

**MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

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Case No. 70 of 2011

**Advt. No. 6/2011-12**

**NOTICE UNDER CLAUSE (a) OF SUB-SECTION (5) OF SECTION 15 OF THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2003 (EA, 2003) for grant of Transmission Licence to Reliance Infrastructure Limited**

1. An application for grant of **Transmission Licence** has been made by **M/s. Reliance Infrastructure Limited (RInfra)** on 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2011 under the provisions of Section 14 read with Section 15 of Electricity Act, 2003(EA 2003) for a period of 25 years w.e.f. 16th August, 2011. RInfra has submitted in its licence application that it is an existing deemed transmission licensee and is undertaking transmission of electricity to meet the supply requirement of consumers in and around suburbs of Mumbai.
2. In accordance with sub-section (2) of Section 15 of Electricity Act 2003 read with Regulation 6 of MERC (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004, **RInfra** published a notice of its **Transmission Licence application** in the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2011 newspaper edition of 'Times of India', 'Hindustan Times', 'Loksatta' and 'Saamna'.
3. As per MERC (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004, **Alternative 1** specifies that the area of transmission shall be the State of Maharashtra and **Alternative 2** specifies **that the Licence shall be to establish and operate specific transmission lines, substations & associated equipments. RInfra** has submitted the application for grant of transmission licence which is related to **area specific transmission licence for the state of Maharashtra** under **Alternative 1**.
4. For complete details of the transmission lines, substations and associated equipments proposed under the application for grant of transmission licence, any interested person may refer to RInfra's application for grant of transmission licence.
5. A copy of the application along with its annexures and enclosures, made by RInfra before the Commission can be accessed by any person at the MERC website [www.mercindia.org.in](http://www.mercindia.org.in) or from the Commission's office. The application along with its annexures and enclosures shall be made available at MERC office on payment of the following fees:
  - a. Detailed application documents (in English) (on payment of Rs.2 per page)
  - b. CD of detailed application document (in English) (on payment of Rs50) in cash or by DD/Cheque drawn on MERC payable at Mumbai.
6. Pursuant to the notice by RInfra of the aforesaid application in newspapers; suggestions and objections were received from the public under Section 15 (2) (i), and recommendations from the **State Transmission Utility of Maharashtra (STU)** under Section 15 (4) of the Electricity Act 2003.
7. As per Section 15 (4) of Electricity Act, 2003, STU has recommended that RInfra should be granted transmission license under **Alternative 2** of Part II: General Terms & Conditions of MERC (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004 for their existing transmission network

including those transmission projects being executed and which are in STU Plan and approved by the Hon'ble Commission and also which are in confirmation with the clarification issued by the Ministry of Power. The recommendation states that as per the clarification regarding Clause 5.1 & Clause 7.1 of National Tariff Policy issued by the Ministry of Power, Govt. Of India, it is apparent that except for State Transmission Utility's projects for which Bulk Power Transmission Agreements (BPTA's)/ Transmission Service Agreement's (TSA's) have been signed on or before 05/01/2011, tariff based competitive bidding shall be applicable for remaining projects and therefore **RInfra** should be issued license under Alternative 2 of Part II: General Terms & Conditions of MERC (Transmission Licence Conditions) Regulations, 2004.

8. Currently the No-objection certificate has not yet been received from Central Government under Section 15 (2) (ii) of Electricity Act, 2003.
9. The registered office of RInfra is at H-Block, First Floor, Dhirubhai Ambani Knowledge City, Navi Mumbai - 400710.
10. This Notice is hereby given in pursuance of clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the EA, 2003 to invite **suggestions or objections**, if any, to the proposal to issue Transmission Licence to RInfra, under **Alternative 1 (State of Maharashtra) OR Alternative 2 for their existing transmission network from generating units at Dahanu and extended transmission system for interconnecting various load centres in suburbs in and around Mumbai, including those transmission projects being executed and which are in STU Plan and approved by the Hon'ble Commission**, to the applicant by the Commission. **Suggestions or objections** shall be sent to the undersigned **latest by 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 (Monday)** at MERC address as mentioned above. The **suggestions or objections** received after the above specified date shall not be considered.
11. Every person who intends to file **suggestions or objections** can submit the same in English or Marathi, in six copies, and should carry the full name, postal address and e-mail address of the sender. It should be indicated whether the **suggestions or objections** are being filed on behalf of any organization or of any category of consumers. It should also be mentioned if the sender wants to be heard in person, in which case opportunity would be given by the Commission at the Public hearing to be held on, **27<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 (Wednesday) at 11.00 a.m. in the office of the Commission at World Trade Centre, Centre 1, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cuffe Parade, Mumbai, 400005** wherein the issue as to whether Transmission Licence should be granted under Alternative 1 (State of Maharashtra) **OR** Alternative 2 for transmission of power from generating units at Dahanu and extended transmission system for interconnecting various load centres in suburbs in and around Mumbai, to the applicant by the Commission, will be considered. No separate notice will be issued for the same.

**Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2011**

Place: Mumbai

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(Kuldip.N. Khawarey)  
Secretary, MERC