



Delhi Electricity Regulatory Commission
Viniyamak Bhawan, 'C' Block, Shivalik, Malviya Nagar, New Delhi –110 017.

F.11(2449)/DERC/2025-26/8750

Petition No. 14/2026

In the matter of: Petition u/s 86 read with section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking adoption of tariff discovered through E-DEEP portal of MSTC/PFC as per MOP Guidelines for purchase of slot wise power up to 122MUs from various traders/generators and for the approval of the agreement entered thereto in terms of the DERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2017 read with Guidelines for Short Term (i.e. for a period of more than one day to one year) Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensee through Tariff Based Bidding Process dated 30th March 2016 and its amendment.

BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd.

... Petitioner

Coram:

Sh. Surender Babbar, Member and Sh. Ram Naresh Singh, Member

Appearance:

Mr. Buddy A. Ranganadhan, Ld. Sr. Counsel for the Petitioner

Order

(Date of Order:12.03.2026)

1. The Instant Petition has been filed by the Petitioner, BSES Rajdhani Power Ltd. (BRPL) praying *inter-alia* the following:
 - a) To approve the procurement of power for Short Term Basis through Tariff Based Competitive bidding under Tender No. 736 to ensure availability of sufficient slot-wise peak power during the summer season from June ' 2026 to September' 2026 before 13.03.2026 (bid validity);
 - b) To adopt the discovered weighted average tariff of Rs.9.67/kWh for the optimized quantum of 122MUs (comprising 51 MUs for 00:00-03 hrs and 71 MUs for 18:00-24:00 hrs.) discovered through the E-DEEP Portal of MSTC/PFC as per MOP guidelines.
 - c) To approve the Letters of Intent dated 25.02.2026 issued to the Respondents (Shree Cement Ltd., PTC India Ltd. and APPCPL) annexed as *Annexure -11 of the Petition*) and their respective confirmations received from the Respondents, under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for procurement of power by the Petitioner.

Petitioner's Submission

2. The Petitioner has submitted the following:
 - i. The Petitioner is a distribution licensee under the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter "the EA, 2003") having its area of supply in the South and West parts of Delhi and is actively supplying electricity in retail to consumers within its distribution area under the license granted by the Commission.
 - ii. On 30th March 2016, the Ministry of Power issued *Guidelines for short-term (i.e. for a period of more than one day to one year) Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees through Tariff based bidding process* (hereinafter "the MoP Guidelines"). As per MoP Guidelines and more specifically under Clause 11.4 thereof, in case the quantum of power procured and tariff determined are within the blanket approval granted by the Appropriate Commission (i.e. this Commission) in Annual Revenue Requirement (hereinafter "the ARR") of the respective year, then the same will be considered to have been adopted by the Appropriate Commission. However, if that is not the case, the procurer (i.e., the Petitioner) is required to approach the Appropriate Commission for adoption of tariff.
 - iii. On 31st January 2017, the Commission notified the DERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2017 (hereinafter "Tariff Regulations"). As per the Regulation 152(c) of the Tariff Regulations in case the Petitioner is desirous of entering into a short-term arrangement or agreement (other than trading through the Power Exchange) the Petitioner is mandated to follow a transparent bidding process in accordance with the extant MoP Guidelines.
 - iv. In the next financial year, i.e., FY 2026-27, the Petitioner is anticipating a shortage of power in the summer season, i.e., from 1st May'2026 to 30th September'2026. Power Availability in general has become cause of concern for the Petitioner. Even otherwise, most of the states are aggressively tying up power, which can also be seen from the similar tenders, wherein different DISCOM(s) are actively purchasing power to meet any anticipated shortfall of power in the ensuing financial year.
 - v. The Petitioner, vide its letter no. RA/2025-26/01/A/413 dated 05.12.2025, submitted a staggered power procurement and optimisation strategy. The said strategy adopts a multi-layered approach, incorporating dynamic updates in demand arising from weather variations, changes in power availability, and accurate, timely forecasts received from the SLDC. This framework enables the DISCOM to balance supply reliability with cost efficiency, thereby safeguarding consumer interest.
 - vi. Subsequently, in view of the evolving demand scenario and the likelihood of power shortages during the ensuing summer period, the Petitioner undertook

