CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION **NEW DELHI**

Petition No. 258/AT/2021

Subject : Petition under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for adoption

> of tariff for 400 MW Renewable Energy Projects connected to Inter-State Transmission System and selected competitive bidding process as per the Guidelines dated 3.8.2017 (Solar), 8.12.2017 (Wind), 11.10.2019 (Draft)/ 14.10.2020 (notified) (Wind-Solar Hybrid) of the Government of

India.

Date of Hearing : 24.3.2022

Coram : Shri I. S. Jha, Member

> Shri Arun Goyal, Member Shri P. K. Singh, Member

Petitioner : Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)

: ReNew Solar Power Private Limited (RSPPL) and 4 Ors. Respondents

Parties Present : Shri M. G. Ramachandran, Sr. Advocate, SECI

Ms. Tanya Sareen, Advocate, SECI Ms. Srishti Khindaria, Advocate, SECI

Ms. Neha Singh, SECI

Shri Atulya Kumar Naik, SECI Shri Shibasish Das, SECI Shri Mudit jain, SECI

Ms. Shikkha Ohri, Advocate, RSPPL Ms. Surabhi Pandey, Advocate, RSPPL

Shri Ishan Nagpal, RSPPL

Record of Proceedings

Case was called out for virtual hearing.

- Learned senior counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the present Petition 2. has been filed seeking adoption of tariff for 400 MW Renewable Energy Projects selected through the competitive bidding process as per the Guidelines dated 3.8.2017 (Solar), 8.12.2017 (Wind) and 11.10.2019 (draft)/14.10.2020 (notified) [Wind-Solar Hybrid] issued by the Government of India. Learned senior counsel further submitted the following:
 - SECI has already entered into Power Purchase Agreement with ReNew Surva Roshni Private Limited (Project Company of successful bidder - ReNew Solar Power Private Limited) for 400 MW @ Rs 2.90/kWh as the first year tariff, which shall have an escalation @ 3% per annum up to the end of 15 contract year and shall be fixed thereafter for remaining term of the PPA.
 - SECI has signed the Power Supply Agreements with West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited (100 MW), India Power Corporation

Limited (100 MW) and Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (100 MW) for an aggregate capacity of 300 MW and is at an advance stage of tying up the balance capacity (100 MW) with distribution licensee.

- SECI has placed on record all the requisite details including Conformity Certificate dated 24.8.2021.
- In compliance with the direction of the Commission vide Record of Proceedings for the hearing dated 21.1.2022, SECI has filed a comparative statement indicating the steps and process followed by the Petitioner in the bidding and has mapped the same to the corresponding enabling provisions of the Guidelines issued by the Central Government.
- 3. In response to the query of the Commission regarding bid documents in conformation with all the Guidelines as relied upon by SECI, learned senior counsel for SECI submitted that the bid documents are in line with the Guidelines dated 3.8.2017 (Solar), 8.12.2017 (Wind) and 11.10.2019 (draft)/14.10.2020 (notified) [Wind-Solar Hybrid] issued by the Government of India clarifications/modifications issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy vide letters dated 1.3.2021 and 18.12.2020.
- 4. Learned counsel for the Respondent, RSPPL submitted that the Respondent has already filed its reply which may be considered by the Commission. Learned counsel submitted that the Respondent is praying for adoption of tariff discovered in the competitive bid process on expeditious basis.
- 5. After hearing the learned senior counsel and learned counsel for the parties, the Commission reserved the order in the matter.

By order of the Commission

Sd/-(T.D. Pant) Joint Chief (Law)