

## **Media Release**

### **Reliance Energy's Efforts to Procure More Outlets for Suburban Consumers continue to be stalled.**

#### **Load - shedding likely in Goregaon, Malad & Chembur in October**

#### **Tata Power stalling need to increase 'Outlets'**

#### **MERC directs State Transmission Utility to process IIT Mumbai's Technical Report**

**Mumbai, October 14, 2006:** To meet the growing demands of suburban Mumbai, and address the critical need of additional transmission outlets needed to maintain safe loading limits on its network, REL has made continuous efforts since 1996 to get TPC to provide the same. REL has requested TPC for additional 17 outlets up to year 06-07 based on the growing demand status. TPC continues to stall on some premise or other to provide outlets effectively affecting the reliable, continuous power supply. REL, with the existing limits of load on the network, is now forced to undertake load shedding in pockets of Goregaon, Malad and Chembur areas to avoid major blackouts.

TPC's continuous stalling of the requests to increase the number of outlets, forced REL to take-up the issue with Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (MERC) in 2005. The regulator recognized the need for more outlets vide order of 9<sup>th</sup> December 2005, and, on the basis of a technical report of IIT Mumbai, directed Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Limited, the designated State Transmission Utility (STU), to process the same. Unable to get the additional Outlets by requesting TPC directly, REL is awaiting the outcome of its application with STU to overcome the issue.

TPC continues to stall the requests despite REL sourcing 50% of power required for its licensed area covering suburban Mumbai from them. TPC is required to supply the power to REL at their outlets from where REL distributes the power through its own

network of feeder pillars to the places of consumption. There are 55 TPC outlets in Mumbai, which is far below the requirement of meeting the load.

REL has thus far been able to manage reliable supply by drawing power from its source (Aarey) on longer than normal distance cable which impacts on efficiency of the network. REL will strive to continue to maintain the supply within the constraints of loading on the network