- a detailed assessment of its projected demand and power availability for the period 01.05.2026 to 30.09.2026, based on historical data and projections received from the Delhi State Load Dispatch Centre ("Delhi SLDC").
- vii. The Petitioner received an email dated 19.11.2025 from the Delhi SLDC regarding the anticipated power supply position for Summer 2026. Further, SLDC requested the DISOMS to arrange power to overcome their shortages to meet the summer 2026 power demand. The SLDC data projected persistent shortages across all time blocks, with peak deficits exceeding 1,500 MW to 2,000 MW during the critical months of May and June 2026.
 - viii. For the purposes of internal assessment and strategic planning, the Petitioner has additionally utilised PLEXOS simulation software, developed by Energy Exemplar, as a decision-support and analytical tool to assess potential demand-supply gaps under various scenarios. This is used to support the Petitioner's internal evaluation of power availability and to formulate its procurement strategy, including reliance on exchanged-based procurement and advance contracting.
 - ix. The demand-supply assessment report has identified shortages across base load, intermediate load, and peak-hour requirements during the Summer 2026 period. Accordingly, the Petitioner has formulated its procurement strategy to address these identified gaps.
 - x. In order to address the identified shortages in a prudent and transparent manner, the Petitioner floated two contemporaneous tenders viz., Tender No. Head (PMG)/BRPL/E Tender/2025-26/703 ("Renewable Power Tender") dated 02.01.2026 and Tender No. Head (PMG)/BRPL/E Tender/2025-26/704 dated 05.01.2026 for procurement of power for an aggregate assessed requirement.
 - xi. While the base load requirement was addressed via previous tenders, a severe residual shortfall remained for the night peak (00:00 – 03:00 hrs.) and evening peak (18:00 – 24:00 hrs.)
 - xii. With a view to address the gap and the aforesaid peak shortages in competitive and transparent manner, the Petitioner floated Peak Power Purchase Tender No. 736 on 27.01.2026 for a total slot-wise quantum of 468 MUs (165MUs for 00:00-03:00 hrs and 303 MUs for 18:00-24:00 hrs) for the period between 16.04.2026 and 30.09.2026. The quantum under the tender was determined based on the assessed shortages. The tender was conducted through the E-DEEP portal of MSTC/PFC strictly in accordance with the MoP Guidelines. To ensure maximum participation and to address the legitimate queries raised by prospective bidders, the Petitioner exhibited utmost transparency by issuing three Corrigendum's (dated 03.02.2026, 05.02.2026 and 11.02.2026) extending the bid submission timelines to 19.02.2026 and providing explicit clarifications regarding minimum bid quantum. Adequate

opportunity was provided to eligible generators and traders to participate, and the bidding process was conducted in a transparent manner.

- xiii. The tender was floated for procurement of power for the following time blocks and quantum as tabulated below:

BRPL tender to be floated for purchase of power (0 to 3 hrs.)				
Months	Period	Duration (hrs.)	Tender Qtm (MW)	Delivery Point
Apr'26	16 th to 30 th Apr'26	00:00 to 03:00	73	NR
May'26	01 st to 31 st May'26		420	
June'26	01 st to 30 th June'26		525	
Jul'26	01 st to 31 st July'26		350	
Aug'26	01 st to 31 st Aug'26		165	
Sept'26	01 st to 30 th Sept'26		309	

BRPL tender to be floated for purchase of power (18 to 24 hrs.)				
Months	Period	Duration (hrs.)	Tender Qtm (MW)	Delivery Point
Apr'26	16 th to 30 th Apr'26	18:00 to 24:00	73	NR PP
May'26	01 st to 31 st May'26		420	
June'26	01 st to 30 th June'26		525	
Jul'26	01 st to 31 st July'26		300	
Aug'26	01 st to 31 st Aug'26		115	
Sept'26	01 st to 30 th Sept'26		259	

