

**AGENDA NOTE  
FOR  
THE 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING OF THE CO-ORDINATION FORUM**

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Date:	<b>24<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>
Time:	<b>11:30 AM</b>
Venue:	Hotel Grand Mercure, GIFT City, Gandhinagar - 382 050.

Sr. No.	Agenda Item
1.	Approval of the minutes of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Co-Ordination Forum held on 31.08.2023
2.	Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 22 <sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Co-Ordination Forum
3.	Regulations notified by the Commission
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7.	Implementation of directions given in the Minutes of 26th Meeting held on 19.02.2026 to review the performance of CGRFs and Ombudsman
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**Item No. 1: Approval of the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Co-Ordination Forum held on 31.08.2023**

GERC vide its letter no. GERC/TECH-1/2023/1895 dated 09.10.2023 circulated minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Co-ordination forum held on 31.08.2023 at Hotel Grand Mercure, GIFT City, Gandhinagar. Since, no comments have been received from the members, Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting may be treated as approved.

**Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Co-Ordination Forum**

In Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Co-ordination Forum, no specific directions were given to the utilities.

**Item No. 3: Regulations notified by the Commission**

The Ministry of Power, Government of India notified the Electricity (Rights of Consumer) Rules, 2020. State Electricity Regulators have been directed either to amend existing Regulations or make new Regulations to align the Regulations with the said Rules. Accordingly, the Commission has notified the follow Regulations:

- (i) GERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2023 (Notification No. 1 of 2023) dated 06.12.2023 [Corrigendum in Notification No. 1 of 2023 was notified on 01.01.2024]
- (ii) GERC (Standard of Performance of Distribution Licensee) Regulations, 2023 (Notification No. 2 of 2023) dated 06.12.2023
- (iii) GERC (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum and Ombudsman) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2023 (Notification No. 3 of 2023) dated 06.12.2023
- (iv) GERC (Security Deposit) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2023 (Notification No. 4 of 2023) dated 06.12.2023
- (v) GERC (Licensee's Power to Recover Expenditure incurred in providing Supply and other Miscellaneous Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2023 (Notification No. 5 of 2023) dated 06.12.2023

Apart from these, the Commission has also notified following Regulations:

- (i) GERC (Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024 (Notification No. 12 of 2024) dated 06.08.2024
- (ii) GERC (Electricity Supply Code and Related Matters) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2024 (Notification No. 14 of 2024) dated 23.09.2024

- (iii) GERC (Licensee's Power to Recover Expenditure incurred in providing Supply and other Miscellaneous Charges) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2024 (Notification No. 15 of 2024) dated 23.09.2024
- (iv) GERC (Licensee's Power to Recover Expenditure incurred in providing Supply and other Miscellaneous Charges) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2025 (Notification No. 9 of 2025) dated 14.10.2025
- (v) GERC (Net Metering Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2024 (Notification No. 13 of 2024) dated 06.09.2024
- (vi) GERC (Net Metering Rooftop Solar PV Grid Interactive Systems) (Fifth Amendment) Regulations, 2025 (Notification No. 10 of 2025) dated 03.11.2025
- (vii) GERC (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) Regulations, 2024. (Notification No. 8 of 2024) dated 21.02.2024
- (viii) GERC (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2024 (Notification No. 16 of 2024) dated 23.09.2024
- (ix) GERC (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2025 (Notification No. 6 of 2025) dated 28.03.2025
- (x) GERC (Terms & Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2025 (Notification No. 8 of 2025) dated 25.09.2025
- (xi) GERC (Terms and Conditions for Green Energy Open Access) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026 (Notification No. 2 of 2026) dated 30.03.2026
- (xii) GERC (Procurement of Energy from Renewable Sources) Regulations, 2025 (Notification No. 7 of 2025) dated 12.08.2025

