

**BEFORE THE HIMACHAL PRADESH ELECTRICITY
REGULATORY COMMISSION SHIMLA**

Petition No.	227 of 2025
Date of Institution:	20.11.2025
Arguments Heard on:	27.11.2025
Decided on:	06.12.2025

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YASHWANT SINGH CHOGAL
MEMBER (Law)-cum-Chairman

SHASHI KANT JOSHI
MEMBER

The HP State Electricity Board Ltd. through
Chief Engineer (System Operation),
Vidyut Bhawan, Shimla, HP-171004.

....Joint Petitioner No. 1.

AND

M/s N.B. Power Project Solar Power Project,
Registered Office at Village and Post Office Sainthal,
Tehsil Jogindernagar, Distt. Mandi, H.P-175032,
through its Authorized Signatory, Sh. Naresh Kumar.

....Joint Petitioner No. 2.

Joint Petition under the provisions of Section 86(1)(b) of the Electricity Act 2003 read with Regulations 56 and 57 of the HPERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2024, for the approval of the Power Purchase Agreement (Solar) in respect of M/s N.B. Power Project Solar Power Project (1.5 MW).

Present:-

Sh. Kamlesh Saklani, Authorised Representative for
the Joint Petitioner No. 1.

Sh. Naresh Kumar, Authorised Representative for the
Joint Petitioner No. 2.

ORDER

This Joint Petition has been filed under Section 86 (1) (b) of
the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulations 56 and 57 of the
Himachal Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of

Business) Regulations, 2024 for approval of Supplementary power Purchase Agreement (Solar) to be executed between the Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Limited (the HPSEBL/ Joint Petitioner No. 1) and M/s N.B. Power Project Solar Power Project (the Joint Petitioner No. 2) in respect of N.B. Power Project Solar Power Project (1.5 MW) situated at Village Chatrot (Dhamot), Post Office Majhwar, Tehsil and Distt. Mandi (Project for short).

2. It is averred that HIMURJA granted the approval for setting up of 2.0 MW capacity Solar Power Project in the name of N.B. Power Project Pvt. Ltd. vide letter dated 19.05.2023 and based on said letter, a Joint Petition for the approval of PPA was filed on 21.09.2023 being Petition No. 52 of 2023 by the Joint Petitioners which was decided by the Commission on 19.10.2023, approving the tariff of Rs. 3.72 per kWh.

3. It is also averred that subsequent to the order of the Commission dated 19.10.2023 and execution of the PPA on 11.01.2024 pursuant thereto, the Project capacity of the Project has been revised from 2.0 MW to 1.50 MW by the HIMURJA vide letter No. HIMURJA(F-7)/SPV projects/2023-2994 dated 15.07.2025. On production of letter dated 15.07.2025, the parties

have signed the revised Supplementary Connection Agreement on 22.09.2025 and has also filed the present Petition for approval of Supplementary Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA).

4. We have heard Sh. Kamlesh Saklani, Authorised Representative for the Joint Petitioner No. 1 and Sh. Naresh Kumar, Authorised Representative for the Joint Petitioner No. 2 and have perused the entire record carefully.

5. It is mentioned in the Petition that on the request of the Joint Petitioner No. 2, the HIMURJA has reduced the capacity of the N.B. Power Project Solar Power Project from 2.0 MW to 1.50 MW. The Joint Petitioners have placed on record the copy of provisional registration letter No. HIMURJA (F-7)/SPV Projects/ 2023-1857 dated 19.05.2023 in respect of N.B. Power Project Solar Power Project (2.0 MW), copy of letter No. HIMURJA (F-7)/SPV Projects/ 2023-17579 dated 09.01.2024 remaining the Project as N.B. Power Project instead of N.B. Power Project Pvt. Ltd. and copy of letter No. HIMURJA (F-7)/SPV Projects/ 2023-2994 dated 15.07.2025 whereby the capacity of the Project has been reduced from 2.0 MW to 1.5 MW, at the request of the Joint Petitioner No. 2 with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.

