

# The Brihan Mumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking

(OF THE BRIHAN MUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)

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DATE : 23 MAY 2017

To,

**The Secretary,**  
**Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission,**  
13<sup>th</sup> floor, World Trade Centre,  
Centre No.1, Cuffe Parade,  
Colaba, Mumbai – 400 005.

Sub.: Miscellaneous Application for revision of Charges for  
Electricity Connection for loads between 50 to 150 Kw  
for BEST Undertaking under MERC (Electricity Supply  
Code and other Conditions of Supply) Regulation, 2005.

Sir,

BEST's present charges as per approved schedule for new electricity connection for 50Kw to 150 Kw are in the range of Rs.40,000/- to Rs.60,000/-. In Order to make it at par with the other utilities in Mumbai, under the "Doing Business in India-Getting Electricity" initiative, a meeting was held in Mantralaya and it was desired to reduce the charges in the range of Rs. 22,000/- to Rs.25,000/-. During this meeting, BEST submitted that, it would make a petition as regards to same before the MERC.

As such, BEST Undertaking is herewith filing a Miscellaneous Application for revision of "Schedule of Charges" for Electricity Connection 50 Kw to 150 Kw, as per Regulation 24 of the MERC (Electricity Supply Code and other Conditions of Supply) Regulation, 2005.

Demand draft No. 810966 dated 23/05/2017 of Rs. 10,000/- drawn on Bank of India, Colaba Branch in favour of Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission is enclosed herewith towards the fees for filing this Miscellaneous Application.

**"BEST Travel Saves Fuel"**

***"BEST Travel Safe Travel"***

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In line with this Miscellaneous Application, we humbly request the Hon'ble Commission to pass appropriate orders in the matter.

Thanking you,

Encl.: 1. The Miscellaneous Application  
(Original + 6 Sets)  
2. DD No. 810966 dated 23/05/2017  
of Rs.10,000/-

Yours faithfully,



(R.D) Patsute  
Chief Engineer (Regulatory)

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***"Use Public Transport - Save Mumbai City"***

**BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION,  
MUMBAI**

**Filing No.:**

**Case No.:**

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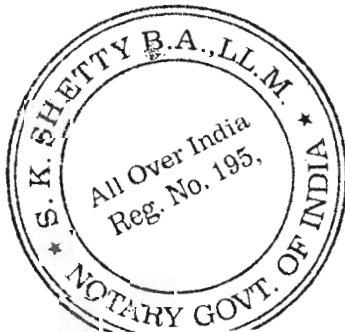
And

IN THE MATTER OF: The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, Being Corporation and Local Authority Constituted and carrying on its functions Under the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, 1888, through the General Manager, BEST Undertaking having its Head Office at BEST Bhavan, BEST Marg, Colaba, Mumbai – 400001.

*Affidavit verifying the Miscellaneous Application*

I, Rajendra Dadaram Patsute aged 49 years, son of Dadaram Patsute having my office at BEST Undertaking, Colaba, Mumbai – 400 001 do solemnly affirm and say as follows:

1. I am Chief Engineer (Regulatory), Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, the applicant in the above matter and am duly authorized to make this affidavit.
2. The statements made in the enclosed submissions are based on the information received from the concerned officers of the Undertaking and I believe them to be true.

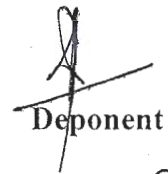




3. I say that there are no proceedings pending in any Court of Law / Tribunal or Arbitrator or any other authority, wherein the Applicant are a party and where issues arising and / or reliefs sought are identical or similar to the issues arising in the matter pending before Hon'ble Commission.

I solemnly affirm at Mumbai on this **23 MAY 2017** day of           , 2017 that the contents of this affidavit are true to my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.



