

Before the
MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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Case No. 173 of 2011

In the matter of
Petition filed by M/s. Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. seeking grant of connectivity of
500 kWp Rooftop Solar Power Plant in Tata Motors' premises in Pimpri unit to the
electrical system within the premises of Tata Motors.

Shri V.P. Raja, Chairman
Shri Vijay L. Sonavane, Member

Present during the hearing :

For the Petitioner:

Shri. V.H. Wagle, Dy. GM (Representative)
Shri. Amey Naik, Sr. Manager (Representative)

For the Respondent:

Shri. S. S. Dhande, CE, MSEDCL
Shri. M.S. Kele, S.E., MSEDCL
Shri. P.N. Tahilramani, Dy. EE, MSETCL
Shri. B. H. Gujarathi, SE., MSLDC
Shri. P.A. Chitre, Tata Motors Ltd.

ORDER

Dated: 15 June, 2012

M/s. Tata Power Renewable Energy Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as ‘the Petitioner’) submitted a Petition on affidavit before the Commission on 20 October, 2011 (removed deficiency on 29 November, 2011) under section 86(1) (e) of E.A.2003 seeking grant of connectivity to 500 kWp Rooftop Solar Power Plant in Tata Motors’ premises in the Pimpri unit to the electrical system within the premises of Tata Motors.

2. The prayers of the Petitioner are as follows:-

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- a) *To allow TPREL to inject the electricity generated from 500 kW solar rooftop project into 440 V network of Tata Motors, Pimpri Plant.*
- b) *To approve the revised metering arrangement proposed by TPREL*
- c) *Any other relief that Hon’ble commission may deem fit.*

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3. The hearings in this matter were held on 2 January, 2012, 8 February, 2012 and 29 March, 2012 in the office of the Commission.

4. During the hearing held on 2 January, 2012, the Commission directed the office of the Commission to form a Working Group comprising of representatives from the Petitioner, the Respondent, TPC-D, Tata Motors Ltd., MSLDC, MEDA, NDPL,CEA, Shri. Ajit Pandit, ABPS etc., to study the present Policy framework for Grid connected and off-grid connected Solar applications and guidelines for net metering arrangements.

5. During the hearing held on 8 February, 2012, the Commission directed the Petitioner to explore the possibility of grid connectivity of the Solar Rooftop Plant to the LT level Distribution network or Transmission network. Moreover, the Petitioner may explore the preferential route for

sale of energy to host distribution licensee subject to fulfillment of connectivity condition as per CEA Regulations.

6. Meanwhile, in response to the Commission's letter no. MERC/Case No. 173 of 2011/02784 dated 15 February, 2012, the Forum of Regulators vide letter no. 14/1/2012-Reg.Aff-CEA(Regul.)/CERC dated 5 March, 2012 gave the reference of CERC D.O. letter no. 14/1/2012-Reg.Aff-CEA(Regul.)/CERC dated 30 January, 2012, wherein it is mentioned that CEA is in process of finalizing the draft CEA (Technical Standards for Connectivity of the Distributed Generation Resources) Regulations 2010, for inviting comments from stake holders. It is also mentioned that, CERC has also submitted its comments on the draft Regulations wherein specific comments were given with reference to the metering arrangements for distributed generation including grid interactive Roof top PV and Other Small Solar Power Plants, which require to measure the export of energy to the grid and import of energy from the grid, solar gross generation, consumer's load consumption besides measurement of AC systems voltages and currents, frequency etc.

7. Furthermore, in response to the Commission's letter no. MERC/Case No. 173 of 2011/02784 dated 15 February, 2012, the CEA vide its letter no. 12/X/STD(CONN)/GM-11/105 dated 15 March, 2012 brought to the notice of the Commission that draft CEA (Technical Standards for Connectivity of the Grid) (Amendment) Regulations, 2010 proposing the amendment of the existing CEA (Technical Standards for Grid Connectivity) Regulations, 2007 to include connectivity of RE Sources, seeking connectivity at voltage level 33 KV and above and draft CEA (Technical Standards for Grid Connectivity of Distributed Generation Resources) Regulations, 2010 proposing to include connectivity of RE Sources, seeking connectivity at voltage level below 33 KV, are both under various stages of process of previous-publication exercise.

8. After taking on record the above two letters, the next hearing in this matter was held on 29 March, 2012. During the hearing, based on the outcomes of study conducted by Working Group, the Petitioner requested the Commission for the withdrawal of its Petition. Accordingly, the Petitioner filed an affidavit with the Commission on 30 April, 2012, wherein the Petitioner requested for the withdrawal of its Petition in this matter.

9. After considering the current status of CEA's aforesaid two draft Regulations and the Petitioner's above said affidavit which is on record, the Petitioner is permitted to withdraw the Petition.

Accordingly, the Petition is dismissed as withdrawn.

Sd/-
(Vijay L. Sonavane)
Member

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(V. P. Raja)
Chairman