

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR**

Petition No. 2533 of 2025.

In the Matter of:

Petition under Clause 17 read with Clause 3.1.1 of the 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 notified by Ministry of Power, Govt. of India on 09.06.2023 as amended from time to time under Section 63 read with Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003, for seeking approval of deviations from the said Guidelines.

Petitioner : Torrent Power Limited
"Samanvay" 600 Tapovan
Ambawadi, Ahmedabad – 380015.

Represented by : Mr. Jignesh Langalia, Ms. Luna Pal and Mr. Rahul Dubey

CORAM:

**Pankaj Joshi, Chairman
Hiren Shah, Member**

Date: 08/01/2026.

DAILY ORDER

1. The above matter was heard on 06.01.2026.
2. Mr. Jignesh Langalia, appearing on behalf of the Petitioner Torrent Power Limited (TPL) submitted that the present Petition has been filed under Section 63 read with Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and

Clause 17 read with Clause 3.1.1 of the 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 notified by Ministry of Power, Govt. of India on 09.06.2023 as amended from time to time, for approval of deviations from the Guidelines issued by Central Government for procurement of power through Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems.

2.1. He submitted that the distribution licensees has to comply with the RPO targets specified by the Commission from time to time. The Commission had notified the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 on 17.04.2010 and thereafter, made subsequent amendments to the Principal Regulations, 2010 and notified the GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2022, wherein the Commission has prescribed the minimum percentage of procurement of power from renewable energy from FY 2017-18 to FY 2024-25. The Regulations, 2022 provides the RPO targets specified for Obligated Entities for FY 2024-25 which was to be continued for FY 2025-26 and onwards unless specified by the Commission separately. He further submitted that the Ministry of Power (MOP), Government of India vide Order dated 22.07.2022 has notified RPO trajectory for the period FY 2023-24 to FY 2029-30 and stated that the State Commissions may consider notifying RPO trajectory over and above the trajectory notified. Accordingly, the Commission has issued GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2025 wherein the RPO trajectory specified for FY 2024-25 to FY 2029-30. As per the Regulations, 2025, there is a substantial increase in the RPO trajectory as compared to trajectory

specified in the Regulations, 2022. Therefore, the Petitioner needs to initiate the necessary action for tying up RE power considering necessary lead time of about 24 months upto commissioning of RE project through competitive bidding.

- 2.2. He submitted that the Ministry of Power (MoP), Govt. of India vide its Resolution dated 09.06.2023 has issued the 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, which have been amended on 17.11.2023, 02.02.2024 and 12.02.2025. He submitted that the Petitioner TPL is seeking the approval of the Commission with respect to deviations, viz., (i) Maximum Capacity which can be allocated to single bidder, (ii) removal of 175 hours with regard to grid unavailability for Generation Compensation, (iii) delay in commencement of supply of power, (iv) Delay in Commissioning of power supply on Account of Delay in Transmission system, in the Tender documents as compared to the MoP' Guidelines by way of the present Petition.
- 2.3. He submitted that the Petitioner proposes to seek aforesaid four (4) deviations from the Guidelines out of which three (3) deviations are already approved in earlier tender of Wind-Solar Hybrid and considered by the Commission in its Order dated 02.09.2024 in Petition No. 2360 of 2024.
- 2.4. He further submitted that pursuant to hearing held on 29.08.2025, the Commission has passed Daily Order dated 29.08.2025 wherein the Commission has granted 'In-Principle' approval to the deviations and also permitted the Petitioner TPL to issue tender subject to the final approval of the Commission in the matter. He also submitted that

pursuant to such 'In-Principle' approval by the Commission, the Petitioner has carried out the competitive bidding process by issuing tender wherein the technical bid opening and financial bid opening/Reverse Auction was carried out on 01.09.2025 and 05.09.2025 respectively. He submitted that the Petitioner will approach the Commission for the adoption of tariff as discovered under such competitive bidding process initiated by the Petitioner.

2.5. He further submitted that in the said Daily Order dated 29.08.2025, the directions were also given to the Petitioner 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 'Indian Express' Newspaper on 02.09.2025 in English language and in 'Gujarat Samachar', 'Divya Bhaskar' and 'Sandesh' Newspapers on 02.09.2025 in Gujarati Language newspaper both having circulation in the entire State of Gujarat and also uploaded on its website (<https://www.torrentpower.com/index.php/regulatory/renewable>) for inviting the objections and suggestions from the stakeholders in the present Petition. Moreover, the Petitioner has also filed compliance affidavit dated 03.09.2025 in this regard before the Commission on 04.09.2025. He also submitted that in response to the aforesaid public notice, the Petitioner has not received any comments/objections from the stakeholders in the present matter.

2.6. He submitted that the matter was lastly listed for hearing on 18.10.2025 wherein the matter was heard by the previous Bench of the Commission but no order has been passed by the Commission. In view of the above, he requested that the matter may be decided by the Commission

considering the submissions of the Petitioner and based on record of the present Petition.

3. We have considered the submissions made by the Petitioner. We note that the present Petition has been filed by the Petitioner under Section 63 read with Section 86 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and under Clause 17 read with Clause 3.1.1 of the 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 notified by Ministry of Power, Govt. of India on 09.06.2023 as amended from time, seeking approval of the Commission with respect to deviations from the Guidelines issued by Central Government for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems for carrying out bidding process for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems.

3.1. We note that pursuant to directives of the Commission in Daily Order dated 29.08.2025, the Petitioner has published the public notices and also uploaded the Petitioner on its website for inviting comments/objections/suggestions from the stakeholders in the present Petition but the Petitioner TPL has not received any comments/suggestions from the stakeholders. We also note that the Petitioner has also filed compliance affidavit dated 03.09.2025 before the Commission on 04.09.2025. We further note that pursuant to 'In-Principle' approval of the Commission, the Petitioner has carried out the competitive bidding process by issuing tender notice and the technical bid opening and financial bid opening/reverse auction was carried out on 01.09.2025 and 05.09.2025 respectively.

3.2. As the Petitioner has completed arguments in the matter, we decide and direct the Petitioner to file its written submissions, if any, within a weeks' time from the date of this Order. The matter is now reserved for appropriate Order.

4. Order accordingly.

Sd/-
[Hiren Shah]
Member

Sd/-
[Pankaj Joshi]
Chairman

Place: Gandhinagar.
Date: 08/01/2026.

