

**AGENDA NOTE
FOR
THE 28TH MEETING OF THE STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Date:	22nd April 2026
Time:	11:30 AM
Venue:	Hotel Grand Mercure, GIFT City, Gandhinagar - 382 050.

Sr. No.	Agenda Item
1.	Approval of the minutes of the 27 th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee held on 29.08.2023
2.	Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 27 th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee
3.	Regulations notified by the Commission
4.	Tariff Orders issued by the Commission
5.	Representation of Members / Consumers for discussion during the meeting
6.	Standard of Performance of Distribution Utilities for FY 2024-25
7.	Any other Item with the permission of Chair.

Item No. 1: Approval of the minutes of the 27th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee held on 29.08.2023

GERC vide its letter no. GERC/ADM/2023/1894 dated 09.10.2023 circulated minutes of the 27th Meeting of State Advisory Committee held on 29.08.2023 at Hotel Grand Mercure, GIFT City, Gandhinagar. Since, no comments have been received from the members, Minutes of the 27th Meeting may be treated as approved.

Item No. 2: Action Taken Report on the minutes of the 27th Meeting of the State Advisory Committee

Item No. 2.1: Levy of property tax on electricity network by Municipal Corporation in TPL's license area

The Members were briefed about the issue in detail by Torrent Power Limited (TPL) where the issue arose due to levy of property tax on electricity network by Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation (AMC) and thus creating discrimination amongst consumers of four State Owned Discoms and consumers of TPL. Energy and Petrochemicals Department, GoG has taken up this issue with Urban Development Department, GoG and follow up is being taken on regular intervals.

In this regard EPD vide letter dated 15.09.2023 informed the Commission that the matter was submitted to the State Government through Urban Development & Urban Housing Department (UD&UHD), GoG, for further consideration and approval. In this regard, UD&UHD has regretted the same by stating that the proposal for granting exemption to M/s. Torrent Power Ltd. from the payment of Municipal Taxes etc. may adversely affect the revenue resources of the Local Bodies.

Item No. 2.4: Review of Electrical Accidents

The Committee was apprised about measures taken by Discoms to curb electrical accidents. Discoms were asked to make a brief note of all the measures taken and their impact on curbing of electrical accidents for the information of Members of the SAC. Further, TPL was asked to organise safety awareness camps for consumers of Gandhinagar area and inform about the measures taken to establish complaint centre in the Gandhinagar area.

In this regard PGVCL, vide letter dated 09.02.2024 (kept as **Annexure-1**), informed the Commission about the activities carried out and various actions taken to prevent electrical accidents in Networks and increase general awareness in citizen. Further, employees' safety awareness program and monitoring of safety related activity by daily morning work distribution and taking oath in presence of SDO with photograph were asked. Also, to enforce line staff to use safety gadgets, daily one photograph of each division where employee is working in the field with use of safety gadgets have been asked and it cultivated habit among the line staff for adoption and regular utilization of safety gadgets. Moreover, as a continuous

effort, to further improve safety and safe working practices, PGVCL has taken various additional efforts for prevention of Departmental accidents. As a result of these, the nos. of incidents of accident occurred is observed in reducing trend.

TPL, vide letter dated 08.10.2024 (kept as **Annexure-2**), submitted the key measures / initiatives taken by it and its impact on curbing electrical accident. Regarding organizing safety awareness camps for consumers of Gandhinagar area, TPL submitted that two safety camps have been conducted in Gandhinagar area wherein comprehensive awareness has been provided on the subject of electrical safety, ELCB, earthing, awareness of TPL Plug point, Helpline, etc. Regarding awareness of complaint centre, TPL submitted that information about customer centre (Plug point) is updated in all bills printed, customer connect portal and mobile application. In the mobile application, office location with map is available for easy accessibility. Additionally directive signage is available at the crossroad.

Item No. 4: Issues of Members - Issue raised by GCCI:

GCCI had raised issues regarding mandatory provision of room and Air Conditioner (AC) for installation of ABT meter (particularly in DGVCL area) and the GERC has directed GUVNL to provide suitable reply on the matter.

In this regard, GUVNL has informed the Commission that DISCOMs viz. UGVCL, PGVCL & MGVCL have confirmed that they are not insisting consumers to install AC for fixing of ABT meter whereas DGVCL vide letter dated 02.10.2023 (with copy to GCCI) has passed necessary instruction to their field offices regarding non-requirement of separate air conditioned room for installing ABT Meter at the premises of Open Access Consumers.

