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

## **Petition No. 380/MP/2023**

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

read with Article 11 of the Power Purchase Agreement dated 01.06.2022 executed between Petitioner and Solar Energy

Corporation.

Petitioner : NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NTPCREL)

Respondent : Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI)

Date of Hearing : 16.7.2025

Coram : Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

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

Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Member

Parties Present : Shri Venkatesh, Advocate, NTPCREL

> Shri Nihal Bhardwaj, Advocate, NTPCREL Shri Harsh Vardhan, Advocate, NTPCREL Ms. Mandakini Ghosh, Advocate, SECI Shri Rahul Ranjan, Advocate, SECI Shri Prajeet Ghosh, Advocate, SECI

## **Record of Proceedings**

At the outset, the learned counsel for the Respondent, SECI, submitted that in response to the Petitioner's request for extension of Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD), SECI by its letter dated 12.6.2025 has revised the SCD to either "30 days from the actual commissioning date of the bay allocated to the Solar Power Developer at RVPN's 400 kV Bhadla Substation" or "the actual commissioning date of the full Project capacity", whichever is earlier. However, SECI has reserved its right to contest the Petitioner's claim concerning the occurrence of the alleged force majeure events, particularly, the purported delay in the allotment of government land for the Project, and to oppose the Petitioner's entitlement to any extension of the Project timeline on the grounds originally raised in the Petition. Learned counsel further added that since the SCD of the Petitioner's Project has already been revised beyond what has been requested by the Petitioner, the present Petition has been rendered infructuous.

- 2. In response, the learned counsel for the Petitioner sought liberty to file a rejoinder to SECI's additional affidavit dated 24.6.2025 and requested to list the matter in October, 2025.
- 3. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the parties, the Commission permitted the Petitioner to file its rejoinder within four weeks without prejudice to its right and contention.

4. The Petition will be listed for hearing on 23.10.2025.

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