BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION GANDHINAGAR

Petition No. 2575 of 2025.

In the Matter of:

Petition in accordance with the GERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 for approval and necessary directions of the Commission regarding the status of RPO Compliance for FY 2024 - 25 by the Petitioner as per provisions of Regulations 4.1 & 4.2 of GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and subsequent amendments thereto.

Petitioner : GIFT Power Company Limited

Represented By : Mr. Rakesh Inala.

CORAM:

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

Date: 11/09/2026.

DAILY ORDER

1. The present matter was listed for hearing on 08.09.2026 through Hybrid Mode.

2. Mr. Rakesh Inala, on behalf of the Petitioner, submitted that the Petitioner has filed the present Petition under the GERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004 for approval and necessary directions of the Commission regarding the status of RPO Compliance for FY 2024- 25 by the Petitioner as per provisions of Regulations 4.1 & 4.2 of GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and subsequent amendments thereto. He further submitted that the Commission passed Daily Order dated 30.05.2026, wherein directions were given to the Petitioner for amendment of the present Petition by placing on record details of RPO fulfilled by them, in compliance to the provisions of applicable GERC' RPO Regulations, 2025 and accordingly, in compliance thereof, the Petitioner has filed its amended Petition vide affidavit dated 05.06.2026 in the present matter.

2.1. He also submitted that the Petitioner has purchased total quantum of 15.047 MUs against the 18.273 MUs as specified for the FY 2024-25. Accordingly, Petitioner has actually achieved 24.62% against the specified target of 29.91% by the Commission and there is a shortfall of 5.29% of RPO obligation by the Petitioner. He submitted that the Petitioner had made sincere efforts to fulfil the RPO for FY 2024-25 but could not meet the RPO obligation because of notification of GERC' RPO Regulations, 2025 wherein the Commission has increased the RPO targets from 20.70% to 29.91%. He further submitted that as per the provisions of GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2022, the Petitioner had successfully complied with the RPO targets by achieving 24.62% against the old target of 20.70% during FY 2024-25. He submitted that the Petitioner has to fulfil the Energy Storage Obligation (ESO) of 1% for FY 2024-25 but the same was not fulfilled by the Petitioner due to new notification of GERC' RPO Regulations, 2025 on 12.08.2025. Accordingly, he requested the Commission to revise the RPO and ESO targets and exempt the Petitioner from compliance of the same for FY 2024-25.

3. We have considered the submissions made by the Petitioner. We note that the Petitioner has filed present Petition seeking revision in minimum quantum of purchase (in %) from renewable energy sources for FY 2024-25 under the provisions of Regulations 4.1 and 4.2 of GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 for its licensee area. We further note that the Commission has notified GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2025 on 12.08.2025 stipulating RPO target for FY 2024-25 to FY 2029-30, by repealing its previous GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2010 and its amendments. The Commission has specified RPO targets for different RE categories along with storage obligations.

3.1. We note that pursuant to directives of the Commission in Daily Order dated 30.05.2026, the Petitioner vide its letter dated 05.06.2026 has amended the present Petition and also filed amended Petition in the present matter. We further note that Regulation 9 of the RPO Regulations, 2025 provides that the Obligated Entities shall require to file a Petition before the Commission after completion of respective financial year providing the details of the Renewable Purchase Obligation and ESO fulfilled by them in compliance to the provisions of the Regulations. Accordingly, the Commission is required to verify the RPO & ESO compliance of the obligated entities in accordance with the RPO & ESO targets set out in RPO Regulations, 2025 and the

obligated entities are required to file Petition before the Commission providing the details of RPO fulfilled by them in compliance to the RPO Regulations, 2025, which also includes FY 2024-25.

3.2. We also note that the Hon'ble APTEL in its judgement dated 25.04.2014 in Appeal No. 24 of 2013 and IA No. 39 of 2013 has directed the State Commission that after completion of the financial year, the State Commission has to review the actual performance in respect of RPO and pass necessary directions as per the Regulations either Suo- motu or on a Petition filed by an obligated entity. Such review should be subject to public notice to invite comments, suggestions and objections from all the stakeholders. Thus, for annual review of RPO or otherwise by the State Commission either Suo-motu or on application from an obligated entity, the suggestions and objections of the public are required to be invited.

3.3. According to above directions of Hon'ble APTEL, it is necessary to issue a public notice and invite suggestions/objections from all the stakeholders in the matter pertaining to compliance of RPO by the obligated entities. We note that the Petitioner has filed the amended Petition for the RPO compliance for FY 2024-25 as per the GERC' RPO Regulations, 2025. We, therefore, decide that it is necessary to conduct a public hearing to take into consideration the views of the stakeholders before deciding the matter. The Petitioner is, 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 from the stakeholders stating that they have filed Petition No. 2575 of 2025 before the Commission alongwith its amendment in the subject matter and relief sought therein. The Petitioner is also directed to upload the present Petition with all the relevant documents/amendment so far filed before the Commission in the present matter, on its website 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 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, 6th Floor, GIFT ONE, Road 5C, Zone 5, GIFT City, Gandhinagar – 382 050 in five copies along with affidavit in support of their submissions with a copy to the Petitioner. The Petitioner is directed to file compliance affidavit before the Commission stating that the Petitioner has issued public notice in compliance to the direction issued by the Commission.

3.4. The staff of the Commission is also directed to upload the Petition along with all the relevant documents/amendment so far filed before the Commission, on the website of the Commission inviting comments/suggestions/views from the stakeholders after a compliance affidavit from the Petitioner stating that the public notice as directed above has been issued by the Petitioner in the newspaper and uploaded the Petition on the website of the Petitioner.

4. Next date of hearing will be intimated separately.

5. Order accordingly.

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

Place: Gandhinagar.
Date: 11/09/2026.