

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR**

Petition No. 1834 of 2019.

In the matter of:

Petition under Sections 62, 86 and other applicable provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 for approval of rate of Rs. 1.75 per unit for purchase of surplus energy by Distribution Licensees from Small, Mini and Micro Hydro Power Project set up for captive consumption/third party sale.

Petitioner	:	Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited
Represented by	:	Shri V. T. Patel and Shri Hetal Patel
Co - Petitioner No. 1	:	Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited
Represented by	:	Shri J. R. Shah
Co - Petitioner No. 2	:	Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited
Represented by	:	Shri K. B. Chaudhari
Co - Petitioner No. 3	:	Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited
Represented by	:	Nobody was present.
Co - Petitioner No. 4	:	Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Limited
Represented by	:	Nobody was present.

CORAM:

**Mehul M. Gandhi, Member
S. R. Pandey, Member**

Date: 14/09/2021.

DAILY ORDER

1. The matter was kept for hearing on 09.09.2021.
2. When the matter was called out, nobody was present on behalf of the Co-Petitioner No. 3 and 4.

3. Heard Shri V.T. Patel, on behalf of the Petitioner GUVNL. It is submitted that the present Petition was filed by the Petitioner alongwith its subsidiary distribution companies being Co-Petitioners for approval of tariff of Rs. 1.75 per unit for purchase of surplus energy by Distribution Licensees from Small, Mini and Micro Hydro Power Project to be set up for wheeling of power for captive use/third party sale from the date of Order in present Petition because at relevant time when the present Petition was filed, the control period of Tariff Order No. 05 of 2016 dated 14.12.2016 passed by the Commission in the matter of 'Determination of Tariff and other terms & conditions for procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees from small, mini and micro hydro power projects in the State of Gujarat had since expired.
- 3.1. It is further submitted that Government of Gujarat has extended operative period of Gujarat Small Hydel Policy upto 31.03.2022 and the Commission may accordingly, initiate the process for determination of tariff and other terms & conditions for procurement of power by Distribution Licensees from small, mini and micro hydro power projects in the State of Gujarat.
- 3.2. In response to query from the Commission as to whether any applications for wheeling power by any Small or Mini or Micro hydro power project set up or proposed to be set up by developers for captive use/third party sale is pending, it is submitted that the details need to be verified and collected including from GEDA and agreed to submit the same by filing affidavit in the present matter within weeks' time and thereafter, the Commission may pass appropriate order for disposing the present matter.
4. We have considered the submissions made by the Petitioner. We note that the present Petition has been filed by the Petitioner alongwith its subsidiary distribution companies as Co-Petitioners under Sections 62, 86 and other applicable provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 seeking approval of rate of Rs. 1.75 per unit for purchase of surplus energy by Distribution Licensees from Small, Mini and Micro Hydro Power Project to be set up for wheeling of power for captive use/third party sale.
- 4.1. We also note that the Government of Gujarat vide GR No. REN/11/2021/WG/B1 dated 28.06.2021 has extended operative period of Gujarat Small Hydel Policy, 2016 upto 31.03.2022. It is noted that the control period of Tariff Order No. 05 of 2016 dated 14.12.2016 passed by the Commission in the matter of 'Determination of Tariff and other terms & conditions for procurement of power by Distribution Licensees from small, mini and micro hydro power projects in the State of Gujarat' has expired. Hence, the staff of the Commission is directed to initiate the process for issuance of draft discussion paper for determination of tariff and other terms & conditions for

procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees from small, mini and micro hydro power projects in the State of Gujarat for next control period.

- 4.2. We further note that regarding pendency of any applications for wheeling of power by any Small or Mini or Micro hydro power project set up or proposed to be set up by developers for captive use/third party sale in the State, it is submitted that the details need to be verified and collected by the Petitioner and weeks' time is sought for filing the same. Let the same be filed through affidavit on or before 18.09.2021 specifying various details regarding such projects, its location, capacity, scheduled commissioning date, present status, recipient or consumption place etc. including whether any projects commissioned after 31.03.2019.
- 4.3. After submission of aforesaid details on affidavit, the Commission will examine the same and decide about requirement of further hearing, if any or disposal of present matter.
5. We order accordingly.

Sd/-
[S. R. Pandey]
Member

Sd/-
[Mehul M. Gandhi]
Member

Place: Gandhinagar.
Date: 14/09/2021.

