



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

F.11(2387)/DERC/2025-26/8625

**Petition No. 60/2025**

**In the matter of:** Petition filed under Section 63 and Section 86(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for approval of procurement of power on Short Term Basis through Tariff Based Competitive bidding process as per the 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 issued by Ministry of Power, Government of India, as amended from time to time, to ensure availability of sufficient power during the summer season of 2026, adoption of tariff discovered under competitive bidding process and approval of draft Power Purchase Agreement.

**Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd.**

**... Petitioner**

**Coram:**

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

**Appearance:**

1. Mr. Anand Kumar Srivastava, Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner
2. Mr. Mudassir, Ld. Counsel for the Petitioner

**ORDER**

(Date of Order: 28.01.2026)

1. The instant Petition has been filed by the Petitioner, Tata Power Delhi Distribution Ltd. (TPDD) for seeking approval for procurement of power on Short Term Basis through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process (TBCB Process) as per the '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' dated 30.03.2016 ("Short Term Guidelines") issued by the Ministry of Power (MoP), Government of India as amended from time to time, to ensure availability of sufficient power during the summer season of 2026, adoption of tariff discovered under competitive Bidding Process and approval of Draft Power Purchase Agreement ("Draft PPA").
2. The Petitioner has made *inter-alia* the following prayers in its Petition:
  - i. To approve the Procurement of Power from Short-Term basis for quantum given in Table -3 of the instant petition, through tariff based competitive bidding process to ensure availability of sufficient power during the summer season of 2026.

- ii. To adopt the tariff as discovered through the process of competitive bidding;
- iii. To approve the draft Power Purchase Agreement.

**Petitioner's Submissions**

3. The Petitioner has submitted the following:
  - i. The Petitioner is a joint venture of the Tata Power Company Limited ("TPCL") and the Government of NCT of Delhi ("GNCTD") with 51% majority shareholding being with TPCL. The Petitioner is a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956 and engaged in the business of distribution of electricity within its licensed area in NCT Delhi.
  - ii. The Petitioner, in order to ensure sufficient power during the summer season of 2026, carried out the surplus/shortage scenario analysis based on the expected availability from the generators with long term Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs). Based on the outcome of the analysis, it is expected that there will be some shortage of power from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to September 2026. During FY 24-25, Delhi's power demand during the summer season had reached the mark of 8442 MW in the month of June'2025, as per the data available on the State Load Despatch Centre's Website.
  - iii. There have been instances where the heatwaves have been hovering upon the city for prolonged periods of time during summer seasons leading to immense addition to the peak demand. As the temperature levels as well as the humidity levels soar in the city, the cooling facility besides reliable power supply, is no more a luxury but a lifesaving amenity. The consumption curve and the weather data analysis show that Delhi's energy requirement is indeed facing an upward spiralling curve.
  - iv. The summary of the shortage during the above-mentioned period i.e., from 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to September 2026 showing the scale of power to be tied up to meet the demands of the consumers of the Petitioner is given below:

Table 1: Shortage (-) Scenario during Summer 2026 (MW)

Month	April		May		June		July		August		September	
Fortnight	FF	SF	FF	SF	FF	SF	FF	SF	FF	SF	FF	SF
Shortage Upto (-) (MW)	0	206	207	660	538	644	396	490	215	190	167	200

Note: FF – First Fortnight, SF – Second Fortnight

- v. That based on the current demand supply scenario of the Petitioner, shortfall for the summer season of 2026 is upto 650 MW and, accordingly, the Petitioner proposes to arrange the required power through the instant procurement. The

total quantum proposed to be procured by the Petitioner is around 781.05 MUs for the period of 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 to September 2026 at a weighted average rate of Rs. 5.92/- per unit, which is a combination of Round the Clock (RTC) + Peak Hour procurement. Accordingly, the present short-term procurement is in line with the identified power procurement planning of the Petitioner.

