

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR**

Petition No. 2475 of 2025.

In the matter of:

**Petition under Section 181 read with Section 86 of Electricity Act, 2003
read with Regulations 18, 19 and 20 of GERC (Net Metering Rooftop
Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems) Regulations, 2016 and other
applicable provisions for exemption from the requirement of entering
into agreement for net metering for residential consumers installing
rooftop solar PV Plants under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.**

Petitioner No. 1 : Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Limited
Represented By : Ld. Adv. Mr. Utkarsh Singh alongwith Mr. R.P.
Soni and Mr. M.R. Parmar

Petitioner No. 2 : Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Limited
Represented By : Ld. Adv. Mr. Utkarsh Singh

Petitioner No. 3 : Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Limited
Represented By : Ld. Adv. Mr. Utkarsh Singh alongwith Mr. S.N.
Parmar

Petitioner No. 4 : Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Limited
Represented By : Ld. Adv. Mr. Utkarsh Singh alongwith Mr. K.B.
Vasava

V/s.

Respondent No. 1 : Torrent Power Limited, Ahmedabad
Represented by : Ms. Luna Pal

Respondent No. 2 : Torrent Power Limited, Surat
Represented by : Ms. Luna Pal

Respondent No. 3 : Torrent Power Limited, Dahej
Represented by : Ms. Luna Pal

Respondent No. 4 : Torrent Power Limited, Dholera
Represented by : Ms. Luna Pal

Respondent No. 5 : Aspenpark Infra Vadodara Pvt. Limited
Represented by : Nobody was present.

Respondent No. 6 : Deendayal Port Authority
Represented by : Nobody was present.

Respondent No. 7 : GIFT Power Company Limited
Represented by : Nobody was present.

Respondent No. 8 : Jubilant Infrastructures Limited
Represented by : Nobody was present.

Respondent No. 9 : MPSEZ Utilities Limited
Represented by : Nobody was present.

Respondent No. 10 : Torrent Power Limited, MBSIR
Represented by : Ms. Luna Pal

CORAM:

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

Date: 02/08/2025.

DAILY ORDER

1. The matter was kept for hearing on 29.07.2025.
2. Ld. Adv. Mr. Utkarsh Singh appearing on behalf of the Petitioners submitted that the present Petition has been filed under Section 181 read with Section 86 of Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulations 18, 19 and 20 of GERC (Net Metering Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems) Regulations, 2016 and other applicable provisions, seeking exemption from the requirement of entering into agreement for net metering for residential consumers installing rooftop solar PV Plants under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.
 - 2.1. In response to query of the Commission, the counsel appearing for the Petitioners submitted that the Petitioners have served the copy of the Petition to all the Respondents in the present matter and has also agreed to issue the public notice inviting the suggestions/objections/comments of the stakeholders in the present matter.
 - 2.2. Ms. Luna Pal, appearing on behalf of Respondents TPL, submitted that TPL has received the copy of the Petition from the Petitioners. She requested the Commission to grant some time to them to file the reply in the matter.
3. We have considered the submissions made by the parties. We note that the present Petition has been filed by the Petitioners under Section 181 read with Section 86 of Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulations 18, 19 and 20 of GERC (Net Metering Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems) Regulations, 2016 and other applicable provisions, seeking

exemption from the requirement of entering into agreement for net metering for residential consumers installing rooftop solar PV Plants under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. However, the Petitioners sought to initiate proceedings for amendment of the GERC (Net Metering Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems) Regulations, 2016 to exempt residential consumers for setting up Rooftop Solar PV Projects under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna from entering into an Interconnection/Net Metering agreement for the distribution licensees. Therefore, we are of the view that a public hearing is required to be conducted to take into the suggestions/objections/comments of the stakeholders before deciding the present matter. The Petitioners are, therefore, directed to issue a public notice in two daily Gujarati Newspapers and one English Newspaper having wide circulation in the State and invite comments/suggestions/objections from the Stakeholders stating that they have filed Petition No. 2475 of 2025 before the Commission along with its subject matter and relief sought therein. The Petitioners are also directed to upload the present Petition with all the relevant documents on their respective websites and invite comments and suggestions from the Stakeholders on the Petition on affidavit within 30 days from the date of issue of public notice. The Petitioners shall state in the public notice that the stakeholders shall file their comments/objections/suggestions to the Secretary, Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission, 6th Floor, GIFT ONE, Road 5C, Zone 5, GIFT City, Gandhinagar – 382355, Gujarat in five copies along with affidavit in support of their submissions with a copy to the Petitioner. The staff of the Commission is also directed to upload the Petition along with all relevant documents on the website of the Commission inviting

comments/objections/suggestions/views from stakeholder after a compliance affidavit stating that public notices as directed above are issued in newspaper and uploading of Petition on website of the Petitioners, are filed by the Petitioners along with published copy of public notices issued by the Petitioners are provided to the Commission.

- 3.1. We also direct the staff of the Commission to provide the copy of representation/suggestions/objections, if any, received in the present matter to the Petitioners to enable them 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.
- 3.2. When the matter was called out, nobody appeared on behalf of the Respondents other than Respondent No.'s 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 or made any written communication about their inability to remain present, despite notice.
- 3.3. We further note the statement of the counsel appearing for the Petitioners that they have served the copy of the Petition to all the Respondents in the present matter. Hence, we once again directed the Petitioners to ensure that the copy of Petition has been duly served upon to all the Respondents and provide the same to all the Respondents, if already not served.
- 3.4. We note the submission of the representative appearing for the Respondent TPL that they received the copy of Petition from the

Petitioner and accordingly, requested the Commission to grant some time to enable them to file the reply, if any, in the present Petition.

3.5. We also note that the Respondents have not filed their replies in the present matter. Accordingly, the Respondents are directed to file their respective replies, if any, in the present Petition, within three weeks' time, from the date of this Order, with a copy to the Petitioners. The Petitioners would be at liberty to file its rejoinder reply, if any, within two weeks' time with a copy to the Respondents after receipt of reply from the Respondents.

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: 02/08/2025.