

BEFORE THE GUJARAT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
GANDHINAGAR

Petition No. 2484 of 2025.

In the Matter of:

Petition under Section 63 read with Section 86 (1) (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for seeking adoption of tariff discovered under Competitive Bidding Process conducted vide RfS No. GUVNL/250 MW/ Solar (Phase XXVI) dated 18.01.2025 issued by GUVNL for purchase of power through Competitive Bidding Process (followed by e-reverse auction) from 250 MW Grid connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Projects to be set up/ under construction/already commissioned projects anywhere in India with Greenshoe Option of additional capacity up to 250 MW without energy storage.

Petitioner : Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan
Race Course Circle, Vadodara – 390007.

Represented By : Mr. K.N. Brahmabhatt

V/s.

Respondent No. 1 : Welspun Renewable Energy Limited
8th Floor, Trade World D Block, BKT House,
Kamala Mills Compound, Lower Parel,
Mumbai – 400013, Maharashtra.

Represented By : Nobody was present.

Respondent No. 2 : M/s Avaada Energy Pvt. Limited
C-11, Sector – 65, Noida – 201301, U.P.

Represented By : Nobody was present.

Respondent No. 3 : M/s SAEL Industries Limited
3rd Floor, Unit – 302-305, West Wing

Worldmark – 1, Asset Area No. 11, Aerocity
New Delhi – 110037.

Represented By : Ld. Adv. Mr. Sarvaswa Chhajjer

CORAM:

Mehul M. Gandhi, Member
S.R. Pandey, Member

Date: 22/07/2025.

DAILY ORDER

1. The matter was kept for hearing on 17.07.2025.
2. Mr. K.N. Brahmbhatt, appearing on behalf of the Petitioner GUVNL submitted that the Petitioner has filed the present Petition seeking adoption of tariff discovered under Competitive Bidding Process conducted vide RfS No. GUVNL/250 MW/Solar (Phase XXVI) dated 18.01.2025 issued by GUVNL for purchase of power through Competitive Bidding Process (followed by e-reverse auction) from 250 MW Grid connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Projects to be set up/under construction/already commissioned projects anywhere in India with Greenshoe Option of additional capacity up to 250 MW without energy storage.
- 2.1. The representative appearing on behalf of the Petitioner GUVNL submitted that the Petitioner has initiated the bidding process vide RfS No. GUVNL/250 MW/Solar (Phase XXVI) dated 18.01.2025 and issued a tender notice on 20.01.2025 in two English Daily and one Gujarati

newspapers and last date of bid submission was on 10.02.2025 which was extended up to 17.02.2025. Thereafter, the Petitioner has conducted e-reverse auction on 03.03.2025 on e-bidding portal and there are three successful bidders, viz., (i) Welspun Renewable Energy Limited quoted the capacity of 50 MW as base capacity at the tariff of Rs. 2.60 per unit, (ii) M/s Avaada Energy Pvt. Limited quoted the capacity of 100 MW as base capacity at the tariff of Rs. 2.60 per unit and (iii) M/s SAEL Industries Limited quoted the capacity of 100 MW as base capacity at the tariff of Rs. 2.60 per unit under the said tender. He also submitted that as per the provisions of the RfS, the Petitioner also offered additional capacity to all successful bidders under Greenshoe option equivalent to their won capacity in e-RA at the tariff of Rs. 2.60 per unit, which has been accepted by all three successful bidders.

2.2. In response to the query of the Commission as to whether the Petitioner verify the net worth criteria of all the successful bidders with respect to base capacity and Greenshoe capacity as quoted by them and also whether the Petitioner has placed on record any documents/certificate of Bid Evaluation Committee constituted by the Petitioner wherein they have certified that the Bid Evaluation Committee has verified the net worth criteria of all the successful bidders with their audited books of accounts submitted by the successful bidders as on 31.03.2024 for the base capacity and greenshoe capacity offered by such successful bidders, the representative appearing on behalf of the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner will provide the said documents, if any, in the matter for which one week' time has been sought for.

3. We have considered the submissions made by the Petitioner. We note that the Petitioner has filed this Petition seeking adoption of

tariff discovered under Competitive Bidding Process conducted vide RfS No. GUVNL/250 MW/Solar (Phase XXVI) dated 18.01.2025 issued by GUVNL for procurement of power through Competitive Bidding Process (followed by e-reverse auction) from 250 MW Grid connected Solar Photovoltaic Power Projects to be set up/under construction/already commissioned projects anywhere in India with Greenshoe Option of additional capacity up to 250 MW without energy storage.

- 3.1. We note that when the matter was called out, nobody was present on behalf of the Respondents No. 1 & 2, 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 17.07.2025. However, Office of the Commission is in receipt of the submissions from all the Respondents No. 1 to 3 in the matter.
- 3.2. We have been observing and directing in many Petitions for adoption of tariff before this Commission that the Petitioner GUVNL has not been submitting all relevant details/documents or information to the bidding process etc. and the Commission had to seek such information. We also note that the Commission in Daily Order dated 17.12.2024 in Petition No. 2403 of 2024 has observed that the Petitioner has not submitted all details pertaining to 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. In the present Petition also, it seems that the Petitioner has not provided all the details relating to the present bidding process conducted vide RfS dated 18.01.2025. The

Petitioner is, therefore, once again directed to ensure and provide all the relevant 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, within weeks' time in the present matter, if already not provided and also now onwards for all adoption of tariff petition.

3.3. As recorded above, as the representative of the Petitioner has agreed to place on record relevant submissions as stated in the above Para 2.2 in the present matter, let the same be filed, if any, within week' time, from the date of the hearing.

4. Next date of hearing will be on 24.07.2025 at 11: 30 Hours.

5. Order accordingly.

Sd/-
[S. R. Pandey]
Member

Sd/-
[Mehul M. Gandhi]
Member

Place: Gandhinagar.

Date: 22/07/2025.