



**Petition No. 1492 of 2019**

**BEFORE  
THE UTTAR PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
LUCKNOW**

**(Date of Order: 02.07.2022)**

**PRESENT:**

Hon'ble Shri Raj Pratap Singh, Chairman  
Hon'ble Shri Kaushal Kishore Sharma, Member  
Hon'ble Shri Vinod Kumar Srivastava, Member (Law)

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Petition for determination of Feed-in Tariff for procurement of power from small capacity (0.5 MW to 2 MW) Grid Connected Solar PV Power Projects to be implemented under scheme for Farmers named "Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Uttam Mahabhiyan" (KUSUM) of Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), Government of India.

Uttar Pradesh New & Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA)  
Vibhuti Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow - 226010

**.....Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Limited (UPPCL)  
7<sup>th</sup> Floor, Shakti Bhawan, 14 Ashok Marg, Lucknow - 226001
2. Madhyanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (MUVNL)  
4A, Gokhale Marg, Lucknow-226001
3. Purvanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PuvVNL)  
DLW, Bhikaripur, Vidyut Nagar, Varanasi - 221004
4. Paschimanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (PVVNL)  
Urja Bhawan, Victoria Park, Meerut-250001
5. Dakshinanchal Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (DVVNL)  
Urja Bhawan, NH-2, Agra-Delhi Bypass Road, Sikandara, Agra - 282007
6. Kanpur Electricity Supply Co. Ltd. (KESCO)  
14/71, Civil Lines, KESA House, Kanpur-208001

**.....Respondents**



The following were present:

1. Shri Deepak Raizada, CE-PPA, UPPCL
2. Shri Mahendra Singh, SE-PPA, UPPCL
3. Shri Ashish, C.E-DSM, UPPCL
4. Shri Divyanshu Bhatt, Counsel, UPPCL
5. Shri Shashwat Singh, Advocate, UPPCL
6. Shri Rakesh Agarwal, Sr. P.O, UPNEDA
7. Ms. Namrata Kalra, Advisor, UPNEDA
8. Shri Er. Kallan Prasad, S.E, PuVVNL

### **ORDER**

**(Date of Hearing - 14.07.2022)**

1. During the last hearing on 24.10.2019, the Commission adjourned the hearing with its observations that the Petitioner should get the bidding documents approved from the Commission.

The matter came up for hearing today.

2. During the Proceedings, Ms. Namrata Kalra, Advisor UPNEDA informed the Commission that so far only one lot of bidding for setting up of only 7 MW Projects was received wherein PPAs have also been signed. Ms. Kalra further stated that owing to the current policy of conducting e-reverse bidding and ceiling tariff of Rs. 3.10 per kWh, UPNEDA has not received much response from the prospective bidders. Ms. Kalra submitted that terms & conditions for placing the bids under the scheme may be relaxed such as instead of conducting e-reverse bidding, Expression of Interest may be allowed with fixed Tariff of Rs. 3.10 per kWh as being followed by other states as well.
3. The Commission noted that vide its order dated 23.03.2021, the RfS and PPA for KUSUM projects has been approved in Petition no.1606/2020. The Commission asked UPNEDA, whether they want to shift from Reverse bidding to Expression of Interest? Ms. Kalra responded positive citing fewer participants of bidders as the reason they experienced in the bidding process. Further, the Commission observed that since the ceiling tariff of Rs. 3.10 per kWh is already decided, UPNEDA may shift to Expression of Interest and UPPCL may not have any objection to the same. Sh. Divyanshu Bhatt, Counsel of UPPCL stated that they have no objection to the UPNEDA's request subject to approval by the Commission.



4. Further, Ms. Kalra informed the Commission that they have already floated the Tender for further round of Bidding wherein last date of bid submission is 27.07.2022. Ms. Kalra stated that they would request the State Government for allowing the change in procedure of bidding i.e., from reverse bidding to Expression of Interest.
5. After hearing the parties, the Commission allowed the UPNEDA to get the requisite approvals from the Government for making amendments in the process of bidding to enhance participation of bidders. Further, UPNEDA was directed to approach the Commission along with the bid results, concluded on 27.07.2022.

List the matter for next hearing 23.08.2022.

**(Vinod Kumar Srivastava)**

**Member (Law)**

**(Kaushal Kishore Sharma)**

**Member**

**(Raj Pratap Singh)**

**Chairman**

Place: Lucknow

Dated: 02.08.2022

