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NOTIFICATION

Electricity Act, 2003

No. MERC/TRF/MYT-REGULATION/2013/02233 -- In exercise of powers conferred under Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf, the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following Regulations to amend the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2011, namely:

1. Short title and commencement:

- 1) These Regulations may be called the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2013.
- (2) These Regulations shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. Amendment to Regulation 2.1(20)a : --

The Regulation 2.1 (20)a of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2011 (hereinafter referred to as the "MYT Regulations, 2011") will be replaced by the following paragraph, namely:--

“for a thermal Generating Station, the capability of the Generating Station to deliver ex-bus electricity in MW declared by such Generating Station in relation to any period of the day or whole of the day, duly taking into account the availability of fuel or water, and subject to further qualification in the relevant regulations, inter-alia Regulation 49.2.

Provided that in case of a gas turbine Generating Station or a combined cycle Generating Station, the Generating Station shall declare the capacity for Units and modules on gas fuel and liquid fuel separately, and these shall be scheduled separately. Total declared capacity and total scheduled generation for the Generating Station shall be the sum of the declared capacity and scheduled generation for gas fuel and liquid fuel for the purpose of computation of availability and Plant Load Factor, respectively;”

3. Amendment to Regulation 35.1(a)(i) :

In the Regulation 35.1 (a) (i) of the MYT Regulations, 2011, following proviso shall be added as first proviso namely:--

“Provided that in case of a generating station / unit availing the provision of declaring higher capacity during the peak hours as per Regulation 49.2, the fuel cost component of the working capital requirement as mentioned above for such generating station / unit shall be reduced on a pro-rata basis by a ratio of the Actual Average Generation in MW for the entire year to the Average Declared Capacity. This reduction shall be carried out at the time of comparison of actual performance of the generating company with the approved performance.

For example, for a unit with an installed capacity of 210 MW availing the enabling provisions of Regulation 49.2, in any given year, if the Actual Average Generation is 190 MW and Average Declared Capacity is 200 MW, the component of working capital requirement for cost of coal or lignite shall be multiplied by the factor 190/200.”

4. Amendment to Regulation 49.2 :

In the Regulation 49.2 of the MYT Regulations, 2011, following provisos shall be added as first and second proviso, namely:--

“Provided that in case of fuel shortage in a thermal generating station, the generating company may propose to deliver a higher MW during peak-load hours by saving fuel during off-peak hours after consultation with the Distribution Licensee procuring power from it. The Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre shall specify a pragmatic day-ahead schedule for the generating station / unit to optimally utilise its MW and energy capability. The declared capacity (DCi) for the purpose of computation of availability as per Regulation 2.1 (7) in such an event shall be considered equal to the maximum peak hour ex-power plant MW schedule specified by the Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre for that day.

Provided that to avail the above provision, the generating station / unit shall declare such higher capacity in peak hours for at least 12 time blocks in a day.

For the above purpose, fuel shortage shall be considered only when the fuel stock at the power plant is less than that required for operating the generating station / unit for seven days considering normative gross station heat rate and target availability.

Further, the generating station / unit utilising the above provision should submit such information, as may be sought by the Commission for conducting the scrutiny related to the utilisation of the provision.”

5. Amendment to Regulation 49.8 :

In the Regulation 49.8 of the MYT Regulations, 2011, following proviso shall be added after the first proviso as a second proviso, namely:--

“Provided that in case of a generating station / unit availing the provision of declaring higher capacity during the peak hours as per Regulation 49.2, the reduction in power generation during the off-peak hours on such days shall not be considered as generation loss on account of backing down instruction from Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre, unless such generating station is asked to back down below the declared capacity at off-peak hours by Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre.”

6. Amendment to Regulation 51.1 :

In the Regulation 51.1 of the MYT Regulations, 2011, following proviso shall be added as the first proviso, namely:--

“Provided that in case of a generating station / unit availing the provision of declaring higher capacity during the peak hours as per Regulation 49.2, the Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre shall accept the capacity declared, scheduled and demonstrated during the peak load hours as the Declared Capacity for the entire day. In such cases, a unit availing the provision of Regulation 49.2 shall not be required to demonstrate the Declared Capacity on request of the Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre in the off-peak hours on such days. However, if a generating station, for which Tariff determination is carried out station-wise and not conducted separately for each unit, avails the provision of declaring different capacities for peak and off-peak periods as per Regulation 49.2, it will be required to demonstrate the declared capacity of the generating station when asked by the Maharashtra State Load Despatch Centre.”

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Secretary,
Maharashtra Electricity
Regulatory Commission.

Note: The Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2011 were notified in the Gazette on 4 February, 2011; these were further amended by Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Multi Year Tariff) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2011 on 21 October, 2011.