

Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Case No. 114 of 2022

Petition seeking approval for adoption of tariff discovered for long term procurement of 14 MW solar power under ‘Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Uthhan Mahabhiyan’ (PM-KUSUM).

M/s Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (MSEDCL)..... Petition

- 1) Ashutosh Valmik Rajput
- 2) Laxmikant Narayanrao Loharekar.
- 3) Majid Rafik Shaikh.
- 4) Manda Maruti Sanap.
- 5) Pandurang Shankar Gajare.
- 6) Prasen Hemantrao Vinchurkar.
- 7) Rahul Pritamsingh Upwasani
- 8) Rajesh Uttamrao Vitekar.
- 9) Ramhari Vyankatrao Mantri.
- 10) Sadashiv Vyankatrao Mantri.
- 11) V.D Electricals.
- 12) Varad Electricals And Engineering.

} : Respondent

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Sanjay Kumar, Chairperson
Mukesh Khullar, Member

Appearance:

For the Petitioner :

Ms. Kavita Gharat, CE (RE)

For the Respondent :

Mr. Majid Rafik Shaikh (Rep.)
Mr. Ajinkya Maruti Sanap (Rep.)
Mr. Prasen Hemantrao Vinchurkar (Rep.)
Mr. Pravin Kidey (Rep.)

ORDER

Date: 21 July 2022

1. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (MSEDCL) has filed the present Petition on 30 May 2022 seeking approval for adoption of tariff for long term power procurement from 14 MW solar projects selected through competitive bidding process under Section 63 of the Electricity Act 2003 under component A of 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Uthhan Mahabhiyan' (PM-KUSUM) from 0.5 to 2 MW capacity projects connected to distribution network, for meeting the Solar Renewable Purchase Obligations.
2. **MSEDCL's main prayers are as follows:**
 - a) *To admit the Petition as per the provisions under Section 63 of the Electricity Act (EA), 2003.*
 - b) *To accord approval for adoption of tariff as mentioned in table under para 3.4 and signing of PPA with successful bidder for 14MW solar power as discovered through Competitive bidding conducted by MSEDCL.*
 - c) *To accord approval to made this power eligible for meeting the Solar RPO requirement of MSEDCL*
3. **MSEDCL in its Case has stated as follows:**
 - 31 The Government of India on 08 February 2019 launched PM KUSUM Scheme and issued guidelines on 22 July 2019 for implementation of decentralized solar projects with capacity 0.5 to 2 MW under Component-A. Guidelines dated 22 July 2019 provide for standard PPA document.
 - 32 MNRE on 13 January 2021 had sanctioned 500 MW capacity to MSEDCL under Component-A for FY 2020-21.
 - 33 As per MNRE guidelines and standard PPA documents, MSEDCL floated tender for long term procurement of 500 MW solar power with ceiling tariff of Rs. 3.10 per unit through competitive bidding (E-reverse auction) under KUSUM Component-A through www.mahadiscom.in web portal.
 - 34 The previous Tenders floated & response received under PM-KUSUM-A scheme are as below:

Sr No	Name of Scheme	Tender floated (MW)	Bid Capacity received (MW)	Capacity finalized (MW)	Remarks
1	PM KUSUM-A	500	12.5	12.5	Tariff adoption done in Case No 9 of 2022, Case No 23 & Case No 51 of 2022 respectively
2		487	46.75	31.75	
3		444	13	10.5	
			59.25	54.75	

- 35 MSEDCL floated tender for cumulative balance capacity for long term procurement of 445 MW solar power with ceiling tariff of Rs. 3.10 per unit through competitive bidding (E-reverse auction) under KUSUM-A Component through www.mahadiscom.in web portal on 17 February 2022
- 36 The pre-bid meeting was conducted on 28 February 2022. The last date of submission of Bid was 11 April 2022.
- 37 13 bids were received with a total cumulative capacity of 15 MW. Technical bids were opened on 13 April 2022 and during technical scrutiny, bid of M/s Sant Muktai Vikas Farmer Producer Co. Ltd was disqualified for non-submission of BG towards EMD as per eligibility criteria. Financial bids of 12 qualified bidders (14 MW) were opened on 06 May 2022. The details are as below:

Sr.No	Tender No.	Name of Bidder	Capacity per location (MW)	Quoted Tariff (Rs/unit)
1	T-45 (445 MW)	Ashutosh Valmik Rajput	1	3.09
2		Laxmikant Narayanrao Loharekar	2	3.05
3		Majid Rafik Shaikh	0.5	3.10
4		Manda Maruti sanap	1	3.10
5		Pandurang Shankar Gajare	1	3.09
6		Prasen Hemantrao Vinchurkar	1	3.10
7		Rahul Pritamsingh Upwanshi	1	3.10
8		Rajesh Uttamrao Vitekar	2	3.10
9		Ramhari Vyankatrao Mantri	2	3.09
10		Sadashiv Vyankatrao Mantri	0.5	3.09
11		V.D Electricals	1	3.10
12		Varad Electricals & Engineering	1	3.10