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 Pellatts 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 4th Control period i.e. FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30 on 6th 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, 2/3rd of the gains to be passed on in the tariff as rebate, while 1/3rd 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 State-owned utilities and other Distribution Licensees filed their tariff petitions comprising the Truing-up of FY 2023-24 in accordance with the GERC (MYT) Regulations, 2016, and the MYT Petitions for approval of Aggregate Revenue Requirement for each year of the 4th Control Period (FY 2025-26 to FY 2029-30) along with the Determination of Tariff for FY 2025-26 as per the provisions of the GERC (MYT) Regulations, 2024. These petitions, submitted along with the audited Annual Accounts, were scrutinized to ensure adherence to the principles and methodologies prescribed under the 2024 Regulations. 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 24th and 25th February 2025, wherein individuals, consumer representatives and various organizations actively participated. After detailed deliberation and due regulatory process, the Commission issued the Tariff Orders on 29th and 31st March 2025.

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 24th and 25th 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 25th March 2026.

Key highlights of the Tariff Orders dated 25th 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 Paise 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 Committee about the status of the Time of Use (ToU) Discount made available to the consumers.**

Item No. 5: Representation of Members / Consumers for discussion during the meeting

(1) Representation from Gujarat Krushi Vij Grahak Suraksha Sangh

The Commission has received representation dated 05.09.2024 and 19.09.2024 from Gujarat Krushi Vij Grahak Suraksha Sangh (GKVGSS) (kept as **Annexure-3** and **Annexure-4**, respectively), wherein GKVGSS has requested for more Electricity Ombudsman in the State. Further, GKVGSS has also requested to form the “System Improvement Committee”.

- **The DISCOMs are requested to present their views on the said representations.**

(2) Representation from Rajkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Rajkot Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI), vide letter dated 09.09.2024, has submitted that the Commission has granted the benefit of per Kilometre cost calculation in case of applications need laying or extension of the HT Line. This will be helpful to HT consumers seeking new connection or extension of HT Line.

However, it is submitted that this cost calculation benefits should equally be extended to the existing LT consumers intending conversion from LT to HT or extension in existing HT connection. The calculation and recovery of cost as per sub-clause 4.2 (i) and 4.2 (ii) of the GERC (Licensee’s Power to Recover Expenditure incurred in providing Supply and other Miscellaneous Charges) Regulations, 2005 will provide a helping hand to a very big quantum of L.T. consumers.

- **The DISCOMs are requested to present their views on the said representations.**

(3) Representation from Bhavnagar District Chamber of Commerce & Industries

Bhavnagar District Chamber of Commerce & Industries, vide letter dated 16.01.2026, has submitted as below:

- (i) Distribution Cables from all sub-stations under Bhavnagar Circle Office for distribution to customers are very old and damaged resulting in faults and tripping of power. Representations are made several times to change such cables.
- (ii) Work for establishing 220 kVA Maglana sub-station near Sihor-Ghanghli Road, which is an Industrial Belt, is going on since year 2022 and new HT connections are not given as Maglana sub-station is not being charged.
- (iii) GETCO is going to start one new Zonal Office and Four Circle Offices. Regarding this decision of GETCO, it is suggested to establish Zonal Office and One Circle office at Bhavnagar. Board of GETCO has accepted this demand and has sent the proposal to Energy & Petrochemicals Department, Government of Gujarat, for due sanction. It is requested to take necessary steps to expedite necessary sanction from the Government.
- (iv) Though there is a Zonal Office of PGVCL at Bhavnagar with Addl. Chief Engineer as its head, for the first time PGVCL has withdrawn powers of this Zonal Office to Sanction new connections and now Corporate Office is sanctioning new Power Connections for Bhavnagar Zone. This is time consuming and delays release of connections. There is no meaning of establishing Zonal Office if it has no powers even to sanction new connections. The reasons for curtailing powers of zonal office can't be understood.
- (v) In every distribution zone and transmission zone, an advisory committee comprising of various groups of stakeholders should be established to solve various issues at local level.
- (vi) Recently, PGVCL is accepting payment only through online mode along with applications for new connections, load extensions, etc. Such provision is cumbersome and non-feasible for small applicants. There is provision in supply code of GERC for making payment through online and offline modes. Applications and all payments should be allowed offline also.

➤ **The DISCOMs / GETCO are requested to present their views on the said representations.**

Item No. 6: Standard of Performance of Distribution Utilities for FY 2024-25

The Commission has notified the GERC (Standard of Performance of Distribution Licensee) Regulations, 2023 (Notification No. 2 of 2023) dated 06.12.2023. as per the said Regulations, the Licensee shall furnish information as to the Standards of Performance in the formats specified in the Regulations for every quarter, half year and financial year to the Commission and Ombudsman.

The Commission has received Standard of Performance Reports for FY 2024-25 (Annual) and FY 2025-26 (Q-1, Q-2 & Q-3) from DISCOMs. The details of SAIFI, SAIDI, MAIFI and CAIDI for the abovementioned periods are kept herewith as **Annexure-5** for information of the members.

Item No. 6: Any other item with the permission of Chair.

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