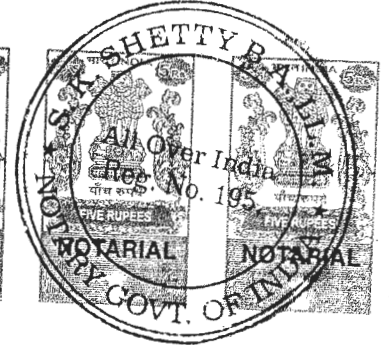
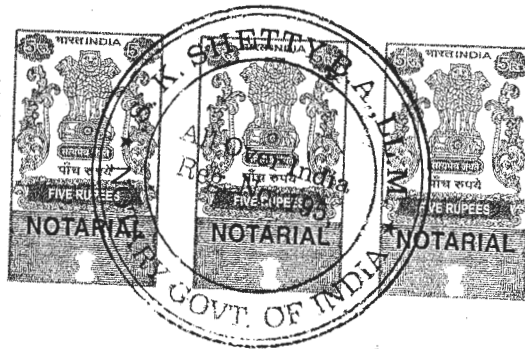
  
Deponent

**BEFORE ME**



**S. K. SHETTY B.A.,LL.M.**  
ADVOCATE  
NOTARY GOVT. OF INDIA  
8, "Prakash", Bestant Street,  
Santacruz (W), Mumbai - 400 054

**23 MAY 2017**





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The Applicant named above respectfully showeth under:

- 1.0 The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai is a Municipal Corporation, duly constituted under the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, 1888. The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai is also a local authority under Part IX A of the constitution of India. The Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, under the provisions of the Mumbai Municipal Corporation Act, 1888, has an Undertaking known as the Brihanmumbai Electric Supply and Transport Undertaking (of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai) [hereinafter referred to; for sake of brevity, as "BEST"]. BEST, as such, is a statutory Undertaking of a local authority.
- 2.0 BEST is a Municipal / public utility, which has been and is providing two essential services in the City of Mumbai, namely, (i) mass public transportation in the City of Mumbai as well as its extended suburbs, and (ii) distribution or supply of electricity in the Island City of Mumbai(i.e. the area from Colaba upto Mahim and Sion).
- 3.0 (A) BEST is currently a "distribution licensee" under the present Electricity Act, 2003. BEST, under the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Specific Conditions of Distribution License applicable to Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport

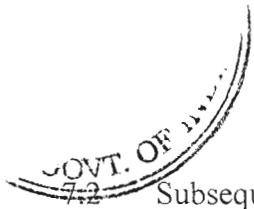


Undertaking of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai) Regulations, 2007, is authorized and required to distribute or supply electricity in the area of supply specified therein, in accordance with the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003.

(B) BEST, being a statutory Undertaking of the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai is also encompassed by the definition of a "Local Authority" under Section 2(41) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

- 4.0 As per section 50 of Electricity Act, 2003, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) has issued Electricity Supply Code and other Conditions of Supply Regulation, 2005. As per Regulation 18 of this Regulations, the BEST Undertaking as a distribution licensee is required to file with the Commission for approval, the 'Schedule of Charges ' for matters contained in Regulations and for such other matters required by the distribution licensee to fulfill its obligation to supply electricity to consumer under the Act and other relevant Regulations.
- 5.0 Section 45, 46 & 47 of the EA 2003 and MERC (Electricity Supply Code and other Conditions of Supply) Regulation 2005 empowers BEST Undertaking to recover charges/expenses reasonably incurred in providing electric supply for the person requiring supply of electricity.
- 6.0 Hon'ble Commission vide Order dtd. 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2012 in Case No. 90 of 2012 had approved the Schedule of Charges applicable for BEST undertaking with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2013 and the same Order is still in force.
- 7.0 The Govt. of Maharashtra is taking up various initiatives under the national mission of **"Doing Business in India-Getting Electricity"**
- 7.1 One of such matter is related to the Service Connection Charges being paid by an applicant while getting Electricity Connection up to 150 Kw in area of Supply of BEST. During the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017, under the chairmanship of the Principal Secretary (Energy) it was pointed out that consumers requiring supply between 100Kw to 150 Kw are required to pay charges of Rs 60,000/-, in the area of supply of BEST, which are considerably higher, as compared to the charges of Rs 22,000/-, levied by RInfra for getting the same Electricity Connection.





