

**BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR**

Petition No. 2345 of 2024.

In the matter of:

Petition under Section 63 read with 86 (1) (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for seeking adoption of tariff discovered under Competitive bidding process conducted vide RfS No. GUVNL/1125 MW/ Khavda/ Solar (Phase XXIII) dated 29.01.2024 issued by GUVNL for procurement of power through competitive bidding process (followed by e-reverse auction) from 1125 MW Grid Connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Projects to be set up in GSECL's RE Park at Khavda (GSECL Stage - 3) without energy storage.

And

IA No. 12 of 2024 in Petition No. 2345 of 2024.

In the matter of:

Application for urgent listing of Petition No. 2345 of 2024.

Applicant/Petitioner : Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited
Represented by : Mr. H.N. Shah and Mr. A.H. Chavda

V/s.

Respondent No. 1 : Engie Energy India Pvt. Limited
Represented by : Nobody was present.
Respondent No. 2 : NHPC Limited
Represented by : Mr. Alok Ranjan Tiwary and Mr. Vikas
Respondent No. 3 : JSW Neo Energy Limited
Represented by : Ms. Mansi Rawat and Mr. Jatin Sharma
Respondent No. 4 : SJVN Green Energy Limited
Represented by : Nobody was present.
Respondent No. 5 : NTPC Renewable Energy Limited

Represented by

:

Mr. Nabin Kumar Tripathi

CORAM:

Anil Mukim, Chairman

Mehul M. Gandhi, Member

S. R. Pandey, Member

Date: 02/05/2024.

DAILY ORDER

1. The matter was kept for hearing on 06.04.2024.
2. Mr. H.N. Shah appearing on behalf of the Applicant/Petitioner GUVNL submitted that the present Petition has been filed seeking adoption of tariff discovered under Competitive bidding process conducted vide RfS No. GUVNL/1125 MW/ Khavda/ Solar (Phase XXIII) dated 29.01.2024 issued by GUVNL for procurement of power through Competitive Bidding Process (followed by e-reverse auction) from 1125 MW Grid Connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Projects to be set up in GSECL's RE Park at Khavda (GSECL Stage - 3) without energy storage.
 - 2.1. It is submitted that the Applicant/Petitioner has floated the tender on 31.01.2024 in two national newspapers wherein tariff discovered as Rs. 2.62-Rs. 2.67 per unit for 1125 MW. It is requested the Commission to adopt the tariff discovered by the Applicant/Petitioner in the transparent competitive bidding process conducted vide RfS dated 29.01.2024.
 - 2.2. In response to the query of the Commission regarding the recent discovered tariff under tender issued by the Applicant/Petitioner vide RFS No. GUVNL/600 MW/Khavda/Solar (Phase XXI) dated 04.07.2023 for procurement of power 600 MW grid connected solar PV Power Projects to be set in GIPCL's RE park at Khavda wherein the tariff was discovered as Rs. 2.54-2.55 per unit whereas in RfS dated 29.01.2024 under the present Petition, the tariff was discovered as Rs. 2.62 -Rs. 2.67 per unit and what are reasons and justification for such difference in tariff discovered within the span of such short period? Further, it is observed that the tariff discovered in bidding process are reducing in different bidding process, the price of solar modules price also seems reducing trends, whether Bid Evaluation

Committee has observed any details in this regard, the representative for the Applicant/Petitioner has requested to grant time for providing justification with proper reasons on affidavit for the same.

3. We have considered the submissions made by the Petitioner. We note that Applicant/Petitioner has filed this Petition seeking adoption of tariff discovered under Competitive bidding process conducted vide RfS No. GUVNL/1125 MW/ Khavda/ Solar (Phase XXIII) dated 29.01.2024 issued by GUVNL for procurement of power through Competitive Bidding Process (followed by e-reverse auction) from 1125 MW Grid Connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Projects to be set up in GSECL's RE Park at Khavda (GSECL Stage - 3) without energy storage. We also note that the Applicant/Petitioner has filed IA being IA No. 12 of 2024 in Petition No. 2345 of 2024 for urgent listing of Petition No. 2345 of 2024.
 - 3.1. We note that when the matter was called out, nobody was present on behalf of the Respondents No. 1 & 4, although the hearing notice was issued for the hearing to them. Moreover, the Commission has not received any communication from the Respondents about its inability to remain present in today's hearing on 06.04.2024.
 - 3.2. We have been observing that in many Petitions for adoption of tariff before this Commission, the Petitioner GUVNL has not been stating fully about solar modules prices etc and the Commission had to seek such information. We also note that the Petitioner is not submitted all details pertaining to present bidding process, i.e., all the details since initiation of bidding process by publishing the public notice to completion of bidding process and filing of the Petition before the Commission for adoption of tariff. The Petitioner is, therefore, directed to provide the same within weeks' time in the present matter and also now onwards for all adoption of tariff petition.
 - 3.3. We also note that the Petitioner has made their submissions and completed their arguments in the matter. As recorded above, as the representative of the Applicant/Petitioner has agreed to provide justification with proper reasons on affidavit regarding the difference in tariff discovered in RfS dated 04.07.2023 & and RfS dated 29.01.2024, we direct the Applicant/Petitioner to file the same,

within 10 days, from the date of this Order. The matter is reserved for Order thereafter.

3.4. The IA No. 12 of 2024 filed by the Applicant/Petitioner for urgent listing of the main Petition shall stand disposed of with this hearing and Order.

4. Order accordingly.

Sd/-
[S. R. Pandey]
Member

Sd/-
[Mehul M. Gandhi]
Member

Sd/-
[Anil Mukim]
Chairman

Place: Gandhinagar

Date: 02/05/2024.

