

Procurement of power transformers

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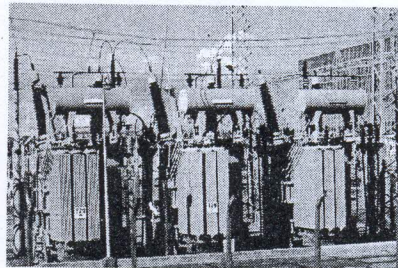
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By Mehtab Haider

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اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر) لاہور الیکٹرک سپلائی کارپوریشن نے پاور ٹرانسفارمر کی خریداری کے لیے بولی کے عمل میں کمیشن کے تحفظات دور کرنے کے لئے بولی کا عمل ازسرنو منعقد کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ لیسکو کی طرف سے بھاری مالیت کے باور ٹرانسفارمر کی خریداری کے عمل میں صرف مخصوص کمپنیوں کو بولی کے عمل میں حصہ لینے کی اجازت دی گئی تھی جو بعض مخصوص شرائط پوری کرتی تھیں۔ ان شرائط میں واپڈ اور نیشنل ٹرانسمیشن اور ڈیٹا کمپنی این ٹی ڈی سی کے معیار کے مطابق ٹائپ ٹیسٹ رپورٹ لازمی تھی بعض متاثرہ کمپنیوں نے اس شرط کو مستثنیٰ قرار دینے سے متصادم قرار دیتے ہوئے کمیشن سے اس کا نوٹس لینے کا مطالبہ کیا تھا۔ کمیشن کی طرف سے پیر کے روز جاری کردہ بیان کے مطابق اسلام آباد الیکٹرک سپلائی کارپوریشن کے اس طرح کے ٹینڈر میں یہ شرط عائد نہیں کی گئی تھی جس پر کمیشن نے لاہور الیکٹرک سپلائی کارپوریشن کو متاثرہ کمپنیوں کے تحفظات دور کرنے کیلئے کہا گیا تھا۔

لیسکو ٹرانسفارمرز کی خریداری  
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لاہور (کامرس رپورٹر) لاہور الیکٹریک سپلائی کمپنی (لیسکو) نے مسابقتی قوانین کی خلاف ورزی کے اعتراضات کو دور کرنے کیلئے ٹرانسفارمرز کی خریداری کیلئے ٹینڈر دوبارہ طلب کرنے کا فیصلہ کیا ہے۔ مسابقتی کمیشن پاکستان (سی سی پی) کو یہ شکایت موصول ہوئی تھی کہ لیسکو انتظامیہ نے ایشیائی ترقیاتی بینک کے فنڈز سے خریدے جانے والے ٹرانسفارمرز کے ایک حالیہ ٹینڈر میں ایسی شرائط عائد کی تھیں جو مسابقتی قوانین سے منحرف تھیں۔

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