BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION GANDHINAGAR

Petition No. 2381 of 2024.

In the Matter of:

Petition under Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and subsequent amendments thereto for revision in Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPO) in case of four subsidiary distribution companies of GUVNL for FY 2022-23.

Petitioner : Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited

Represented By : Mr. M.K. Jani and Mr. B.B. Patel

Co-Petitioner No. 1 : Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Represented By : Nobody was present.

Co-Petitioner No. 2 : Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Represented By : Nobody was present.

Co-Petitioner No. 3 : Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Represented By . Mr. J.R. Bavalia

Co-Petitioner No. 4 : Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Represented By : Mr. S.A. Bhatia

CORAM:

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

Date: 02/06/2025.

DAILY ORDER

- 1. The matter was kept for hearing on 29.05.2025.
- 2. Mr. M.K. Jani, appearing on behalf of the Petitioner, submitted that the present Petition has been filed under Gujarat Electricity Regulatory

Commission (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and subsequent amendments thereto for revision in Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPO) in case of four subsidiary distribution companies of GUVNL for FY 2022-23.

- 3. We have considered the submissions made by the Petitioner. We note that the present Petition is filed by the Petitioner for compliance of RPO for FY 2022-23 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 2022-23 keeping in view the supply constraints and factors beyond the control of the licensee. Accordingly, the present Petition is filed for RPO compliance for FY 2022-23 under the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and its subsequent Amendments seeking revision of RPO targets specified by the Commission. The RPO compliance is associated with the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 as amended from time to time and accordingly, the Commission has the jurisdiction to decide the present Petition. We, therefore, decide to admit the Petition.
- 3.1. We note that the Hon'ble APTEL in its judgement dated 25.04.2014 in Appeal No. 24 of 2013 and IA No. 39 of 2013 directed the State Commission that after completion of the financial year, the State Commission has to review the actual performance in respect of RPO and pass necessary directions as per the Regulations either Suo-motu or on a Petition filed by an obligated entity. Such review should be subject to public notice to invite comments, suggestions and objections from all the stakeholders. Thus, for annual review of RPO or otherwise by the State Commission either Suo-motu or on application from an obligated entity, the suggestions and objections of the public are required to be invited.
- 3.2. According to above directions of Hon'ble APTEL, it is necessary to issue a public notice and invite suggestions/objections from all the stakeholders in the matter pertaining to compliance of RPO by the obligated entities. We note that the

Petitioner has filed the present Petition for the RPO compliance for FY 2022-23 under the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and its subsequent Amendments. We, therefore, decide that it is necessary to conduct a public hearing to take into consideration the views of the stakeholders before deciding the matter. The Petitioner is, therefore, directed to issue a public notice in two daily Gujarati Newspapers and one English Newspaper having wide circulation in the State and invite comments/suggestions from the stakeholders stating that they have filed Petition No. 2381 of 2024 before the Commission along with its subject matter and relief sought therein. The Petitioner is also directed to upload the present Petition with all the relevant documents on its website and invite comments and suggestions from the stakeholders on the Petition on affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of public notice. The Petitioner shall also state in the public notice that the stakeholders/objectors shall file their objections/suggestions in the Petition to the Secretary, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th Floor, GIFT ONE, Road 5C, Zone 5, GIFT City, Gandhinagar - 382355 in five copies along with affidavit in support of their submissions with a copy to the Petitioner.

- 3.3. The staff of the Commission is also directed to upload the Petition along with all relevant documents on the website of the Commission after compliance affidavit of issuing public notice and uploading of Petition is filed by the Petitioner along with copy of public notices issued by the Petitioner is filed with the Commission alongwith aforesaid affidavit and invite comments/suggestions from the stakeholders.
- 4. Next date of hearing will be intimated separately.
- 5. Order accordingly.

Sd/-[S. R. Pandey] Member Sd/-[Mehul M. Gandhi] Member

Place: Gandhinagar. Date: 02/06/2025.