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To,

The Managing Director,

Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited

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Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Torrent Power Limited - Ahmedabad (Distribution)

Torrent Power Limited - Surat (Distribution)

Torrent Power Limited - Dahej (Distribution)

Jubilant Infrastructure Limited

Kandla Port Trust

Aspen Infrastructure Limited

MPSEZ Utilities Private Limited

GIFT Power Company Limited

Subject: Procurement of Renewable Energy through Competitive Bidding Process

Dear Sir,

The Commission has observed that, as per the provisions of the National Tariff Policy, procurement from renewable energy projects by distribution licensees is recommended through competitive bidding to keep the tariff low. Accordingly, the Govt. of India and various other State Governments have initiated competitive bidding process for procurement of power from wind and Solar

energy projects, in which the discovered tariff for Solar and Wind energy projects has shown a substantial reduction.

In view of above, the Commission directs that the distribution licensees may procure electricity from the Wind and Solar power projects through competitive bidding under Section 63 of the Act or by following the competitive bidding process followed by SECI/MNRE etc. The tariff determined by the Commission in the respective category of renewable energy orders will act as a celling tariff.

The distribution licensees may approach the Commission for adoption of the tariff discovered through such competitive bidding process.

With Regards,

[Roopwant Singh, IAS]

Secretary

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