Act, 2003, in the business of Distribution of Electricity to its consumers situated over the entire State of Maharashtra, except Mumbai City & its suburbs (excluding Mulund & Bhandup).

## **2. Three phase power supply availability to Agricultural consumers**

- 2.1. Hon'ble Commission in its order dated 09.05.2011 in case no. 81 of 2010 regarding three phase power supply availability to Ag consumers on single phase and separated Ag scheme feeders mention as under :

*Accordingly, the norms for power supply to Agricultural pumps shall remain 8 hours per day only. Whenever there is surplus power in the System, power supply up to 10 hours per day shall be given at night starting from 23.00 hours and 8 hours per day power supply shall be given during day time (excluding peak load hours) on rotational basis. In case of critical System condition, the power supply to Agricultural Pumps shall be restricted to 8 hours per day only.*

Accordingly, MSEDCL is giving three phase power supply availability of 8 hours in day time or 10 hours in night time on rotational basis to Ag consumers connected on single phase and separated Ag feeders.



2.2. MSEDCL further submits that Hon'ble Commission in its Order in Case No. 41 of 2012 in the matter of Suo-moto hearing of revision and violation of Principles and Protocols of Load Shedding with respect to Circular No. 43 and 44 of Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. has directed MSEDCL to approach to the Hon'ble Commission whenever there is need to change the approved Load Shedding Protocol.

### **3. Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana**

3.1. The Govt. of Maharashtra (GoM) vide Government Resolution (G.R) dated 14.06.2017 has issued policy under "Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana" to supply the power to AG consumers during day time through Solar power projects to be developed by MAHAGENCO.

Subsequently, Vide G.R. dated 17.03.2018, GoM has modified the earlier G.R dated 14.06.2017 and appointed MSEDCL as an implementation agency in addition to MSPGCL for flexibility and speedy implementation of this scheme.

As per GoM G.R. Dated 17.03.2018, the power generated from these solar power project developed under "Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana" shall be utilized for providing day time power supply to Ag consumers after the approval by the Hon'ble commission.

3.2. Accordingly MSEDCL has initiated tendering process for procurement of power from the solar projects to be developed under "Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana".

MSEDCL has floated tender for procurement of 1000 MW Solar power through competitive bidding process from the 2 to 10 MW solar power projects which will be connected to the distribution sub-station at 11 KV or 22 KV level under "Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana". The tender is floated for developing Taluka wise 10 MW solar power project (circle wise 50 MW) in Ag dominated 218 Talukas of 20 districts (circles).

3.3. Also, MSPGCL has floated tenders for around 500 MW solar projects to be developed under "Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana" as per above G.R. of GoM.

3.4. The power available from these solar projects will be from 08:00 am to 6:00 pm. It will be gradually increased from 8:00 hours and reach to maximum between 12:00 to 15:00 hours and then gradually drop to almost zero by 18:00 hours.

3.5. Hence, the power available from these solar projects to be developed under "Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana" can be used for providing three phase power supply to Ag consumers during day time for 8 hours i.e. between 08:00 to 18:00 hours with stagger time slots.

3.6. As solar power project connected to particular sub-station get commissioned and day time power available from this project will be utilized for giving day time three phase power availability to Ag consumers connected on that particular sub-station.

#### 4. Regulatory provisions

4.1 Regulation 94 of the MERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 empowers Hon'ble Commission to deal with any matter for which no regulations have been framed. The relevant portion of the Regulations is reproduced below:

*94. Nothing in these Regulations shall bar the Commission to deal with any matter or exercise any power under the Act for which no regulations have been framed, and the Commission may deal with such matters, powers and functions in a manner it thinks fit.*

4.2 Therefore, MSEDCL most respectfully submits that Hon'ble Commission has powers to deal with this matter.

#### 5. Prayers

5.1. To admit the present Petition.

5.2. To accord in principle approval for supplying power to Ag consumers connected on Ag feeders of those substations where solar power projects gets commissioned under

“Mukhyamantri Sour Krishi Vahini Yojana” for 8 hours during day time i.e. between 08:00 to 18:00 hours with stagger time slots.

- 5.3. To consider the submission made by the Petitioner and consider the same positively while deciding the Petition;
- 5.4. Considering the facts & circumstances of the case, MSEDCL humbly requests the Hon’ble Commission to conduct early hearing of the present Petition.
- 5.5. To condone any error/omission and to give opportunity to rectify the same;
- 5.6. To permit the Petitioner to make further submissions, addition and alteration to this Petition as may be necessary from time to time.

*Sonyal*

**Superintending Engineer  
(Load Management, MSEDCL)**