6. The SCOD of the Project of 2.0 MW as approved vide order dated 19.10.2023 was 19.05.2024. The parties had signed the

PPA on 11.01.2024 in respect of original capacity i.e. 2.0 MW, as per order dated 19.10.2023 in Petition No. 52 of 2023 wherein the tariff of Rs. 3.72 per kWh was allowed as per the tariff order dated 31.03.2023 in Suo Moto Petition No. 11 of 2023. However, the Project has not been commissioned so far. Rather, the capacity of the Project has been reduced to 1.50 MW vide provisional registration letter dated 15.07.2025. The tariff of Rs. 3.72 per kWh, as allowed vide order dated 19.10.2023 was valid upto 31.03.2025 as per Clause 12 E (i) of the Generic Levelled Tariff order dated 31.03.2023 in Suo Moto Petition No. 11 of 2023. Therefore, the Project is now governed by the generic levelled tariff determined for the period w.e.f. 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026 by the Commission vide order dated 27.03.2025 in Suo Moto Petition No. 1 of 2025. The Project capacity is 1.50 MW and as per Order dated 27.03.2025 in Suo Moto Petition No. 01 of 2025, the generic levelled tariff for the Solar PV Power Projects for FY 2025-26 (for a period w.e.f. 01.04.2025 to 31.03.2026) is as under :-

Sr. No.	Capacity	Generic levelled tariff (Rs. Per kWh)
1.	Projects to be set up in other than industrial areas and urban areas.	
(a)	Upto 1.00 MW	3.45
(b)	Above 1.00 MW & upto 3.00 MW	3.38
(c)	Above 3.00 MW & upto 5.00 MW	3.32
2.	Projects to be set up in industrial areas and urban areas	
(a)	Upto 1.00 MW	3.50
(b)	Above 1.00 MW & upto 3.00 MW	3.44
(c)	Above 3.00 MW & upto 5.00 MW	3.38

7. Thus, the Project is entitled to the tariff of Rs. 3.38 per kWh. It is made clear that this tariff shall remain valid till 31.03.2027 as per Clause 13 (E) (i) of the Order dated 27.03.2025 in Suo Moto Petition No. 1 of 2025.

8. The parties have also signed the Supplementary Connection Agreement dated 22.09.2025 that the Joint Petitioner No. 1 has agreed to connect the Project at existing 11 kV- Majhwar feeder emanating from 2x5 MVA, 33/11 kV Souli Khad Sub-Station, through solid tap with appropriate Protection arrangement.

9. The Petition is duly supported by the affidavits of the Joint Petitioners.

10. Since, the HIMURJA has reduced/ modified the capacity of the Project from 2.0 MW to 1.50 MW vide letter dated 15.07.2025 and Supplementary Connection Agreement dated 22.09.2025 in respect of the revised capacity has been signed, the Joint Petitioners have made out a case for signing the Supplementary Power Purchase Agreement by substituting the PPA signed on 11.01.2024. Hence, the Petition succeeds and allowed. The Supplementary Power Purchase Agreement is ordered to be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The tariff of Rs. 3.38 per kWh will be applicable to the Project of the Joint Petitioner No. 2 which will be

subject to further adjustment of subsidy, if any, and is provisional.

(ii) The Supplementary Connection Agreement dated 22.09.2025, HIMURJA letter dated 09.01.2024 for change in name of the Project and letter dated 15.07.2025 of the HIMURJA shall form part of the SPPA.

(iii) This provisional tariff of Rs. 3.38 per kWh shall remain valid till 31.03.2027.

(iv) Other terms and conditions of order dated 19.10.2023 in Petition No. 52 of 2023 shall remain the same.

11. The Joint Petitioners are directed to execute SPPA as per the above order after carrying out the necessary additions, alterations and deletions as per the above tariff order dated 27.03.2025 in Suo Moto Petition No. 1 of 2025 and RE Regulations, 2017, as amended from time to time, within 30 days from the date of this order. Three copies of the executed Power Purchase Agreement be submitted to the Commission for record.

12. Let a copy of this order be supplied to the Joint Petitioners forthwith.

The file after needful be consigned to records.

Announced
06.12.2025

**-Sd-
(Shashi Kant Joshi)
Member**

**-Sd-
(Yashwant Singh Chogal)
Member (Law)-cum-Chairman**