

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
GANDHINAGAR**

**IA No.02 of 2023 in Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

**In the matter of:**

**Application filed by the Petitioner for amendment in Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

**And**

**IA No. 05 of 2024 in Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

**In the matter of:**

**Application filed by the Petitioner for amendment in Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

**And**

**In the matter of:**

**Petition under Section 86 read with Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for approval of deviations from the Guidelines issued by Central Government for procurement of power through Tariff based Competitive Bidding Process from Grid connected Renewable Energy Sources i.e., Wind, Solar and Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects and for approval of bid documents for carrying out bidding process for procurement of power from Hybrid Power Projects having RE generation with co-located Energy Storage Systems.**

Petitioner : Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL)

Represented by : Ld. Adv. Ms. Ranjitha Ramachandran along with Mr. B. B. Patel

V/s.

Objector No. 1 : Wind Independent Power Producers Association

Represented by : Nobody was present.

Objector No. 2 : Apraava Energy Private Limited

Represented by : Nobody was present.

Objector No. 3 : Greenko Energies Private Limited

Represented by : Nobody was present.

Objector No. 4 : M/s Renew Power Pvt. Limited

Represented by : Nobody was present.

**CORAM:**

**Anil Mukim, Chairman  
Mehul M. Gandhi, Member  
S.R. Pandey, Member**

**Date: 18/03/2025.**

**ORDER**

1. The present Petition was listed for hearing on 25.09.2024.
2. Ld. Adv. Ms. Ranjitha Ramachandran, appearing on behalf of the Petitioner submitted that the present Petition has been filed under Section 86 read with Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking approval of deviations from the Guidelines issued by Central Government for procurement of power through Tariff based Competitive Bidding Process from Grid connected Renewable Energy Sources i.e., Wind, Solar and Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects with mandatory installation of Energy Storage Systems and also approval of bid documents for carrying out bidding process for procurement of power from such RE Power Projects having RE generation with co-located Energy Storage Systems.
- 2.1. She further submitted that the Central Government issued new guidelines for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems vide its Notification No. 23/03/2023-R &R dated 09.06.2023 under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 to enable procurement of firm and dispatchable RE power by DISCOMs from grid connected RE power projects, with energy storage through tariff based competitive bidding. These Guidelines would now be governed the procurement in question in the present Petition. Therefore, the Petitioner has filed IA

No. 05 of 2024 in present Petition seeking further amendment of present Petition in terms of the above guidelines issued by the Central Government.

- 2.2. She also submitted that the Petitioner vide its letter dated 04.11.2023 has sought the approval of deviations from the State Government in certain clauses of RfS & PPA from the new guidelines of MoP for Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems. She also submitted that most of other deviations as sought by the Petitioner are already approved by the Commission in some other Petitions of the Petitioner.
- 2.3. She further submitted that the Commission had passed Daily Order dated 27.02.2024 in IAs No. 02 of 2023 & 05 of 2024 in present matter, wherein directions were given to the Petitioner GUVNL for inviting comments/suggestions/objections from the stakeholders in the present Petition by issuing public notices in newspaper and accordingly, in compliance thereof, the Petitioner has published the same in one English Newspaper i.e., 'Indian Express' and two Gujarati Newspapers, viz. (i) Sandesh & (ii) Divya Bhaskar newspapers and also uploaded the same on its website for inviting the comments/suggestions/objections from the stakeholders in the present Petition. Moreover, the Petitioner has also filed compliance affidavit in this regard before the Commission. It is further submitted that in response to the aforesaid public notice, the Petitioner has not received any comments/suggestions/objections from the stakeholders. It is requested that the Commission may pass an appropriate order in the matter.
3. We have considered the submissions made by the Petitioner. We note that the present Petition is being filed by the Petitioner under Section 63 read with Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking approval of deviations from the Guidelines issued by Central Government for procurement of power through Tariff based Competitive Bidding Process from Grid connected Renewable Energy Sources i.e., Wind, Solar and Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects and for approval of bid documents for carrying out bidding process for procurement of power from Hybrid Power Projects having RE generation with co-located Energy Storage Systems.

- 3.1. We note that pursuant to directives of the Commission in Daily Order dated 27.02.2024 in IAs No. 02 of 2023 & 05 of 2024 in Petition No. 2098 of 2022, the Petitioner has published the public notices for inviting comments/objections/suggestions from the stakeholders in IA No. 05 of 2024 in Petition No. 2098 of 2022 and the Petitioner has not received any comments/suggestions from the stakeholders in the matter. We also note that the Petitioner has filed compliance affidavit before the Commission in the matter. We further note that the staff of the Commission also uploaded the present Petition and IAs along with the relevant documents on website ([www.gercin.org](http://www.gercin.org)) of the Commission for inviting comments/suggestions from the stakeholders but the Office of the Commission has not received any comments/suggestions from the stakeholders in the present matter.
- 3.2. We note that the Petitioner has made their submissions and completed their arguments in the matter. The parties would be at liberty to file its respective submissions, if any, within two weeks with a copy to the Petitioner from the date of hearing. The Commission will pass appropriate Order after receipt of the above submissions from the parties. The matter is now reserved for Order.
4. Order accordingly.

**Sd/-**  
**[S. R. Pandey]**  
**Member**

**Sd/-**  
**[Mehul M. Gandhi]**  
**Member**

**Sd/-**  
**[Anil Mukim]**  
**Chairman**

Place: Gandhinagar.  
Date: 18/03/2025.