

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

Petition No.	172 of 2026
Date of Institution:	24.09.2026
Arguments Heard on:	29.09.2026
Decided on:	30.09.2026

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

....Joint Petitioner No. 1.

AND

M/s Mata Ashapuri Solar Power Project Unit-I,
Registered Office at Ward No. 02, Village Pamoh,
Tehsil Palampur, Distt. Kangara, HP-176103
through its Authorized Signatory, Sh. Harnam Singh Kanwar.

....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 approval of the Supplementary Power Purchase Agreement (Solar) in respect of M/s Mata Ashapuri Solar Power Project Unit-I (1.0 MW).

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SHASHI KANT JOSHI
MEMBER-cum-CHAIRMAN

Present:-

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

Ms. Deepica Gautam, Ld. Counsel for the Joint Petitioner
No. 2.

ORDER

This Joint Petition has been filed by the Himachal Pradesh
State Electricity Board Ltd. (the Joint Petitioner No.1 or the HPSEBL
for short) and M/s Mata Ashapuri Solar Power Project Unit-I (the Joint

Petitioner No. 2 for short) seeking approval of the Supplementary Power Purchase Agreement (SPPA for short) under Section 86 (1) (b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 (Act for short) read with Regulations 56 & 57 of the HPERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2024, (CBR, 2024 for short) in respect of M/s Mata Ashapuri Solar Power Project Unit-I (1.0 MW).

2. It is averred that the Joint Petitioner No. 1 was initially registered for the 2.0 MW Solar PV Project situated at Village Toru Chowki, Post Office and Tehsil Baroh, Distt. Kangra, H.P and a Joint Petition was filed before the Commission on 01.04.2025 bearing Petition No. 135 of 2025 for the approval of the Power Purchase Agreement (PPA for short) which was allowed vide order dated 19.04.2025 and the parties signed the PPA at generic levelled tariff on 15.05.2025.

3. Further, the HIMURJA vide letter No. HIMURJA (F-7)/SPV Projects/ 2024-4748 dated 11.08.2026 dated 11.08.2026 has reduced the capacity of the Project from 2.0 MW to 1.0 MW at the request of the Joint Petitioner No. 2, as such, it has necessitated to sign the SPPA by amending the capacity of the Project as mentioned in PPA dated 15.05.2025.

4. Heard Sh. Kamlesh Saklani, