## CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION **NEW DELHI**

## Petition No.339/MP/2022

Subject : Petition under Section 79(1)(b) and (f) of the Electricity Act, 2003

read with Article 16.3.1 of the Power Purchase Agreement dated 29.10.2021 executed between Tunga Renewable Energy Private Limited and Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited seeking extension in the timelines for achieving Conditions Subsequent and Scheduled Commissioning Date of the 190 MW Wind Power Project being set up by Tunga Renewable Energy Private Limited

in Karnataka.

Petitioner : Tunga Renewable Energy Private Limited (TREPL)

Respondents : Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) and Ors.

Date of Hearing : 22.5.2025

Coram : Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

> Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member Shri Harish Dudani, Member

Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Member

Parties Present : Shri Syed Jafar Alam, Advocate, TREPL

Shri Ashwin Ramanathan, Advocate, TREPL

Shri Ravi Sharma, Advocate, CSPDCL Shri Aryan Chanda, Advocate, CSPDCL Ms. Anushree Bardhan, Advocate, SECI Ms. Dalima Gupta, Advocate, SECI

## **Record of Proceedings**

At the outset, the learned counsel for Petitioner submitted that while the parties had a joint meeting to deliberate upon the amicable settlement, particularly on the aspect of Discoms' willingness to off-take the supply from the Petitioner's Project, they were yet to convey their final decision thereon. Learned counsel also apprised that the Petitioner's 190 MW Wind Project has Stage II Connectivity at Koppal S/s, which is still under implementation and is expected to be ready only by September 2025.

2. In response to the specific query of the Commission regarding the status of its Project, the learned counsel submitted that the present status of its Project has been indicated by the Petitioner in its rejoinder. Learned counsel submitted that the Petitioner has already secured approximately 80% of the total land requirement for the Project, along with various other approvals. The Petitioner has also made significant investments to the tune of approximately Rs. 150 crores in implementing the Project. However, in response to the further guery of the Commission, the learned counsel fairly submitted that the Petitioner has not yet placed any orders for the WTGs in view of the uncertainty surrounding the willingness of SECI/Discoms to off-take the power from the Project.

- Learned counsel for the Respondent, SECI, also confirmed that the parties had joint meetings to deliberate upon the Discoms' willingness to off-take the power from the Petitioner's Project at this stage, and the Discoms are yet to convey their stand in writing. Learned counsel pointed out that procurement of power from the Petitioner's Project may also not be qualified for the waiver of complete ISTS transmission charges, and therefore, it is the Discoms who need to convey their willingness to offtake the power, if any, keeping in view the overall reasonability at their end. Learned counsel sought liberty to file an affidavit to place on record the particulars of various meetings conducted amongst the parties.
- Learned counsel for the Respondent, CSPDCL, on instructions, submitted that 4. CSPDCL is willing to off-take the power from the Petitioner's Project provided no additional financial impact, including the ISTS transmission charges, is passed on to CSPDCL. Learned counsel sought liberty to file an affidavit on the above aspect.
- 5. Considering the submissions of the learned counsel for the parties, the Commission permitted both the Discoms, i.e., CSPDCL and Electricity Deptt., UT of Puducherry, to indicate their willingness to off-take the power from the Petitioner's Project, on an affidavit, within four weeks. The Commission also permitted the Respondent, SECI, to file its affidavit as above, within four weeks. The Commission also directed Respondent No. 2, CTUIL, to indicate the status of the Koppal S/s along with the anticipated date of commissioning, on an affidavit, within four weeks.
- 6. The Petition will be listed for hearing on 22.8.2025.

By order of the Commission Sd/-(T.D. Pant) Joint Chief (Law)