- xiv. Following the comprehensive pre-bid processes, the e-Reverse Auction (e-RA) for Tender No. 736 was successfully conducted on 20.02.2026, wherein five major traders/generators, including the Respondents, participated. The initial, unoptimized results of the e-RA yielded a cleared quantum of 178 MUs at a weighted average tariff of Rs.10.22/kWh (Totalling a power purchase cost of Rs.182 Crores).
- xv. Acting in strict adherence to the regulatory precedent of the Commission's Order for other DISCOM in Petition 60/2025 dated 28.01.2026, wherein the Commission restricted the adoption of peak hour slot tariffs to Rs.10/kWh, aligning with the CERC's mandate capping power exchange rates, and to safeguard the commercial interests of the consumers of Delhi, the Petitioner has also executed a two-fold optimization strategy:
- Exclusion of Non-Compliant Quantums:* Bids below the minimum 25MW quantum threshold were excluded as per the strict terms of the tender.
 - Price Capping:* Any bids exceeding the ceiling price of Rs.10/kWh were summarily rejected. This resulted in the exclusion of high-priced bids from participants such as PTSL and NVVN, thereby protecting consumers from exorbitant peak rates.
- xvi. This prudent optimization resulted in a final procurement portfolio of 122 MUs at a highly competitive weighted average tariff of Rs.9.67/kWh. The said quantum comprises 51 MUs for the 00:00-03:00 hrs. slot and MUs for the 18:00-24:00 hrs. slot, for the period from June 2026 to September 2026. The trader-wise summary of the final optimized resulted is as under:

Trader Wise Summary e-RA dated 20.02.2026 against Tender No. 736 (Excluding below 25MW quantum and price capping of Rs. 10/kWh)				
S.No.	Trader/Utility	Successful Quantum (MUs)	Power Purchase Cost (Cr)	Weighted Avg. (Rs./kWh)
1.	Shree Cement Ltd.	55	51.68	9.46
2.	PTC	51	50.02	9.90
3.	APPCPL	17	16.02	9.71
		122	118	9.67

- xvii. Accordingly, the Petitioner is to procure power subject to the Commission's approval in the following terms:
- Slot Power: 51 MUs for 00:00-03:00 hrs. for June 2026 to September 2026 in view of severe night peak shortages.
 - Slot Power: 71MUs for 18:00-24:00 hrs for June 2026 to September 2026 in view of severe evening peak shortages.
- xviii. The Standing Committee of the Petitioner undertook a thorough verification of the entire bidding process. The Committee subsequently issued a formal Letter of Conformity unequivocally certifying that the bid process was conducted on the e-DEEP portal strictly in accordance with the MoP Guidelines.
- xix. Acting upon the outcome of the bid evaluation and in pursuance of the conformity certificate issued by the Petitioner's Standing Committee, the Petitioner issued Letters of Intent (LOIs) on 25.02.2026 to successful and compliant bidders, namely Shree Cement Limited, PTC India Limited and APPCPL. These LOIs have been issued subject to the approval and adoption of the tariff by the Commission.
- xx. The Petitioner has accordingly submitted that in light of the detailed facts and circumstances elucidated above, the procurement undertaken under Purchase Tender No. 736 has been executed in a scrupulously transparent, competitive, guidelines and prudent manner. The rates discovered are reasonable and competitive in the prevailing market.

Commission's Analysis

- The Petitioner has filed the present Petition under Section 86(1)(b) read with Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003, seeking, *inter alia* the adoption of the tariff discovered by the Petitioner for procurement of short-term power and the approval of the Letters of Intent ("LOIs") dated 25.02.2026 issued to the successful bidders, subject to approval of the Commission.
- The Present Petition was heard on 05.03.2026 on the mentioning of Ld. Sr. Advocate for the Petitioner. The Petition was admitted with the direction that if any clarifications are required by the officers of the Commission, the same shall be provided by the Petitioner and the Order was reserved.
- The Petitioner has submitted that in the FY 2026-2027, the Petitioner is anticipating a shortage of power in the summer season, i.e., from 1st April' 2026 to 30th September' 2026. Accordingly, the Petitioner had floated a Request for Proposal (RFP) bearing

reference no. Head (PMG)/BRPL/E-Tender/2025-26/736 dated 27.01.2026 followed by Corrigendum dated 03.02.2026, 05.02.2026, and 11.02.2026, for the procurement of conventional Power on a Short-Term Basis.