- vi. The Petitioner in terms of Clause 5.4 read with Clause 21.4 of its License issued by the Commission is required to purchase the energy required by it for distribution and retail supply *inter-alia* in an economical manner and under a transparent power purchase or procurement process.
- vii. The Resource Adequacy Guidelines impose a duty upon the licensees to tie up sufficient capacity to meet the demands of its consumers. Further, the Guidelines provide that the capacity for which the licensee shall tie up should be a judicious mix of long-term, medium-term and short-term contracts to ensure security of reliable supply of power to the consumers. The Guidelines provide that procurement actions for resource adequacy must be taken up by the DISCOMs in a timely manner so that generation capacity becomes available well before its requirement to meet the projected growth.
- viii. The Petitioner in order to meet the higher summer demand in 2026, issued the Request for Proposal (RfP) vide Tender Enquiry No.-Tata Power-DDL/PMG/Tender/Power/Purchase-2025-26/01 dated 10.10.2025 for procurement of up to 650 MW (RTC + Peak) power through TBCB process as per the Short Term Guidelines on DEEP Portal with due intimation to Delhi Transco Limited and the Commission. The said RfP was published by the Petitioner in four newspapers on 10.10.2025.
- ix. In response to the RfP issued by the Petitioner, following bidders procuring power from the following sources participated in the reverse auction:
  - a. Powerpulse Trading Solutions Limited ("PTSL") (552775) through Adani Power Limited Raipur TPP.
  - b. PTSL (552778) through Mahan Energen Limited Unit 2.
  - c. PTC India Limited (74488) through Government of Himachal Pradesh ("GoHP") – NJHPS.
  - d. PTC India Limited (74490) through GoHP – Koldam.
  - e. PTC India Limited (74489) through GoHP – Chamera - I.
  - f. PTC India Limited (74491) through GoHP – Rampur.
  - g. Manikaran Power Limited (102094) through OCL Iron and Steel Limited, Odisha.
  - h. JSW Power Trading Company Limited (89749) through KSK Mahanadi Power Company.

- i. JSW Power Trading Company Limited (89773) through JSW Energy Limited Ratnagiri.
  - j. NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited ("NVVNL") (188988) through Jhabua Power Limited.
  - k. NVVNL (551376) through Jaypee Bina Thermal Power Plant.
  - l. Shree Cement Limited (74158) through Shree Cement Limited Power Plant in Rajasthan.
- x. That based on the bids received during the e-RA, the Standing Committee has shortlisted the bidders for each fortnight between 16.04.2026 to September, 2026 for procurement of power under the RfP. Further, in terms of Short-Term Guidelines, the Petitioner issued Letter(s) of Award (LoA) to the shortlisted bidders on 10.11.2025 which are conditional.
- xi. That there exist exceptional circumstances to prepare for the summer season of 2026, which necessitates procurement of power above the ceiling rate of Rs 5.00/- per unit. Further, the alternative power procurement from PPS-III, Bawana CCPP is available at an incremental rate of around Rs. 9.203/- per unit w.e.f. 25.08.2025 as per communication received from Delhi SLDC /Bawana CCPP and the exchange prices have been capped by the Hon'ble Central Electricity Regulatory Commission ("CERC") at Rs.10/-.
- xii. Moreover, during the peak hours, even by bidding at Rs. 10/- per unit, the Petitioner may not be able to procure the full quantum of power required during summer season of 2026 from the Power Exchanges owing to less clearances. In view of these circumstances and reasons, the approval for procurement of power above the ceiling rate of Rs 5/- per unit is of utmost necessity to provide steady electricity to the consumers of the Petitioner.
- xiii. In view of the aforesaid, the Petitioner has filed the present Petition for approval of purchase of following quantum of short-term power:

**Table-3: Requisite Quantum of Purchase of Short-Term Power**

Month	April		May		June		July		August		September	
Fortnight	FF	SF	FF	SF	FF	SF	FF	SF	FF	SF	FF	SF
(1) RTC (0-24 hrs) (MW)	0	100	100	200	200	250	200	200	150	150	150	150
(2) Peak (0-3 & 17-24 Hrs) (MW)	0	0	0	100	100	100	300	400	50	50	50	50
Approval Sought (1+2) MW	0	100	100	300	300	350	500	600	200	200	200	200

- xiv. That Short Term Guidelines provides that the Procurer shall execute a PPA with the selected bidder(s) consequent to the selection process. In view thereof, the Petitioner is also beseeching the Commission to approve the draft PPA to be entered with successful bidder(s).

