BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION GANDHINAGAR

Petition No. 1933 of 2021.

In the Matter of:
Petition for clarification under Section 86(1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Energy Sources) Regulations, 2010 and its amendment for deciding the pegging of Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) for CPP units of ONGC in Gujarat.

Petitioner	:	Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited
Represented By	:	Ld. Adv. Mr. Akshat Khare.
Objector No. 1	:	Reliance Industries Limited
Represented by	:	Mr. Anant Kapse.
Objector No. 2	:	National Solar Energy Federation of India (NSEFI)
Represented by	:	Nobody was present.
Objector No. 3	:	Utility Users' Welfare Association
Represented by	:	Nobody was present.

CORAM:
Pankaj Joshi, Chairman
Hiren Shah, Member
Jatin N. Thakkar, Member

Date: 14/08/2026.

DAILY ORDER

1. The present matter was kept for hearing on 13.08.2026 through Hybrid Mode.

2. Ld. Adv. Mr. Akshat Khare, appearing on behalf of the Petitioner, submitted that the present Petition has been filed seeking clarification regarding the RPO trajectory/target applicable to the Captive Power Plants (CPPs) of the Petitioner situated at Hazira and Ankleshwar, particularly in view of the difference between the RPO targets prescribed by the Commission under its RPO Regulations and the targets/clarifications issued by the Ministry

of Power, Government of India and to clarify the year at which RPO target for the Petitioner is required to be pegged.

2.1. He further submitted that the Petitioner has filed separate Petitions/ in process of filing separate Petitions in the matter of compliance of the RPO obligation of the Petitioner for the respective years and accordingly, requested the Commission to list all these Petitions together.

2.2. Referring to Para 2.2 of the Daily Order dated 23.06.2021 passed by the Commission, he submitted that Ministry of Power vide its Order dated 22.07.2016 had issued guidelines for long term RPO trajectory specifying target for FY 2016-17 to 2018- 19 and later on vide Order dated 14.06.2018, the same was also specified for FY 2019-20 to FY 2021-22. He submitted that vide letter dated 01.02.2019, clarification on aforesaid Orders was issued by the Ministry of Power (MoP) which was subsequently further clarified vide letter dated 01.10.2019. Referring to para 3 of MoP' letter dated 01.10.2019, he submitted that MoP has issued clarification to the effect that (i) For CPPs commissioned before 01.04.2016, RPO should be at the level of FY 2015-16 and would remain the same if there is no augmentation of CPP capacity (ii) In case of any augmentation in the CPP capacity, the RPO for augmented capacity shall be the RPO applicable for the year in which the CPP has been augmented.

2.3. He submitted that the limited scope of present Petition is for seeking declaration/clarification by the Commission, the year at which RPO targets for the Petitioner are required to be pegged.

3. The Commission has sought response from the Petitioner on the following aspects:

(i) As to why the State Nodal Agency, i.e., Gujarat Energy Development Agency (GEDA) is not impleaded as party Respondent in the matter.

(ii) Whether the details of RPO compliance of FY -2017-18 is duly verified by the State Nodal Agency GEDA or not.

(iii) The Petitioner is required to place on record complete details of electricity consumption at ONGC Hazira and Ankleshwar consisting of details of quantum of electricity generated and consumed from CPPs along with its capacity and consumption from other sources, if any, supported by verifiable documentary evidences including monthly electricity duty returns filed before the Government authorities.

(iv) As per the RPO targets specified in the GERC's RPO Regulations, the details of quantum of RPO to be fulfilled corresponding to the aforesaid consumption *vis a vis* actually fulfilled by the Petitioner for FY 2017-18.

4. In response to the aforesaid queries, Ld. Adv. appearing on behalf of the Petitioner has sought adjournment of three weeks' time to place on record aforesaid information/details by filing additional submissions in the matter. He further agreed to file Interlocutory Application (IA) to implead the State Nodal Agency GEDA as a party Respondent in the matter. He further submitted that the Petitioner has filed/in the process of filing of separate petitions for compliance verification of RPO status of the Petitioner for the respective years.

5. Heard the Ld. Adv. appearing on behalf of the Petitioner. We note that when the matter was called out for hearing, nobody appeared on behalf of the Objectors No. 2 & 3 despite the notice of hearing was issued to them. We further note that the aforesaid Objectors have neither remained present during the proceedings nor placed on record any written communication explaining their inability to attend the hearing. Further, considering the request of the Petitioner to adjourn the matter for filing additional submissions and necessary Interlocutory Application (IA), the

matter stands adjourned. We direct the Petitioner to file its additional submission and also grant liberty to the Petitioner to file necessary Interlocutory Application (IA) in the matter in accordance with law, on or before 03.09.2026, with a copy to the Objectors. The Objectors are at liberty to file their submissions, if any, on or before 10.09.2026.

5.1. We further direct the Staff of the Commission to forward a copy of this Daily Order to the State Nodal Agency GEDA. Further, State Nodal Agency GEDA is directed to file their submissions in the matter with regard to the Petitioner's RPO compliance status for FY-2017-18, on or before 10.09.2026.

6. Next date of hearing will be intimated separately.

7. Order accordingly.

Sd/-	**Sd/-**	**Sd/-**
[Jatin N. Thakkar]	**[Hiren Shah]**	**[Pankaj Joshi]**
Member	**Member**	**Chairman**

Place: Gandhinagar.

Date: 14/08/2026.