Further, the Commission issued following Orders on Tariff Framework for procurement of power by distribution licensees and other from wind-solar and storage, hybrid projects for the State of Gujarat and also on Tariff Framework for procurement of power by Distribution Licensees and others from Municipal Solid Waste to Energy projects in the State of Gujarat:

- (i) Tariff Framework for Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees and Others from Wind-Solar Hybrid Projects including storage, if any, and other commercial issues for the State of Gujarat. (Order No. 1 of 2024 dated 22.02.2024)
- (ii) Determination of Generic Tariff and Other Terms and Conditions for Procurement of Power by Distribution Licensees from Municipal Solid Waste to Energy Projects in the State of Gujarat. (Order No. 2 of 2024 dated 22.02.2024)
- (iii) Tariff Framework for Procurement of Power by Distribution licensees and Others from Wind Power Projects for State of Gujarat. (Order No. 5 of 2024 dated 31.08.2024)
- (iv) Tariff Framework for Procurement of Power by Distribution licensees and Others from Solar Power Projects and other Commercial issues for the for State of Gujarat. (Order No. 6 of 2024 dated 31.08.2024)

- (v) Determination of tariff for procurement of power by Distribution Licensees and others from Biomass based Power Projects and Bagasse based Co-generation projects for the State of Gujarat. (Order No. 2 of 2025 dated 21.03.2025)
- (vi) Methodology for Co-Firing of Biomass Pellets and Recovery of it's in the Fixed and variable Charges/Energy charge Rate (ECR) in Biomass Co-Fired Thermal Power Plants. (Order No. 3 of 2025 dated 13.08.2025)

### **GERC (Multi-Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024**

The Commission has notified the GERC (MYT) Regulations, 2024 as Notification No. 12 of 2024 [GERC-REG-TRF-12-2024] along with Statement of Reasons for 4<sup>th</sup> Control period i.e. FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30 on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024. The same have also been hosted on the website of the Commission.

Salient features of GERC (MYT) Regulations, 2024 are as under:

1. A defined 5-year horizon (2025–2030) provides predictability in tariff, investment planning, and operational improvements for utilities, while giving consumers tariff stability.
2. In case of Controllable factors, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the gains to be passed on in the tariff as rebate, while 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the losses to be passed on as additional charge in tariff to the beneficiaries, users, consumers. In case of Uncontrollable factors (e.g., taxes, fuel prices), 100% pass-through on account of gain/loss. This ensures that consumers get tariff benefits whenever utilities perform better and Utilities remain protected against external risks.
3. Additional RoE is linked to measurable performance parameters such as Availability, Loss reduction, CGRF efficiency, Smart metering rollout and SCADA uptime etc.. This ensures rewards for efficiency (licensee) and improved quality/reliability (consumer).
4. Transmission & distribution licensees get additional RoE for achieving loss levels below trajectory which encourages them strong loss-reduction programs, benefitting consumers via reduced power purchase cost.
5. Improved Power Procurement Planning for Cost Efficiency: Utilities must adopt Resource Adequacy norms, LT-DRAP vetted by CEA and Optimistic/BAU/Pessimistic demand forecasting using AI/ML tools. This ensures reliable supply to consumers and minimizes costly short-term power purchases for utilities.

### **Item No. 4: Tariff Orders issued by the Commission**

The regulated Distribution Licensee viz. Dakshin Gujarat Vij Company Ltd. (DGVCL), Madhya Gujarat Vij Company Ltd. (MGVCL), Paschim Gujarat Vij Company Ltd. (PGVCL) and Uttar Gujarat Vij Company Ltd. (UGVCL), Torrent Power Ltd. - Distribution (Ahmedabad), Torrent Power Ltd. - Distribution (Surat), Torrent Power Ltd. - Distribution (Dahej), Torrent Power Ltd. - Distribution (Dholera), MPSEZ Utilities Limited (MUL), GIFT