### **Commission Analysis**

4. The instant Petition has been filed by the Petitioner seeking approval of Procurement of Power on Short-Term basis through tariff based competitive bidding process as per the 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 dated 30 March 2016 and its amendment, adoption of tariff discovered under competitive bidding process and approval of the draft Power Purchase Agreement ("Draft PPA").
5. The Commission vide its Record of Proceedings dated 03.12.2025 admitted the Petition with directions that if any clarifications are required by the officers of the Commission, the same shall be provided by the Petitioner.
6. Pursuant thereto, a meeting with respect to instant Petition was convened with the Petitioner on 22.12.2025, wherein various points were discussed and the Petitioner was directed to share the additional information through email viz. quantum of shortage of power as per SLDC, comparison of short term rate for RTC and Peak Hours slot with other DISCOM utilities, summary of month-wise/Trader wise successful quantum (MUs) awarded etc.
7. The Petitioner has informed that during the Commission meeting held on 24.02.2025 regarding meeting the peak demand, all DISCOMs were advised to arrange the power in advance for the next year in order to reduce the risk associated with availability as well as volatility in power tariff. Further, the Petitioner in order to ensure sufficient power during the summer season of 2026, carried out the surplus/ shortage scenario analysis based on the expected availability from the generators with long-term Power Purchase Agreements ("PPAs"). The Petitioner has further informed that they have approached SLDC to share the shortage surplus scenario for summer 2026. Accordingly, the Petitioner has taken the peak Demand of ~ 2602 MW in the summer months of 2026. Information was sought from the Petitioner regarding month-wise demand supply gap in the summers of 2026 by taking all the existing and upcoming tie-ups. The Petitioner has submitted that it is anticipating shortage of power from 16<sup>th</sup> April'2026 to September'2026.
8. Further, a meeting was also conducted with the officers of the Petitioner on 05.01.2026 during which the proposal for procurement of short-term power was deliberated and it was observed that for certain peak hour slots, the tariff rates

exceeded Rs.10/kWh, whereas the Order dated 31.03.2023 (Petition No. 04/SM/2023) of Hon'ble Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) restricts the discovered price in power exchange rate for all the contracts to Rs.10/kWh from 04.04.2023 till further orders. As per the additional submissions of the Petitioner, the financial implication of accepting the bid prices beyond Rs.10/- per unit will work out to a little over Rs.1 Crore. Though the discovered rates are based upon competitive bidding as approved by the MoP, considering the need to optimize the cost of procurement of power, the Commission considers it reasonable to take into account the aforesaid capping of Rs.10/kWh for the peak hour slots.

9. Considering the demand-supply gap in the upcoming summers, it is important to keep in view that the denial of procurement of power may lead to load shedding. Therefore, based upon the submissions in the instant Petition and deliberations as stated above, the Commission hereby accords approval to the Petitioner to procure 679.20 MU of Short Term RTC as specified in the submissions of the Petitioner at weighted average rate of Rs.5.37/kWh and 101.85 MU of Short Term Peak Hour Power at weighted average rate of Rs.9.47/kWh from 16th April' 2026 to September' 2026 as discovered by it in the e-Reverse Auction with capping of Rs.10/kWh for the peak hour slots. The draft Power Purchase Agreement to be signed between the Petitioner and the successful bidders are also approved.
10. If the above 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.
11. The Petition is disposed of in above terms.
12. Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-  
**(Surender Babbar)**  
**Member**

Sd/-  
**(Ram Naresh Singh)**  
**Member**