<u>Implementation of Public Procurement Policy for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs), 2012</u>

In exercise of the powers conferred in section 11 of the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act, 2006, the Govt. of India has notified a new Public Procurement Policy for Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs) effective from 1st April, 2012. The policy mandates that certain procurement of goods and services by all Central Ministries/Public Sector Undertakings will be from the Micro & Small Enterprises. It is expected that the policy will help to promote MSEs by improving their market access and competitiveness through increased participation by MSEs in Govt. purchases and encouraging linkages between MSEs and large enterprises.

While, the primary business of POWERGRID is establishment of EHV Transmission System in India mostly at 400 KV and higher voltage levels, in line with above policy, a draft pilot project has been initiated by POWERGRID identifying certain items for procurement from MSEs. The list is displayed as Attachment. The list includes the items being procured by POWERGRID for day-to-day consumption/office/domestic uses.

Interested MSEs are encouraged to participate in the Tendering for the Procurement being carried out by POWERGRID.