6. Further, in response to a query raised by the officers of the Commission, the Petitioner, vide its email dated 09.03.2026, has submitted that after considering all tie-ups the net shortage and surplus of power, as per SLDC, from May'26 to Sept'26 is given below:

Net Shortages after above tie ups										
Month	1 st fortnight					2 nd fortnight				
	00-03	03-09	09-12	12-18	18-24	00-03	03-09	09-12	12-18	18-24
April'26	-88	264	113	-40	129	-376	133	46	-177	-83
May'26	-56	407	256	-13	105	-662	-225	-216	-664	-446
June'26	-1021	-499	-426	-625	-750	-1087	-673	-561	-884	-796
July'26	-544	-12	-134	-197	-312	-740	-196	-358	-630	-399
Aug'26	-483	221	-64	-315	-75	-457	157	-268	-352	-36
Sep'26	-495	128	-179	-377	-187	-778	-117	-318	-563	-342

7. A meeting was convened with the officers of the Petitioner on 10.03.2026 to discuss *inter-alia* the issue that there is still power deficit in many time slots during April'26 to Sept'26. During the meeting, the Petitioner submitted that it would try to meet the balance power shortage through Unallocated Quota of central generating stations for which allocation orders are likely to be issued by MoP.
8. In addition to the above, the Petitioner was directed to submit the Trader-Wise Selected Quantity details after excluding below 25 MW quantum and price capping of Rs.10/KWh. In response to the same, the Petitioner has submitted the following details vide its email dated 09.03.2026:

Trader Wise Selected Quantity details after Excluding below 25 MW quantum and price capping of Rs 10/KWh										
S.No.	Months	Period	No. of Days	Duration (Hrs)	Tender Quantum (MW)	Bidder Ref.	Selected Bid Quantity (MW)	Bid Rate (in Rs/KWh)	Selected Qtm (MU)	Power Purchase Cost (Cr.)
1	Apr-26	16th to 30th April'26	15	00:00 to 00:03	73					
2	May-26	1st to 31st May'26	31		420					
3	Jun-26	1st to 30th Jun'26	30		525	Shree cement, APPCPL	80	9.50	7.20	6.84
4	Jul-26	1st to 31st Jul'26	31		350	APPCPL	40	9.80	3.72	3.65
5	Aug-26	1st to 31st Aug'26	31		165	PTC	150	9.79	13.95	13.66
6	Sep-26	1st to 30st Sep'26	30		309	Shree cement, APPCPL	285	9.37	25.65	24.03
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1	Apr-26	16th to 30th April'26	15	18:00 to 24:00	73					
2	May-26	1st to 31st May'26	31		420					
3	Jun-26	1st to 30st Jun'26	30		525	Shree cement	40	9.60	7.20	6.91
4	Jul-26	1st to 31st Jul'26	31		300	APPCPL	30	10.00	5.58	5.58
5	Aug-26	1st to 31st Aug'26	31		115	PTC	100	9.99	18.60	18.58
6	Sep-26	1st to 30st Sep'26	30		259	Shree cement	121	9.50	21.78	20.69
7	Sep-26	1st to 30st Sep'26	30			PTC	100	9.88	18.00	17.78

9. The Petitioner has also provided a brief summary of the market comparison table depicting the month-wise recent tender rates for both the RTC and Slot-wise heads under the Conventional and Renewable Power tenders as discovered on the E-DEEP portal for Summer 2026, from which, it is observed that the tariff for Slot-wise power (for identified shortage slots i.e. 00:00-03:00 & 18:00-24:00 hrs) discovered by the Petitioner is market aligned and competitive.

10. In view of above, the Petitioner is hereby allowed to procure total 122 MU of Short Term slot-wise peak hour power from 1st June' 2026 to 30th September' 2026 at a competitive weighted average tariff of Rs.9.67/unit, as detailed in Para 8 above, as discovered by it in the e-Reverse Auction. The Petitioner is however directed that to minimize potential losses due to surplus power, if any, in some time slots of the day, the Petitioner shall align its power scheduling with actual demand, for which, the Petitioner, if required, shall schedule up to 15% less power, as per the terms of RfP/Tender document.
11. However, if this arrangement fails, it shall be the sole responsibility of the Petitioner to procure & supply power to its consumers at the Tariff discovered in the said bidding process and additional liability, if any, for this quantum of power, shall not be passed through in True-up of FY 2026-27. This approval is further subject to the condition that any surplus power available with the Petitioner during Summers of FY 2026-27 be first utilized within Delhi as required by other DISCOMs under Inter DISCOM Transfer (IDT) mechanism.
12. The Petition is disposed in above terms.
13. Ordered accordingly.

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