## CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION **NEW DELHI**

## Petition No.56/MP/2022

Subject : Petition under Section 63 and Section 79 of the Electricity Act,

2003 read with Competitive Bidding Guidelines and Articles 11 and 13 of the Power Purchase Agreement dated 23.5.2018 executed between ReNew Wind Energy (AP2) Private Limited

and Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited.

Petitioner : ReNew Wind Energy (AP 2) Private Limited (RWEPL)

Respondents Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) and Ors.

Date of Hearing : 14.1.2025

Coram : Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

> Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member Shri Harish Dudani, Member

Parties Present : Shri Vishrov Mukerjee, Advocate, RWEPL

> Shri Girik Bhalla, Advocate, RWEPL Ms. Anamika Rana, Advocate, RWEPL Shri Shubham Arya, Advocate, HPPC Ms. Poorva Saigal, Advocate, HPPC Ms. Reeha Singh, Advocate, HPPC Ms. Tanya Singh, Advocate, HPPC

Shri M. G. Ramachandran, Sr. Advocate, SECI

Ms. Anushree Bardhan, Advocate, SECI Ms. Surbhi Kapoor, Advocate, SECI Ms. Shirsa Saraswat, Advocate, SECI

## **Record of Proceedings**

During the course of the hearing, the learned senior counsel and learned counsel for the Petitioner and Respondents made detailed submissions on the issue of arbitrability of the dispute involved. Learned senior counsel for the Respondent, SECI, also pointed out that an interim protection has operated in the favour of the Petitioner since 21.3.2022, thereby restraining SECI from invoking the Bank Guarantee submitted by the Petitioner. However, in terms of settled law on the bank guarantee and its interdiction in the bilateral disputes between the parties, the interim protection ought not to be extended any further. Learned counsel for the Petitioner, however, submitted that no grounds have been made out by SECI for vacating the interim protection at this stage, nor has any application been moved by it to this effect.

2. Considering the request of the learned senior counsel and learned counsel for the parties, the Commission permitted the parties to file their respective written submissions, if any, within 10 days with a copy to the other side.

Subject to the above, the Commission reserved the matter for order on the 3. preliminary issue of arbitrability of the dispute(s) involved. The interim protection granted in favour of the Petitioner will continue till the issuance of the order as above.

> By order of the Commission Sd/-(T.D. Pant) Joint Chief (Law)