

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
GANDHINAGAR**

**Petition No. 2002 of 2021.**

**In the matter of:**

**Petition under Section 86 (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for refund of connectivity charges paid by those Small Scale Distributed Solar Project Developers who exercise the One Time Exist Option.**

Petitioner : Gujarat Urja Vijkas Nigam Limited

Represented by : Ld.Adv. Mr. Aneesh bajaj along with Mr. Kishor Lakhani

Vs.

Co-Petitioner No.1 : Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Represented by : Mr D.R.Kharva

Co-Petitioner No.2 : Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Represented by : Nobody was present

Co-Petitioner No.3 : Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Represented by : Mr. S.N.Parmar

Co-Petitioner No.4 : Daxshin Gujarat Vij Company Limited

Represented by : Mr. S.A.Bhatiya

**CORAM:**

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

**Date: 21/05/2025.**

**DAILY ORDER**

1. The matter was listed for hearing on 27.12.2024.
2. When the matter was called out, Federation of Renewable and Consumers of Energy did not remain present. Office of the Commission received an email dated 27.12.2024 from Federation of Renewable and Consumers of Energy (FORCE) for filing their submission in the matter.
3. Mr. Parthiv Dave, appearing on behalf of P Solar, during the hearing submitted that pursuant to Daily Order dated 20.12.2024, he has filed submission and copy of same is also handed over to the Petitioner. He also submitted that the Petitioner has not filed detailed submissions in response to the contentions raised by him. He requested to direct the Petitioner to file detailed submission in response to the contentions raised by him. He further submitted to grant time for oral submissions, arguments after receipt of the submissions filed by the Petitioner and the matter may be listed for hearing at any convenient date of the Commission.
4. Ld. Adv. Aneesh Bajaj, appearing on behalf of the Petitioner GUVNL submitted that present Petition has been filed under Section 86(1)(b) and (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking approval of the Commission to allow the Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) to refund the connectivity charges levied as per Regulation 7 of the GERC (Term and Condition of Intra-State Open Access) Regulations, 2011 which states about non-refundable connectivity charges of Rupees One lakh per application to those Small Scale Distributed

Solar Power Project Developers who were allowed to exercise one-time exit option by the State Government as special case.

- 4.1 He submitted that pursuant to last hearing held on 19.12.2024 to which the Commission has passed Daily Order dated 20.12.2024 wherein the Commission had directed all parties to file their final submissions, if any, within one week' time with a copy to each other from the date of Order. However, as on today's hearing on 27.12.2024, the Petitioner has not received the copy of submission from the Objectors. He further submitted that on receipt of the Objections from the Objector P. Solar, the Petitioner would file its detailed submissions on it. He further requested to keep the matter reserved for final Order.
5. Mr. Parthiv Dave, Objector, P solar submitted that the Petitioner has not yet filed a detailed response on their submission. Furthermore, he informed that he has filed a submission yesterday, as per the Commission's direction, and requested time for oral argument. He also requested that the Petitioner be directed to file a detailed response to the Objectors' submission and present matter may be adjourned.
6. In response to the contention of the Objector Mr. Parthiv Dave from P Solar, Ld. Adv. of the Petitioner raised its objection on the adjournment and requested that the matter may be kept reserved for final Order.

7. Heard the parties. We note that during the hearing, Mr. Parthiv Dave, on behalf of the P Solar has stated that he has filed the submission in the matter. Further, Mr. Parthiv Dave, submitted to direct the Petitioner's to file detailed response to the objection raised by him in its submission and also requested to allow time for oral arguments thereafter, at any convenient date of the Commission. Ld. Adv. for the Petitioner submitted that they have not received the copy of the submissions filed by the Objector P Solar. After receiving the submissions from the Objector, the Petitioner would file its response in the matter and requested to keep the matter reserved for Order.
8. We also note that Office of the Commission received an email dated 27.12.2024 from Federation of Renewable and Consumers of Energy (FORCE) for filing their submission in the matter.
9. We note that Counsel for the Petitioner stated that they had not received copy of the objections filed by Objector P Solar, and would file detailed submissions upon receipt of the objections from Objector P Solar. We also note that the Petitioner, via affidavit dated 31.01.2025, has filed a response to the copy of objections that Objector P Solar provided to the Petitioner during the hearing on 27.12. 2024.
10. We further note that the Counsel for the Petitioner raised an objection to the adjournment requested by Objector Mr. Parthiv Dave from P Solar. The

Petitioner also requested that the matter be reserved for order, and for time to be granted to file a response to the Objections filed in the matter. In view of the above, we decide to grant one final opportunity to all parties. Accordingly, we direct all parties to file their final submissions, if any, within two weeks, with copies to each other. All parties must ensure that their respective pleadings are completed before the next hearing date.

11. We adjourn the matter for final hearing in the interest of justice. There shall not be further adjournment.
12. The next date of hearing will be on 29.05.2025 at 11.30 Hours.
13. Order Accordingly.

Sd/-  
**(S.R. Pandey)**  
**Member**

Sd/-  
**(Mehul M. Gandhi)**  
**Member**

Place: Gandhinagar

Date:21/05/2025.