Subsequently, the Ministry of Industry, Energy and Labour (Govt. of Maharashtra), vide letter dated 11.05.2017, has directed BEST to reduce cost of getting new electricity connection (for loads up to 150 Kw) to 25 % of Per Capita income. The copy of the said letter with directive to file a Petition before Hon'ble Commission is attached as Annexure "A".

7.3 In the Order in case No.90 of 2012, Hon'ble Commission had ruled as follows:

*"2.1.2 Commission's Ruling:*

*".....The proposal of BEST to recover charges on normative basis is in line with the Regulation 3.3.1 of MERC Supply Code Regulations. However, BEST has proposed a variable component based on per metre cost of connection, for providing service connection of length more than 100 metres. **By measurement-linked charges, the very purpose of providing normative charges would be defeated.***

*Section 42(1) of the Act stipulates that 'it shall be the duty of the distribution licensee to develop and maintain an efficient, co-ordinated and economical distribution system in his area of supply'.*

*Accordingly, BEST should extend their distribution network by providing adequate numbers of Auxiliary distribution pillars / Mini pillars to the load clusters such that the average length of service can be maintained minimum. **The Commission has considered average service length of 20 metres while approving the normative charges for service connection. The cost of infrastructure expansion could be claimed through ARR.***

*Further, in order to simplify the procedure while releasing the connection and to avoid discretion and disputes at field level, the Commission has decided to dispense with the measurement linked variable charges. The normative Service Connection Charges as approved by the Commission are indicated in Annexure-2."*

7.4 BEST submits that for releasing loads between 50 Kw to 150 Kw, generally service cable of Size 4C/70 Sq.mm to 4C/300 Sq.mm has been laid. In line with the above consideration by Hon'ble Commission for average length of service cable of 20 meters, the approximate material cost works out in the range of Rs 22,000/- to 25,000/-.





8.0 As per Regulation 24 of MERC (Electricity Supply Code and other Conditions of Supply) Regulation 2005:

*"If any difficulty arises in giving effect to the provisions of these Regulations, the Commission may, by general or specific order, make such provision not in consistent with the provisions of that, as may appear to be necessary for removing the difficulty."*

8.1 BEST is filing the present Miscellaneous Application under above Regulation 24 of MERC (Electricity Supply Code and other Conditions of Supply) Regulation 2005, the powers of Hon'ble Commission to remove the difficulty.

9.0 In view of the above, BEST hereby propose following revision in the Service Connection Charges for Electricity Connection between 50 to 150 Kw:

Table : Schedule of Rates - Service Connection Charges for New Connection and Extension of Load for loads between 50Kw to 150 Kw.

Sr. No.	Particulars	Existing Charges as per Order in Case No. 90 of 2012	Proposed Charges
1	Motive power above 67 HP but upto 134 HP or other loads above 50 KW but upto 100 KW.	Rs 40,000/-	Rs 22,000/-
2	Motive power above 134 HP but upto 201 HP or other loads above 100 KW but upto 150 KW.	Rs 60,000/-	Rs 25,000/-

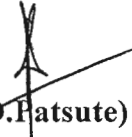
10.0 In view of the above, BEST respectfully prays that the Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to:-

- i. Admit the Miscellaneous Application of BEST in accordance with the Regulation No. 24 of the MERC (Electricity Supply Code and other Condition of Supply) Regulation, 2005.
- ii. Approve the revised Charges of BEST Undertaking for Electricity Connection for loads between 50 Kw to 150 Kw, in accordance with the MERC (Electricity Supply Code and other Condition of Supply) Regulation, 2005.





- iii. Grant the liberty to the BEST to add / change / modify / alter this Miscellaneous Application and make further submissions as may be required at future date.
- iv. Condone any inadvertent omissions / errors / rounding off difference / shortcomings.
- v. Pass such further and other orders, as the Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and proper keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case.

