

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR**

Petition No. 1902 of 2020.

In the Matter of:

Petition under Regulation 4.2 of GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 for revision of minimum quantum of purchase (in %) from renewable energy sources, percentage targets for FY 2019-20 in view of supply constraint or other factors beyond the control of the licensee, for its Dahej License area.

Petitioner : Torrent Power Limited (TPL),
Samanvay, 600, Tapovan,
Ambawadi, Ahmedabad-380015.

Represented By : Mr. Jignesh Langalia and Ms. Luna Pal

CORAM:

Mehul M. Gandhi, Member

S. R. Pandey, Member

Date: 22/11/2021.

DAILY ORDER

1. The matter was listed for hearing on 11.11.2021.
2. Mr. Jignesh Langalia, appearing on behalf of the Petitioner Torrent Power Ltd. (Dahej distribution licence area), submitted that the present Petition has been filed under Regulation 4.2 of the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and subsequent amendments thereto, for revision of minimum quantum of purchase (in %) from renewable energy sources percentage targets for FY 2019-20.
- 2.1. It is further submitted that in compliance to the directives given by the Commission in Daily Order dated 03.04.2021, the Petitioner had issued public notice on 11.05.2021 in Business Standard (Dahej Edition), Sandesh and Divya Bhaskar

newspapers and also placed the present Petition along with public notice on its website inviting the objections and suggestions from the stakeholders in the present Petition and thereafter filed the compliance affidavit dated 12.05.2021 before the Commission. It is also submitted that the Petitioner has not received any comments or suggestions or objections from the stakeholders.

- 2.2. In reply to the query of the Commission regarding the status of RPO compliance, it is submitted that, the Petitioner by purchasing 10.24 MUs Solar energy has achieved Solar RPO of 2.06% considering total energy of 497.28 MUs as against target of 5.50%. Similarly, by purchasing 30.38 MUs Wind Energy the Petitioner has achieved Non-Solar RPO of 6.11% against target of 8.80% specified by the Commission for FY 2019-20. It is further submitted that there is shortfall in both Solar as well as Non-Solar RPO. Moreover, with total renewable energy purchase of 40.62 MU, overall RPO achieved by the Petitioner is 8.17% against the target of 14.30% specified for FY 2019-20 by the Commission and total shortfall in RPO compliance is 30.49 MUs for which the Petitioner has enumerated reasons in the Petition with prayer to revise the percentage target of purchase from renewable energy sources for FY 2019-20 keeping in view the supply constraints and factors beyond the control of the licensee.
- 2.3. In response to further query of the Commission regarding capacity tied up for meeting the RPO targets specified by the Commission, it is submitted that there is hardly any capacity addition of Biomass or Bagasse based generation. Also, the Petitioner has not received any offer for supply of wind power or from above sources under 'Others' category during FY 2019-20. However, the Petitioner has signed tripartite agreement for procurement of power from 15 MW MSW plant. For meeting Wind RPO, the Petitioner has entered into PPA for 10.50 MW of Wind Power. Also, the Petitioner has entered in to PPA for 6 MW of Solar Power and also purchased surplus electricity generated by renewable captive consumers and from Solar Rooftop projects. It is further submitted that competitive bidding for procurement of solar power was also conducted for fulfilling its RPO and likely date of commissioning is around December-2022 to March-23.
3. We have considered the submissions made by the Petitioner. We note that the present Petition has been filed by the Petitioner for compliance of RPO for FY 2019-

20 against the RPO specified by the Commission in the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 as amended vide GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and seeking revision of minimum quantum of purchase (in %) from renewable energy sources percentage targets for FY 2019-20 keeping in view the supply constraints and the factors beyond the control of the licensee.

- 3.1. We note that pursuant to directives of the Commission, the Petitioner has published the public notice on 11.05.2021 in the newspapers and also placed the copy of Petition along with public notice on its website, inviting comments/objections/suggestions from the stakeholders and filed compliance affidavit dated 12.05.2021 but the Petitioner has not received any comments and suggestions.
4. We also note that the staff of the Commission also uploaded the present Petition along with the relevant documents on the Commission's website (www.gercin.org) for inviting comments/suggestions from the stakeholders but the Commission's office has also not received any comments or objections or suggestions from any stakeholders in the present matter.
5. In view of the above, we decide to conclude the hearing in the present matter. The matter is now reserved for order.

Sd/-
[S. R. Pandey]
Member

Sd/-
[Mehul M. Gandhi]
Member

Place: Gandhinagar.

Date: 22/11/2021.