

BEFORE THE MAHARASHTRA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY  
COMMISSION, MUMBAI

Filing No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Case No.: \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE MATTER OF:

Petition of Shri Sudhir Budhay seeking guidelines for connectivity to solar generators below 1 MW – Case No. 86 of 2013.

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.

.....RESPONDENT NO. 5

*Affidavit*

I, Rajendra Dadaram Patsute, aged 46 years, son of Dadaram Patsute having my office at BEST Bhavan, BEST Marg, Colaba, Mumbai – 400 001, do solemnly affirm and say as follows:-

1. I am Chief Engineer, Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking of Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai, the Respondent No. 5 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.

I solemnly affirm at Mumbai on this 2nd day of August, 2013 that the contents of this affidavit are true to my knowledge, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed therefrom.

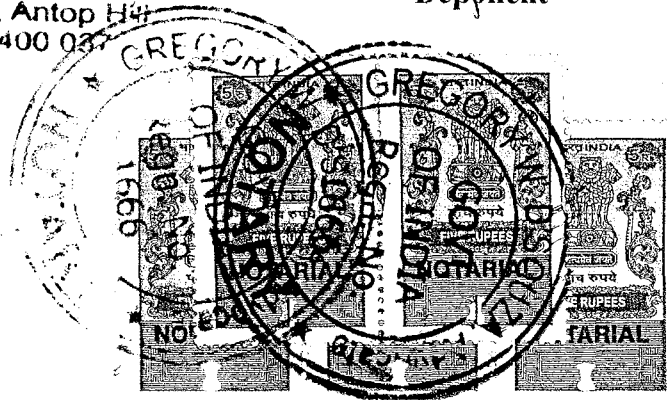
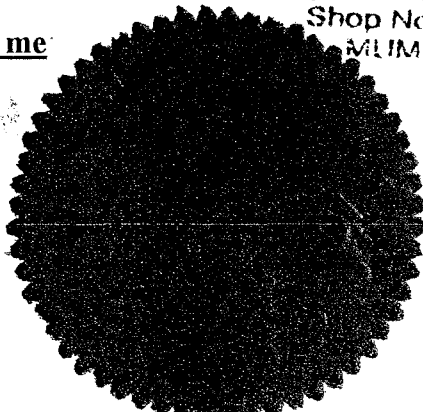
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2 AUG 2013

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*[Signature]*  
Deponent

Identified before me



BEST's submission in Case No. 86 of 2013

BEST appreciate the suggestions made by the Petitioner Shri Sudhir Budhay to increase the generation / use of renewable energy including Solar Power and thus reducing pollution and carbon emission in atmosphere.

BEST has taken various measures to procure renewable energy including solar power to meet its RPO obligations.

However, BEST would like to state that, as per the Regulation 19 of MERC (Distribution Open Access) Regulations, 2005, BEST being a local authority engaged in the business of distribution of electricity before the appointed date is exempted from the purview of the Distribution Open Access Regulations.

BEST would also like to state that, the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 and the present MERC (Distribution Open Access) Regulations, 2005 as well as Draft MERC (Distribution Open Access) Regulations, 2013 restricts distribution open access for the consumers whose contract demand is below 1 MW. Therefore, any new guidelines for permitting open access below 1 MW load needs Regulatory framework changes before its implementations.

The Hon'ble Commission is requested to take into consideration BEST's above submissions in the proceedings before the Commission in the matter.

