BEFORE THE PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION, SITE NO- 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A, MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH.

Petition No. 07 of 2020.

In the matter of;

Punjab Energy Development Agency

----- Petitioner

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-----Applicant/ Petitioner

Rejoinder on behalf of the petitioner to the reply filed by PSPCL.

A. Preliminary submissions:

- 1. That this Hon'ble commission vide order dated 02.07.2020 had directed PEDA to submit the Government letter for providing of 30% subsidy for solarisation of agriculture pumps and PSPCL to file an affidavit stating as to whether PSPCL shall purchase power from the projects under reference on the tariff determined by this Hon'ble commission. However, PEDA has already submitted the Government letter. PSPCL filed its reply to the captioned petition and now has filed the additional affidavit dated 27.07.2020 received by the Petitioner on dated 03.08.2020, wherein PSPCL has agreed to purchase power from the projects setup under the PM-KUSUM Scheme at the tariff determined by this Hon'ble Commission.
- 2. That the petitioner humbly submits that before filing the captioned petition, the petitioner had duly obtained consent from respondent PSPCL with regard to the parameters mentioned in the captioned petition qua the projects under reference, to which PSPCL had duly consented upon other parameters and had proposed to have CUF at the rate of 19%. However now at the time of filing the reply, PSPCL is disregarding its own consent and has made an attempt to stall the entire scheme, which is in fact a beneficial scheme for the entire State.
- 3. That the petitioner places its complete reliance upon the captioned petition filed by the petitioner before this Hon'ble Commission except the changes consented to, which may kindly be read as part and parcel of the present rejoinder.

- 4. That the petitioner denies each and every contents of the reply filed by PSPCL except the averments specifically admitted here in after in the present rejoinder as well as in the captioned petition.
- B. Para wise comments to the reply:
- 1-4 That the contents of Paras 1 to 4 of the reply filed by PSPCL needs no comments being factual status of duties of PEDA, PSPCL and details of PM-KUSUM Scheme and filing of the present petition.
- That in response to Para 5 of the reply filed by PSPCL it is submitted that
 - A) This Hon'ble Commission had adopted the CERC RE Tariff Regulations 2017-20 for the state of Punjab and is accordingly determining the yearly generic tariff for RE Technologies. These Regulations provide that tariff for solar projects will be on Project specific basis. However except for capital Cost and Yearly Operation & Maintenance Charges, other generic parameters for determination of tariff for solar projects are available in the regulations and suomotu orders.
 - B) It is further submitted here that as already brought out in the Petition, PM-KUSUM Scheme Component C provides for solarization of individual grid connected agriculture pumps where the installed capacity of solar PV system for each individual system is already prefixed based on existing motor capacity of the pump. Similarly Scheme also provides for subsidy and thus Financing Pattern of the Capital cost and Depreciation rate (Advance against Depreciation to repay the Debt) is also predefined. The petition proposes the typical parameters for solar system of 10 KW / 7.5 HP motor pump set which are mostly prevalent in Punjab. Therefore such parameters have been taken as per the scheme for 7.5 HP motor pump set and proposed for determination of feed in tariff.
 - C) It is further submitted that regarding Operation & Maintenance Charges, PM-KUSUM Scheme provides for 5 years AMC in the scope of EPC contractor and thus no Operation & Maintenance Charges