

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR**

Petition No. 2268 of 2023.

In the matter of:

Petition under Section 86(1) (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for approval of Power Usage Agreement signed by GUVNL with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECIL) for Procurement of 700 MW Power from their Solar PV Power Plant to be set up under MNRE's CPSU Scheme Phase-II, Tranche -III awarded by IREDA.

And

IA No. 64 of 2023 in Petition No. 2268 of 2023.

In the matter of:

Application for impleadment of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECIL) in Petition No. 2268 of 2023.

Applicant/Petitioner	:	Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited
Represented by	:	Ms. Vaishali Dalal and Mr. Amit Chavda V/s.
Respondent	:	Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited
Represented by	:	Mr. Sanjeev Singh

CORAM:

**Anil Mukim, Chairman
Mehul M. Gandhi, Member
S. R. Pandey, Member**

Date: 19/02/2024.

DAILY ORDER

1. The matter was kept for hearing on 22.12.2023.
2. Mr. Amit Chavda appearing on behalf of the Petitioner GUVNL submitted that the present Petition has been filed seeking approval of the Commission in respect of

Power Purchase Agreement dated 16.10.2023 executed by the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECIL) for Procurement of 700 MW power from SECI' Solar PV Power Plant to be set up under MNRE's CPSU Scheme Phase - II, Tranche-III, at the tariff of Rs. 2.57 per kWh awarded by IREDA.

- 2.1. It is also submitted that the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL has filed IA being IA No. 64 of 2023 in Petition No. 2268 of 2023 seeking impleadment of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited as Respondent in the present Petition. It is further submitted that the Applicant/Petitioner has also filed amended memo of parties along with the present IA. It is requested to the Commission to implead Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited as Respondent and to take the amended memo of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited on record.
3. In response to the query of the Commission, it is submitted that initially, SECI had offered 1200 MW Solar Power to GUVNL from the Solar PV Projects to be set up under MNRE's CPSU Scheme Phase-II, Tranche-III at the rate of Rs. 2.45/kWh which was awarded by IREDA through Competitive Bidding Process. Thereafter, SECI has informed that IREDA has revised the maximum usage charges for the scheme was from Rs. 2.45 per kWh to Rs. 2.57 per kWh which is exclusive of other charges such as Wheeling and Transmission Charges and losses, Cross Subsidy Surcharges, SLDC charges and the reason for increase in usage charges is due to increase in GST rate from 5% to 12% on solar module as notified by Government of India. Accordingly, revised tariff shall be Rs. 2.57 per kWh. Further, SECI has also reduced the capacity from 1200 MW to 700 MW at the tariff of Rs. 2.57/kWh. In further response to query of the Commission, it is submitted that SECI has clarified that no trading margin is applicable as project is developed by SECI as a Generator.
4. Mr. Sanjeev Singh, appearing on behalf of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited, submitted that there is no objection to impleadment of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited. It is requested that the Commission may approve the PPA dated 16.10.2023 executed with the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL.

5. We have considered the submissions made by the parties. We note that Applicant/Petitioner has filed this Petition seeking approval of the Commission in respect of Power Purchase Agreement dated 16.10.2023 executed by the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECIL) for Procurement of 700 MW power from SECI' Solar PV Power Plant to be set up under MNRE's CPSU Scheme Phase – II, Tranche-III, at the tariff of Rs. 2.57 per kWh awarded by IREDA.
- 5.1. Thereafter, the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL has filed IA being IA No. 64 of 2023 in Petition No. 2268 of 2023 seeking impleadment of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited as Respondent in the present Petition and filed amended memo of parties along with the present IA. We further note that Mr. Sanjeev Singh, appearing for the Respondent SECIL, submitted that there is no objection to impleadment of SECIL and requested the Commission to approve the PPA dated 16.10.2023 executed with the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL. In view of this, we decide to implead Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECIL) as Respondent and to take the amended memo of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited on record.
- 5.2. The Applicant/Petitioner has filed IA No. 64 of 2023 in Petition No. 2268 of 2023 for impleadment of Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited as Respondent in the present matter and the Commission has allowed the same. Accordingly, prayers sought in the aforesaid IA is satisfied. Hence, IA No. 64 of 2023 in Petition No. 2268 of 2023 stand disposed of. The matter is reserved for Order.
6. Order accordingly.

Sd/-
[S. R. Pandey]
Member

Sd/-
[Mehul M. Gandhi]
Member

Sd/-
[Anil Mukim]
Chairman

Place: Gandhinagar

Date: 19/02/2024.