

Tenders for PC poles

CCP hails Sepco for addressing competition concerns

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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.

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 September 19. The amendment thus made was published in countrywide newspapers, in addition to having been uploaded on the PPRA website.—PR

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 concerns 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 before entering the bidding phase; whereas as per the industry practice prototype testing has never been a prequalifying criterion 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 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, Sukkur Electric Power Company acknowledged that adding such a condition will hamper fair, transparent and healthy competition and, therefore, agreed to remove this condition from its upcoming tender due to open on September 19, the statement said.

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CCP appreciates SEPCO's efforts

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SEPCO addresses competition concerns in invitation for tenders

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