CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No. 55/MP/2019

Subject : Petition under Section 79(1)(c) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read

with Regulation 27 and 33Å of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grant of Connectivity, Long-term and Mediumterm Open Access in inter-State Transmission and related matters) Regulations, 2009 for time extension of achieving financial closure as provided under Clause 9.3.2 of the Detailed Procedure issued by the Central Commission for 'Grant of Connectivity to projects based on Renewable sources to the

inter-State Transmission System' dated 15.5.2018.

Petitioner : Vaayu Renewable Energy (Mevasa) Private Limited

Respondent : Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)

Date of Hearing : 5.9.2019

Coram : Shri P. K. Pujari, Chairperson

Dr. M. K. Iyer, Member Shri I. S. Jha, Member

Parties Present : Shri M.G. Ramachandran, Sr. Advocate, Vaayu Renewable

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Learned senior counsel for the Petitioner submitted that despite change in Land Policy by Government of Gujarat making the Petitioner ineligible for allocation of revenue land, the Petitioner has taken substantial steps to execute its 300 MW wind projects to be connected at Jam-Khambhaliya sub-station. Learned senior counsel submitted that only aspect to be undertaken in regard to the conditions of Stage II connectivity is the financial closure. However, to achieve the financial closure and funding arrangement for the project, the commissioning date of the wind



projects will have to be finalised matching with the commissioning of the Jam-Khambhaliya sub-station and therefore, the Petitioner could only achieve the financial closure once the Respondent firms up the exact date of commissioning of the said sub-station. Learned senior counsel further submitted that as per the application for the Stage- II Connectivity, Petitioner's entire 300 MW Project is expected to be commissioned by 30th June, 2020.

- 2. Learned counsel for the Respondent, PGCIL submitted that the construction of the bay reserved for the Petitioner at Jam-Khambhaliya sub-station has been undertaken on Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) route and is expected to be completed by March, 2021. Learned counsel submitted that PGCIL has been communicating the status of construction to the generators regularly in Joint Coordination Committee Meetings. Learned counsel further submitted that the Detailed Procedure framed under the Connectivity Regulations is to ascertain the readiness of the generators and not of the Respondent. However, if the Commission is of the opinion that there should be corresponding obligation on the Respondent, the Commission may give direction as to the treatment towards milestones provided under the Detailed Procedure for the generators when there is delay on part of the Respondent.
- 3. After hearing the learned senior counsel for the Petitioner and learned counsel for the Respondent, the Commission reserved order in the Petition.

By order of the Commission

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