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Press Release

Power Exchange India Ltd starts operations

Power Exchange India Ltd commenced operations at 10.00 a.m. today. The Exchange received bids for 6300 MWh of power today and the matched power was cleared at Market Clearing Prices between Rs. 7.6/kwh and Rs. 9.8/kwh for the different hours of the market. Since the exchange works on a day-ahead basis, the power will now be scheduled for despatch on October 23, 2008.

PXIL has been promoted by NSE and NCDEX and its other equity holders include Power Finance Corporation, GMR Energy Ltd, Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited, JSW Energy and Jindal Power Limited.

Mr. Ravi Narain, Managing Director of NSE said, "PXIL, like its promoters, will not just be building a power exchange, but would also be seeking to play a thought leadership role in shaping India's power markets in the years to come". Continuing in the same vein, Mrs Rupa Devi Singh, the CEO of PXIL said that the equity partnerships forged by PXIL provide a varied stakeholder point of view which would enable PXIL to serve the Indian Power market in a well balanced manner. Mr. Satnam Singh, CMD of PFC was happy to note that the multiple roles PFC would play on PXIL would not only give it a ring side view of the rapidly evolving power markets in India but would also help in taking forward their developmental mandate for the sector.

GUVNL (erstwhile Gujarat SEB) who are the only Government owned utility to have also stepped forward to take equity in PXIL see this partnership as an extension of the lead role Gujarat state has played in infrastructure development in the country.

On the occasion of the launch of trading on the Exchange, Mr. Raaj Kumar, CEO of GMR Energy said, "We are happy to be a partner of PXIL which has created competition in a transparent manner in the Indian Power Market". Mr. Sushil Maroo, Dy Managing Director of Jindal Power Ltd said, "We are looking forward to PXIL bringing in transparency to the Indian Power Markets and we hope that this would benefit generators as well as consumers"

Mr. S. S. Rao, Jt. MD and CEO of JSW Energy Ltd said, "We are very happy to be part of this initiative led by NSE and NCDEX and we are confident that the transparent and credible platform provided by PXIL will be of great benefit to the Indian Power sector".

PXI will operate initially in a day ahead market based on closed auction with double side bidding and clearing at uniform price. It proposes to offer other products in the second phase of operations.

As trades build up over the next few days, PXIL would have a formal launch event by the first week of November.

NSE is the no. 1 Stock Exchange in India which was incorporated in 1993 and commenced business in June 1994. It became 'Largest' Stock exchange in India in October 1995. NSE commands a current Market share of 89% with 70% share in Cash market and 98% in Derivatives market.

NCDEX is one of the leading commodity exchanges in India. NCDEX is the only commodity exchange fully owned by Institutions and has built a modern electronic commodity futures market place. NCDEX prices have emerged as benchmark prices for all key policy makers, particularly in the Agriculture Sector.