MADHYA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, BHOPAL

Sub: Extension of control period beyond 31.03.2014 in respect of tariff for solar based power projects.

ORDER (Passed on 25th March, 2014)

The Commission had issued a tariff order for procurement of power from solar projects in Madhya Pradesh on 01.08.2012. The control period of the said tariff order is due to expire on 31.03.2014. In the normal course, the Commission would have issued a fresh tariff order for the period beyond 31.03.2014 after conclusion of due process as per the Regulations.

- 2. The Commission had, indeed, commenced this process in January 2014. However, the tariff order could not be issued prior to the coming into force of the Model Code of Conduct for the General Elections, 2014. The Election Commission of India vide its instructions dated 17.02.2014 has informed that the Model Code of Conduct shall be applicable to the Electricity Regulatory Commissions also. The issue of the new tariff order has, therefore, to be deferred until the conclusion of the Lok Sabha Elections, 2014.
- 3. In view of the aforesaid, the Commission hereby directs that the provisions of the tariff order dated 01.08.2012 shall, subject to the modifications indicated hereinafter, continue to apply to solar projects in Madhya Pradesh until further orders:-
 - For clause 4.1(a),(b),(c) of the order, the following shall be substituted:
 - "4.1 (a) Solar PV Power Plant for which Power Purchase agreements (PPAs) are signed within the control period of this tariff order and the projects are commissioned within one year of signing of PPAs.
 - (b) Solar Thermal Power Plants for which Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) are signed within the control period of this tariff order and the projects are commissioned within two years of signing the PPAs.
 - (c) Rooftop and other small Solar Power Plants of capacity up to 2 MW connected to distribution network (below 33 kV) for which Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) are signed within the control period of this tariff order and the projects are commissioned within two years of signing the PPAs."
 - 3.2 All other terms and conditions of the order dated 01.08.2012 shall remain unaltered.
- **4.** Ordered accordingly.

(Alok Gupta) Member (A.B. Bajpai) Member

(Rakesh Sahni) Chairman