

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

Petition No. 58 of 2024
Date of Hearing: 23.04.2025
Date of Order: 24.04.2025

Petition under Section 63, 86 (1) (b) and (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with regulation 16 of the PSERC (Framework for Resource Adequacy) Regulations, 2024, for seeking adoption of capacity wise discovered tariff under competitive bidding process and for the approval of procurement of power from the Solar Project to be installed for the feeder-level Solarisation of 75,000 Grid Connected Agriculture Pump (Component-C of PM Kusum Scheme)

And

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, The Mall, Patiala, Punjab.

...Petitioner

Versus

1. Punjab Energy Development Agency, Plot No. 1-2, Sector 33 D, Chandigarh-160034.
2. The Secretary, Department of Power, Government of Punjab Civil Secretariat-2, Sector 9, Chandigarh.

...Respondents

Commission: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

PSPCL: Sh. Anand K Ganesan, Advocate (through VC)
Sh. Harjeet Singh, ASE/TR-5
Sh. Sanjeev Jain, ASE

PEDA: None

GoP: None

ORDER

The petition was taken up for hearing. Vide order dated 12.12.2024, the Commission approved the power procurement arrangement proposed by PSPCL and the parties were directed to submit on affidavit the justification for the proposed accounting of excess solar injection also towards reduction of GoP's AP subsidy. PSPCL was also directed to file a detailed proposal

for determination of the voltage wise distribution costs proposed to be charged on the solar power for the impugned arrangement of feeder level solarisation.

The petition was taken up for hearing. PSPCL has submitted vide memo no. 5424 dated 07.03.2025 that VP Solar Generation Pvt. Ltd. emerged as the successful bidder. However, the said company defaulted in submitting the requisite Performance Bank Guarantee with PEDDA despite numerous reminders and extensions. Accordingly, PEDDA has cancelled the letter of award dated 20.12.2024 issued in the name of VP Solar and has blacklisted the company, vide letter dated 05.02.2025, for a period of 5 years. PEDDA has also initiated a tendering process for 340 MW cumulative capacity afresh and upon finalization of the same, PSPCL would take steps to approach the Commission for adoption of the tariff so discovered. PSPCL has prayed to withdraw the present Petition, with a liberty to file a fresh petition seeking the Commission's approval upon finalization of the new bidder and tariff determined through the new tender to be floated by PEDDA. PSPCL has further requested the Commission to adjust the fee of Rs. 13,20,000/- paid for filing the present petition for procurement of 264 MW of solar power towards the fee payable for the approval of 340 MW against the new tender to be floated by PEDDA in the subsequent petition.

The Commission has examined the submissions made by PSPCL. Keeping in view the circumstances of this case as mentioned herein above, the present petition is dismissed as withdrawn with a liberty granted to PSPCL to file a fresh petition after finalization of the new tender to be floated by PEDDA. The fee paid by PSPCL in this petition is allowed to be adjusted towards the fee payable by PSPCL for the approval of procurement of power against the new tender to be floated by PEDDA.

Sd/-

(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

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(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh

Dated: **24.04.2025**