Power Company Limited (GIFT PCL), AspenPark Infra Vadodara Pvt. Limited (AIVPL) except Jubilant Infrastructure Limited (JIL) and Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) have filed their Tariff Petitions in the matter of Truing up of FY 2024-25, Approval of revised ARR for FY 2026-27 and Determination of Tariff for FY 2026-27 in accordance with the GERC (MYT) Regulations, 2024. Subsequently, these petitions have been registered. In line with the Commission's directives to ensure transparency and public participation, the Licensees published their petitions in newspapers and invited comments and suggestions from stakeholders. The objections and suggestions received were duly examined, and public hearings were conducted on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2026, wherein individuals, consumer representatives and various organizations actively participated. After detailed deliberation and due regulatory process, the Commission issued the Tariff Orders on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

Key highlights of the Tariff Orders dated 25<sup>th</sup> March 2026 are as follows:

1. No change in scheduled tariff rates for the consumers of State Owned Discoms and Torrent Power Limited (Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar and Surat areas).
2. For the Electricity Consumers of the State Owned Discoms:
  - a. Rebate on Prepaid Smart Meter: Current rebate of 2% increased to 3% on Energy Charges for consumers who opts for pre-paid Smart-metering and billing arrangement.
  - b. Time of Use (ToU) Discount:
    - i. The benefit of ToU Discount is now made available to RGP, GLP, NRGP, LTMD and LT EV Charging Station consumers having Smart Meters with Postpaid Billing also, instead of earlier requirement of Prepaid Billing.
    - ii. Duration of Time of Use discount of 60 paise per unit expanded from current 1100 Hrs. to 1500 Hrs. (i.e. 4 hours in a day) to 1100 Hrs. to 1700 Hrs. (i.e. 6 hours in a day) for the consumers of RGP, GLP, NRGP, LTMD, LT EV Charging Station, HTP-I, HTP-II and HT EV Charging Station.
    - iii. Applicability of Time of Use discount expanded to all the waterworks connections, removing the requirement of connected load to be 50 HP and above.

Modification in conditionality of ToU discount is carried out with an intent to pass on the benefit of cheaper solar power available in the grid during daytime to the end consumers-

- c. Time of Use (ToU) Charges for LT Category: It is stipulated that ToU Charges from NRGP / LTMD / LT EV Charging Station category shall be levied only if meter with ToD recording facility is provided at consumer's installation. The Commission has modified the Tariff Schedule so as to ensure that while levying ToU Charges, the consumers shall get ToU Discount also.

- d. Green Power Tariff: Additional Tariff Rate for ‘Green Power Tariff’ is reduced from existing level of ₹ 0.90 per kwh to ₹ 0.75 per kWh.
3. For the Electricity Consumers of the Torrent Power limited (Ahmedabad- Gandhinagar and Surat):
    - a. Introduction of Solar Hours Rebate for HTMD I, HTMD II, HTMD-METRO TRACTION category: Current provision of Nighttime concession is replaced by Solar Hours rebate for the consumption of electricity during 1100 Hrs. to 1500 Hrs. of a day at the rate of 30 Paisa per kWh in view of present power supply / demand scenario.
    - b. Modification in time slots for Time of Use charges: In view of present power supply / demand scenario, current time slots of (a) 1200 Hrs. to 1700 Hrs. & 1830 Hrs. to 2130 Hrs. (Ahmedabad & Gandhinagar); and (b) 0700 Hrs. to 1100 Hrs & 1800 Hrs. to 2200 Hrs. (Surat) for Time of Use charges are changed to 0600 Hrs. to 0800 Hrs. & 1700 Hrs. to 2300 Hrs. for Ahmedabad, Gandhinagar & Surat.
    - c. Green Power Tariff: Additional Tariff Rate for ‘Green Power Tariff’ is reduced from existing level of ₹ 0.90 per kWh to ₹ 0.75 per kWh.
  4. The actual distribution losses as reported by utilities for FY 2024-25 are lower than the target given by the Commission except DGVCL.
    - The Discoms are requested to apprise the Forum about the status of the Time of Use (ToU) Discount made available to the consumers post the changes made by the Commission in the Tariff Schedule for FY 2026-27.
    - A study for introduction of Dynamic Tariff is required to be undertaken by the Discoms in the wake of widespread installation of Smart meters. In this regard the Discoms are requested to present their thoughts on the commencement of the said study.

