

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
GANDHINAGAR**

**IA No.02 of 2023 in Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

**In the matter of:**

**Application filed by the Petitioner for amendment in Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

**And**

**IA No. 05 of 2024 in Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

**In the matter of:**

**Application filed by the Petitioner for amendment in Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

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**Petition No. 2098 of 2022.**

**In the matter of:**

**Petition under Section 86 read with Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for approval of deviations from the Guidelines issued by Central Government for procurement of power through Tariff based Competitive Bidding Process from Grid connected Renewable Energy Sources i.e., Wind, Solar and Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects and for approval of bid documents for carrying out bidding process for procurement of power from Hybrid Power Projects having RE generation with co-located Energy Storage Systems.**

Applicant/Petitioner : Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (GUVNL)

Represented by : Ld. Advocates Mr. Utkarsh Singh and Ms. Shrishti Khindaria along with Mr. B. B. Patel

V/s.

Objector No. 1 : Wind Independent Power Producers Association

Represented by : Nobody was present.

Objector No. 2 : Apraava Energy Private Limited

Represented by : Nobody was present.  
Objector No. 3 : Greenko Energies Private Limited  
Represented by : Nobody was present.  
Objector No. 4 : M/s Renew Power Pvt. Limited  
Represented by : Nobody was present.

**CORAM:**

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

**Date: 15/09/2025.**

**DAILY ORDER**

1. The present matter was heard on 04.09.2025.
2. Ld. Adv. Ms. Shrishti Khindaria, appearing on behalf of the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL submitted that the present Petition has been filed under Section 86 read with Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for approval of deviations from the Guidelines issued by Central Government for procurement of power through Tariff based Competitive Bidding Process from Grid connected Renewable Energy Sources i.e., Wind, Solar and Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects with mandatory installation of Energy Storage Systems and for approval of bid documents for carrying out bidding process for procurement of power from such RE Power Projects having RE generation with co-located Energy Storage Systems.
- 2.1. She submitted that pursuant to directives of the Commission in Daily Order dated 27.02.2024 in IAs No. 02 of 2023 & 05 of 2024 in Petition No. 2098 of 2022, the Applicant/Petitioner has published the public notices for inviting comments/objections/suggestions from the stakeholders in IA No. 05 of 2024 in Petition No. 2098 of 2022. However, the Applicant/Petitioner has

not received any comments/suggestions from the stakeholders and also filed compliance affidavit before the Commission in the matter.

- 2.2. Subsequently to the last hearing held on 25.09.2024, the Central Government has issued the amendment to the Guidelines for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems on 12.02.2025. She submitted that on account of the amendment to the Guidelines on 12.02.2025, 10 (ten) deviations are required as per the amended Guideline Clauses for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid Connected Renewable Energy Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems. She submitted that out of 10 (ten) deviations, 09 (nine) deviations are already approved by the Commission/Government and accordingly, requested the Commission to allow the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL to deviate from the amended bidding Guidelines provisions so that the Applicant/Petitioner may amend/add clause (s) in the existing bidding documents (RfS and draft PPA) to align with the provisions with the amended guidelines issued on 12.02.2025. She also submitted that the MNRE had issued Memorandum on 09.12.2024 for amendment in Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (ALMM). In view of this, the Applicant/Petitioner is required to amend bidding documents (RfS and draft PPA).
- 2.3. In response to the query of the Commission for issuance of public notice for inviting comments and suggestions from the stakeholders in the present matter, the counsel of the Applicant/Petitioner has agreed to give the public notice in the newspapers. She requested the Commission to list the matter on any shorter date subject to the convenience of the Commission.
3. We have considered the submissions of the Applicant/Petitioner. We note that apart from the deviations originally sought in main Petition & IAs No. 02 of 2023 & 05 of 2024, the Petitioner has further filed additional submissions on 23.04.2025 pursuant to the amendment to the Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid Connected Renewable Energy

Power Projects with Energy Storage Systems by the Central Government on 12.02.2025 and amendment in Memorandum of “Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (ALMM)” on 09.12.2024 by MNRE, Govt. of India.

3.1. We note that the Applicant/Petitioner has submitted that there is an amendment dated 12.02.2025 issued by Ministry of Power, Govt. of India to the guidelines for tariff based competitive bidding process for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid connected RE Power Project with Energy Storage System. It is also submitted by the Applicant/Petitioner that MNRE, Govt. of India had issued Memorandum on 09.12.2024 for amendment in ‘Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (ALMM)’. In view of this, the Applicant/Petitioner sought to incorporate the relevant provisions as per the aforesaid guidelines published by the MoP, Govt. of India & MNRE, Govt. of India into the draft RfS and tender documents. Hence, it requires public participation as the said guidelines will amend the RfS as well as the tender documents. Accordingly, the Petitioner is directed to issue revised RfS and tender document incorporating the relevant provisions of Guidelines for tariff based Competitive Bidding Process for Procurement of Firm and Dispatchable Power from Grid connected RE Power Project with Energy Storage System and provisions of Approved Models and Manufacturers of Solar Photovoltaic Modules (ALMM) of MNRE.

3.2. Accordingly, we hold that a public hearing shall be conducted to take into consideration the views/comments/suggestions/objections of the stakeholder before deciding the present matter. The Petitioner is, therefore, directed to issue a public notice in one daily Gujarati Newspaper and one English Newspaper having wide circulation in the State/National level stating that they have filed Petition No. 2098 of 2022 alongwith IAs No. 02 of 2023 & 05 of 2024 including the additional submissions dated 22.04.2025 before the Commission for approval of deviations from the Guidelines issued by Central Government for procurement of power

through Tariff based Competitive Bidding Process from Grid connected Renewable Energy Sources i.e., Wind, Solar and Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects collocated Energy Storage Systems and for approval of bid documents for carrying out bidding process for procurement of power from such projects. The Petitioner is also directed to upload the present Petition & allied IAs with all the documents on its website and invite comments and suggestions from the stakeholders on the Petition on affidavit on or before 10 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, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, GIFT ONE, Road 5C, 3 Zone 5, GIFT City, Gandhinagar - 382355 in five copies along with affidavit in support of their submissions with a copy to the Petitioner within 10 days from the date of issuance of public notice. Upon receipt of the comments/views/objections/suggestions from the stakeholders, the Petitioner is at liberty to file its reply, if any, to the Commission. 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 is filed by the Petitioner along with copy of public notices issued by the Petitioner is provided to the Commission and invite comments/suggestions from the stakeholders.

- 3.3. When the matter was called out, nobody was present on behalf of the Objectors although the hearing notice was issued to them. We note that the aforesaid objectors 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. We also direct the Applicant/Petitioner to provide the copy of additional submissions dated 22.04.2025 to all the above-stated Objectors, if already not provided and to file proof of service in this regard to the Commission in the present matter. The above-stated Objectors are also at liberty to file their submissions, if

any, to the same, within a week time from receipt of additional submissions dated 22.04.2025 from the Applicant/Petitioner, with a copy to the Applicant/Petitioner to which the Applicant/Petitioner would also at liberty to file its rejoinder reply.

3.4. We also direct the staff of the Commission to provide the copy of representation, if any, received in the present matter to the Applicant/Petitioner to enable filing reply/response to the same and to inform/issue hearing notice for the present Petition to such stakeholders/objectors who file their submissions/objections/comments before the Commission in the matter.

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: 15/09/2025.