JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

FOR THE STATE OF GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES

GURUGRAM

Coram Shri M.K. Goel, Chairperson

Petition No. 26/2019 Date of Hearing: 16.06.2020 Date of Order: 18.06.2020

In the matter of:

Petition under section 86 (1) (e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 5(ii) and Regulation 17 of JERC (Solar PV Grid Interactive System based on Net Metering) Regulations, 2019 imploring this Hon'ble Commission to grant approval for signing the open access agreement and to direct the Respondent to exempt the Petitioner from Open Access Restrictions and associated charges including losses, by exercising its power to relax envisaged under the above Regulations.

And in the matter of:

M/s Waaree PV Technologies Pvt. Ltd., 501, Western Edge – I, Off. Western Express Highway, Borivali (East), Mumbai – 400 066.

And in the matter of:

The Superintending Engineer, Electricity Department, 137, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, Salai (Gingee Salai), Duppuypet, Puducherry – 605 001.

Present

For the Petitioner:

- 1. Shri Hemant Singh, Counsel
- 2. Shri Chetan Kumar Garg, Counsel
- 3. Shri Mridul Chakravarty, Counsel
- 4. Shri Sharad Saxena, Director
- 5. Shri B.C. Bhandari, Chief Financial Officer

For the Respondent:

- 1. Shri R. Murli, Superintending Engineer-cum- HOD, Electricity Department, Puducherry
- 2. Shri V. Sridharan, Superintending Engineer, O & M, Puducherry

Petitioner.....

Respondent......

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<u>ORDER</u>

The Commission heard both the petitioner and the respondent.

The Learned Counsel for the Petitioner advanced his arguments. He explained the issues raised in the petition in detail and requested the Commission to consider this petition under JERC (Grid Connected Solar Power) Regulations, 2015 or under Clause 5(iii) and Clause 17 of the JERC (Solar PV Grid Interactive System based on Net Metering) Regulations, 2019.

Shri R. Murli, Superintending Engineer – cum, HOD, Electricity Department, Puducherry submitted that they have received a copy of the rejoinder from the petitioner only the previous day. In the said rejoinder the petitioner has raised some specific legal issues on which they have sought the legal opinion/clarifications from the legal department to enable them to submit their submissions before the Commission. In order to submit his submissions he has requested the Commission to grant 6 weeks' time. The Commission has considered the request of the respondent and granted him liberty to file his written submissions within 4 weeks i.e by 14th July 2020.

The Commission also directed the Ld. Counsel for Petitioner to submit his written submissions along with complete details of shareholders of the Petitioner and copy of Agreement entered into with M/s Chemfab Alkalis Ltd. within 2 weeks.

Order is reserved.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-(M.K.GOEL) CHAIRPERSON

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