BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION GANDHINAGAR

Petition No. 2436 of 2025.

In the Matter of:

Petition under the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and its subsequent amendments thereto for revision of Renewable Power Purchase Obligation (RPO) for FY 2022-23.

Petitioner : Deendayal Port Authority (DPA)

P & C Buildings, Ground Floor

Kandla, Gujarat – 370210.

Represented By : Nobody was present.

CORAM:

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

Date: 11/06/2025.

DAILY ORDER

- 1. The present matter was listed for hearing on 09.06.2025.
- 2. When the matter was called out, nobody was present on behalf of the Petitioner. We note that the Petitioner neither remained present during today's proceedings nor made any written communication about their inability to remain present, despite being served the hearing notice to them.
- 3. We note that during the last hearing on 29.05.2025, the Petitioner was not present and sent an email dated 29.05.2025 stating that due to short notice the Petitioner is not able to remain present as they require time for necessary preparation and accordingly requested that the hearing in the matter may be postponed to other convenient date. However, as on today also, the Petitioner

has again chosen not to present during the today' hearing before the Commission.

- 3.1. We note that the present Petition has been filed by the Petitioner for compliance of RPO against the RPO targets specified by the Commission in the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 read with its amended Regulations for FY 2022-23. The Petitioner has prayed for allowing to compensate shortfall of RPO from Solar and other sources with surplus Wind RPO for FY 2022-23. The aforesaid issue is associated with the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 alongwith amendments thereto notified by the Commission including the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2018 and accordingly, the Commission has the jurisdiction to decide the issues raised in the present Petition. We, therefore, decide to admit the Petition.
- 3.2. 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 suggestions and objections from all the stakeholders. Thus, for annual review of RPO or otherwise by the State Commission either Suo-motu or on an application by an obligated entity, the suggestions and objections of the public are required to be invited.
- 3.3. According to the Hon'ble APTEL's directions, 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 present Petition is filed for compliance of RPO target percentage from renewable energy sources for FY 2022-23 and to consider wind power procurement to meet the overall RPO obligation for FY 2022-23. Therefore, it is necessary to conduct a public hearing to take into consideration the views/comments of stakeholder 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/National level stating that they have filed Petition No. 2436 of 2025 before the Commission for compliance of RPO target for FY 2022-23 under the provisions of the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and its subsequent amendments. The Petitioner is also directed to upload the present Petition with all the documents on its website and invite comments and suggestions from the stakeholders on the Petition on affidavit within 30 days from the date of issuance 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.

- 3.4. 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 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: 11/06/2025.