**Item No. 5: Compliance of Directions as per GERC (Standards of Performance of Distribution Licensees) Regulations, 2023**

The Commission, vide letter dated 14.07.2025 (attached as **Annexure 1**), directed the Discoms to comply with various clauses of the SoP Regulations as under:

- Regulation 3.3 : Preparation and submission of Manual of Practice for Handling Consumer Complaints.
- Regulation 5.3 : Automation System to capture data directly from the feeder monitoring system and submission of Plan for installation of DT meters and AMR system.

- Regulation 5.11 : Submission of Action Taken Report on fatal electrocution accidents.
  - Regulation 7.2 : Submission of Quarterly, Half-yearly, Annual SOP Reports to the Commission and Electricity Ombudsman as per time limit specified in the Regulations.
  - Regulation 7.4 : Formation of Annual Review Committee.
- The Discoms shall apprise the Commission on the status of compliance to direction given in SOP Regulations.

**Item No. 6: Implementation of Orders of the CGRF / Electricity Ombudsman**

The Discoms shall apprise the Forum about the mechanism established within the Discom to ensure timely implementation of orders of CGRF / Electricity Ombudsman. The Discoms shall brief the Forum about % of CGRF / Electricity Ombudsman orders implemented within the specified time limit.

Further, it is observed by the Commission that the Discoms are challenging the order issued by the Electricity Ombudsman before the Hon'ble High Court as a routine practice. While acknowledging such rights available to the Discoms under the Constitution, the Commission is of the view that prior to approaching the Hon'ble High Court, the Discoms should critically analyse the order of the Electricity Ombudsman so as to ensure that the motive of the Electricity Act, 2003 to provide speedy redressal of grievances of the consumers is fulfilled.

- The Discoms shall apprise the Forum about their views on this aspect and steps that shall be taken by them in establishing a mechanism for critical analysis of orders of the Electricity Ombudsman prior to challenging the same before the Hon'ble High Court.

**Item No. 7: Implementation of directions given in the Minutes of 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 19.02.2026 to review the performance of CGRFs and Ombudsman**

The Commission has given certain directions to the CGRFs / Discoms during the 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 19.02.2026 to review the performance of CGRFs and Ombudsman and same were also recorded in the Minutes of Meeting (attached as **Annexure 2**).

- Respective Utilities shall brief the Forum about implementation of the said directives.

**Item No. 8: Using Smart Meter Data Analytics for Data-Driven Discom Operations**

Smart meter deployments are generating granular, near real-time consumption data, but their value shall remain underutilized due to gaps in analytics capability, system integration, and data quality. Globally, utilities are using such data for load forecasting, outage prediction, loss

detection, demand-side management, and consumer engagement, shifting from reactive operations to predictive, data-driven network management.

There is a need to move beyond meter installation targets toward structured data utilization through integrated analytics platforms combining AMI, MDMS, billing, GIS, and SCADA systems. Effective use of smart meter data can enable precise energy accounting, targeted loss reduction, optimized capex planning, reduced operational costs, and improved consumer transparency. However, realization of these benefits requires focused efforts in data governance, system readiness, capacity building, and process transformation within Discoms.

In this context, Discoms shall apprise the Forum regarding the current status of smart meter data utilization, including analytics initiatives undertaken, system integration efforts, specific operational use cases implemented, and measurable outcomes achieved. Discoms may also indicate key challenges, data gaps, and their roadmap for scaling up data-driven operations to fully leverage smart meter data.

