

Faulty power equipment CCP set to hold public hearing on 17th

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ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) is all set to hold a public hearing on February 17, 2015 to investigate procurement of billions of rupees substandard and faulty electric power equipment by Distribution Companies (Discos) which the Ministry of Water and Power believes are damaging the power system.

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floated by NTDC and Discos etc for supply of electric power equipment.

Well-informed sources told Business Recorder that a few blacklisted companies have also approached CCP and requested to participate in the hearing.

NTDC and Discos, sources said, procure equipment amounting to billions of rupees annually from loans from Asian Development Bank and World Bank but Auditor General of Pakistan unearthed billions of rupees financial scams in procurement.

According to official documents, such a scandal was recently unearthed in Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco).

The Disco floated two tenders i.e. ADB-Iesco-III/CB-01-2013 and ADB-Iesco/TR-III/ICB-01-2013 for 132 KV grid station Chakri road Rawalpindi, 132 kV grid station Sangjani and 132kV grid station Bara Koh.

The documents reveal that a private company which participated in the tenders complained to Asian Development Bank on February 5, 2015 that the technical committee declared bid of M/s PEL with MR-OTLC technically and commercially responsive and recommended for award of the contract. However, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Iesco did not forward the report for approval. Later on CEO recommended the award of contract to M/s South China Electric Quanzhou LTD China with Huaming-OTLC which is not yet qualified. Also the power transformer has design issues as pointed out in the first technical evaluation report.

Similarly, in the second tender, Iesco favoured a Chinese manufacturer not meeting the technical specification of NTDC, with same discrepancies in power transformer and tap changer.

According to the documents, on the recommendations of Lahore Electric Supply Company (Iesco) Board of Directors, the ADB issued approval on December 9, 2014 allowing the following statement in the tender documents: "power transformer should be equipped with vacuum type OLTC MR-Germany of equipment specification". Accordingly, NOC against tender of Iesco has been issued on the same ground. Iesco is the only Disco in the country which mentions vacuum type on-load tap changer to accommodate their favourite bidders and substandard/non equivalent Chinese OLTC.

On the instructions of Lahore High Court (LHC) M/s Huaming led Chinese delegation with their Pakistani nominated advisor held detailed meetings with NTDC designated technical committee. Resultantly, a comparison has

been prepared based upon these deliberations and the technical data has been submitted by M/s Huaming. It has been declared that Huaming OLTC is equivalent to MR-OLTC, and this technical report has already been submitted by NTDC to the LHC.

On December 23, 2014, the private company also wrote a similar letter to Adnan Tareen, Energy Specialist PRM-ADB Islamabad, officials of NTDC and Iesco.

According to press release issued by CCP, the Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) will issue its recommendations to promote competition in public procurement of power equipment following a public hearing to be held on February 17. The CCP has decided to conduct the hearing under Section 29 of the Competition Act, 2010.

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The open hearing will be held on February 17, at 11 am at the Commission's office located at 9th Floor, ISE Towers, Blue Area, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad.

The matter will be heard by the entire Commission comprising Vadiyya Khalil, Chairperson, Dr Joseph Wilson, Member Competition Policy and Research, Mucen Batlay, Member Mergers and Acquisitions, Dr Shahzad Ansar, Member OFT and Advocacy, and Ikram ul Haque Qureshi, Member, Legal and Cartels and Trade Abuses.

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CCP to intervene in power sector for general benefit

Mehtab Haider

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CCP to conduct open hearing on power equipment procurement

ISLAMABAD: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) will conduct an open hearing regarding competition concerns in public procurement of electric power equipment on Feb 17.

The CCP took the decision under Section 29 of the Competition Act, 2010 in this regard, after taking notice of numerous concerns raised by various stakeholders, including manufacturers and suppliers of electric power equipment, regarding certain restrictive, exclusive, and discriminatory terms and conditions in tenders floated by public sector organisations, said a press release on Saturday.

The act mandates the CCP to undertake enforcement, advocacy, and research efforts to provide for free competition in all spheres of commercial and economic activity to enhance economic efficiency, and to protect consumers from anti-competitive behav-

our, the release said.

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CCP to come up with recommendations

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The CCP then decided to conduct an open hearing under Section 29 of the Competition Act 2010. The commission is mandated by the Act to undertake enforcement, advocacy and research efforts to provide for free competition in all spheres of commercial and economic activity to enhance economic efficiency and to protect consumers from anti-competitive behaviour. PPI

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STAFF REPORTER

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CCP TO CONDUCT OPEN HEARING ON COMPETITION CONCERNS IN PUBLIC

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CCP to conduct open hearing on public sector competition concerns

Staff Report

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مسابقتی کمیشن کل اسلام آباد میں عوامی سماعت منعقد کرے گا

سٹیگ ہولڈرز نے ٹینڈرز میں بعض امتیازی و مخصوص شرائط پر تحفظات کا اظہار کیا تھا

کراچی (آن لائن) مسابقتی کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے بجلی کے آلات کی خریداری پر میٹروپولیٹن پورز اور سپلائرز کے تحفظات کا نوٹس لیتے ہوئے معاملے پر منگل 17 فروری کو اسلام آباد میں عوامی سماعت کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ جس کے بعد بجلی کے آلات کی سرکاری خریداری میں مسابقت کو فروغ دینے کے لیے غارشات پیش کی جائیں گی۔ مسابقتی کمیشن سے جاری اعلامیہ کے مطابق

میٹروپولیٹن پورز اور سپلائرز سمیت سٹیگ ہولڈرز نے این ٹی ڈی سی اور ڈسکوز سمیت حکومت کے ماتحت اداروں کی جانب سے الیکٹریک پاور ایکویپمنٹ کی سپلائی کے لئے جاری کردہ ٹینڈرز میں بعض امتیازی و مخصوص شرائط پر متعدد تحفظات کا اظہار کیا۔ جس کا مسابقتی کمیشن نے نوٹس لیا اور کمیشن ایکٹ 2010 کے سیکشن 29 کے تحت معاملے کی منگل 17 فروری کو کھلی سماعت کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔

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مسابقتی کمیشن کا عوامی سماعت منعقد کرنے کا اعلان

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کمیشن کا عوامی سماعت کرنے کا فیصلہ

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