  
(R.D. Patsute)  
Chief Engineer (Regulatory)

Place: Mumbai  
Date: 23.05.2017



क्र: संकीर्ण-२०१६/प्र.क्र. ४८/ऊर्जा-५  
उद्योग, ऊर्जा व कामगार विभाग,  
मादाम कामा रोड, हुतात्मा राजगुरु चौक,  
मंत्रालय, मुंबई ४०० ०३२.  
दिनांक : ११ मे, २०१७.

प्रति,  
व्यवस्थापकीय संचालक,  
टाटा पॉवर कंपनी लि., बॉम्बे हाऊस,  
२४ होमी मोदी स्ट्रीट, मुंबई ४०० ००९.

व्यवस्थापकीय संचालक,  
रिलायन्स इन्फ्रास्ट्रक्चर लि., ई-७/एमआयडीसी,  
अंधेरी (पू.), मुंबई ४०० ०९३.

महाव्यवस्थापक,  
बृहन्मुंबई वीज पुरवठा व परिवहन उपक्रम,  
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विषय: Doing Bussiness in India – Getting Electricity.

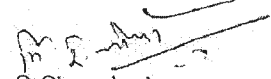
महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषयाचे अनुषंगाने दिनांक ०९.०५.२०१७ रोजी सकाळी ११.०० वाजता मंत्रालय, मुंबई येथे मा.प्रधान सचिव (ऊर्जा) यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली "Doing Business in India -- Getting Electricity" या विषयाबाबत बैठक संपन्न झाली.

सदर बैठकीचे इतिवृत्त सोबत जोडले आहे. आपल्याशी संबंधित मुद्यांबाबत आवश्यक ती कार्यवाही करून केलेल्या कार्यवाहीचा अहवाल दिनांक २२.०५.२०१७ पर्यंत शासनास न चुकता सादर करावा, ही विनंती.

सहपत्र: वरीलप्रमाणे.

आपला

  
(मिलिंद चोपडे)

विशेष कार्य अधिकारी

उद्योग, ऊर्जा व कामगार विभाग/ऊर्जा-५

दिनांक ०९.०५.२०१७ रोजी सकाळी ११.०० वाजता मंत्रालय, मुंबई येथे मा.प्रधान सचिव (ऊर्जा) यांच्या अध्यक्षतेखाली "Doing Business in India -- Getting Electricity" याबाबत बैठक संपन्न झाली.

सदर बैठकीस प्रधान सचिव (ऊर्जा), महाव्यवस्थापक (बेस्ट), मे.टाटा, मे.रिलायन्स यांचे प्रतिनिधी तसेच ऊर्जा विभागाचे अधिकारी उपस्थित होते.

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१	Publish statistics on utility's website under the existing 'Ease of doing Business' tab on the no. of approvals granted, time taken, etc.	All licensees to publish this data on their website.	BEST TATA Power R-Infra	20.05.2017
२	Reduce cost of getting new electricity connection (upto 150 KVA) to 25% of per capita income (present cost in Mumbai is approx. INR 60000)	Regarding reducing the charges for Security Deposit/KW, petition is to be filed before MERC.	BEST TATA Power	20.05.2017
३	Reduce time taken in external installation and energizing electric connection, especially issues related to Right of Way - (RoW) from all Departments concerned.	To contact Addl. Municipal Commissioner, MCGM regarding online digging permission.	BEST	20.05.2017
४	Implement automated systems to monitor and restore outages.	Automated systems to monitor and restore outages for LT consumers is to be implemented by Licensees	BEST TATA Power R-Infra	
५	Reduce SAIDI<30 minutes and SAIFI<1 i.e. equivalent to an outage of one hour per year.	BEST and R-Infra to study TATA's System for SAIDI & SAIFI and revise remarks accordingly.	BEST R-Infra	20.05.2017

सर्व उपस्थितांचे आभार मानून बैठक समाप्त झाली.

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