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Tenders for PC poles

CCP hails Sepco for addressing competition concerns

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PC poles.

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CCP appreciates Sukkur Power

By our correspondent

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has appreciated the Sukkur Electric Power Company (Sepco) for addressing competition conaddressing competition con-cerns in the invitation of tenders for PC poles, a statement said.

According to the CCP announcement on Tuesday, the commission received complaints by engineering and contracting firms against Sukkur Electric Power Company for introducing a condition in the invitation for tender that all the participants must have a prototype approval entering the before bidding phase; whereas as per the industry practice prototype testing has never been a prequalifying critegion for participation in the bidding process and has only been required once a company acquired a purchasing order on

being successful in the bidding. Furthermore, the Design Department of the National Transmission and Dispatch Company Limited also carried out proto-

type testing on obtaining a purchase order. The requirement, thus, had the effect of denying the complainants and other qualified suppliers a level-playing field,

thereby, restricting competition. The commission advised Sepco that the requirement of prototype approval at the bidding stage appeared to be an impediment to competition. In response, Sukkur Electric Power Company acknowledged that adding such a condition hamper fair, transparent healthy competition and, therefore, agreed to remove this condition from its upcoming tender due to open on September 19,

the statement said The amendment, thus, made was published in the countrywide newspapers, in addition to having been uploaded on the Public Procurement Regulatory

Authority website.

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CCP appreciates SEPCO's efforts

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has appreciated the Sukkur Electric Power Company (SEPCO) for addressing competition concerns in the invitation for tenders for PC poles. The CCP received complaints by engineering and contracting firms against SEPCO for introducing a condition in the invitation for tender that all the participants must have a prototype approval before entering the bidding phase; whereas industry practice, which is prototype testing was never a pre-qualifying criterion for participation in bidding and was only required once a company acquired a purchasing order on being successful in the bidding. STAFF REPORT



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SEPCO addresses competition concerns in invitation for tenders

STAFF REPORTER

ISLAMABAD—The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) has appreciated the Sukkur Electric Power Company (SEPCO) for addressing competition concerns in the invitation for tenders for PC poles.

CCP received complaints by engineering and contracting firms against Sukkur Electric Power Company (SEPCO) for introducing a condition in the invitation for tender that all the participants must have a prototype approval before entering the bidding phase; whereas industry practice is prototype testing was never a pre-qualifying criterion for participation in bidding and was only required once a company acquired a purchasing order on being successful in the bidding.

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Further it may be mentioned that the design department of National Transmission and Dispatch Company Limited also carried out prototype testing on obtaining a purchase order. The requirement thus had the effect of denying the complainants and other qualified suppliers a level-playing field thereby restricting

competition.

The Commission advised SEPCO that the requirement of prototype approval at the bidding stage appeared to be an impediment to competition. In response SEPCO acknowledged that adding such condition would hamper fair, transparent and healthy competition and therefore agreed to remove this condition from its upcoming tender due to open on the 19th of this month. The amendment thus made was published in country wide newspapers, in addition to having been uploaded on the PPRA website.