Moreover, the Discoms shall ensure that the quarterly reports regarding progress of replacement of old Meters with Smart Meters in the specified format are submitted to the Commission in timely manner.

**Item No. 9: Representations from Members / Consumers for discussion during the meeting**

(1) Representation from GIPCL

GIPCL has requested to deliberate on the issue of RE Power Curtailment due to Grid issue and evolving a compensatory mechanism to overcome the financial loss to RE Generators.

GETCO / SLDC are requested to present their views on the said representation.

(2) Representation from Adani Power Ltd.

Adani Power Ltd. has requested that the GERC (Gujarat Electricity Grid Code) Regulations, 2013 may be amended in line with the CERC Grid Code Amendment, 2024 to allow compensation against degradation in Station Heat Rate and Auxiliary Consumption to the Section 63 thermal generating stations (intra-state or inter-state having control area jurisdiction of SLDC) whose tariffs are adopted by the Commission under Section 63 of the Electricity Act 2003 on account of partial loading of machines. This will ensure a level playing field for the thermal generating stations under Section 63 vis-à-vis Section 62 stations within the State of Gujarat and TPPs outside the State.

(3) Representation from DGVCL

The issue of energy accounting by State Load Dispatch Centre (SLDC) in respect of the RE generators connected at 11 kV Network:

In case of the solar power generator, SLDC is presently certifying the generation at injection point i.e. nearest 66 kV GETCO substation where connectivity is granted. However, in terms of the applicable provisions of the GERC Order / Regulations, the energy recorded at injection point is required to be apportioned proportionately among all the generator connected through common evacuation line, with respect to the generation recorded at the respective ABT meters installed at the plant end.

At present, SLDC certifies gross injection of generation; in the name of lead generator; of all SPGs connected through common evacuation line and it does not certify proportionately apportioned generation of individual solar power projects. Thus, in absence of SPG wise generation certification by SLDC, Discoms are not having audit / scrutiny yardstick for segregated generation on monthly basis. Therefore, it is imperative that SLDC, being vested authority for energy certification of all generators in terms of the GERC Grid Code 2013 & GERC ABT Order 2006; along with its amendments, certifies gross injection of generation along with proportionate apportioned generation for each solar power plants individually, in order to ensure accurate and prudent energy accounting and settlement. The energy generation certification of each solar plant is essential for prudent energy settlement. The non-availability of certified, generator-wise generation data may amount to grievances regarding prudence & transparency of energy settlement carried out by Discoms.

Moreover, considering the provision of GERC Forecasting & Scheduling Regulation 2019, SLDC does not certifies the generation of solar or wind power projects having aggregate project capacity of 1 MW or below. However, the relevant provisions of aforesaid regulations stipulates that the provision for DSM mechanism shall not be applicable in case of solar & wind power projects having aggregate capacity of up to 1 MW. Furthermore, GERC Grid Code 2013 read with GERC Green Open Access Regulation 2024 stipulates for certification of energy accounting for all generators, irrespective of project capacity, by nodal agency.

Therefore, considering harmonious and collective interpretation of applicable Regulations, SLDC is vested authority to certify aggregate as well as individual generation individually for all RE generators, irrespective of its project capacity.

In case of standalone wind turbine generator & wind solar hybrid power projects, SLDC carry outs energy accounting and certifying turbine wise & allocation wise wind energy generation, irrespective of its installed capacity. Moreover, the block wise monthly generation data shall be available on the SLDC website / online facility maintained by SLDC, in line with the block wise schedule & actual injection available for in-state entities for bilateral & collective transactions on EASS portal.

- GETCO / SLDC shall apprise the Forum about how the representations from DGVCL can be taken care of.

**Item No. 10: Presentation on Transmission Network Status by GETCO**

**Item No. 11: Presentation on performance of the generating stations by GSECL**

**Item No. 12: Presentation on Power Sector Scenario by GUVNL**

**Item No. 13: Any other item with the permission of Chair**

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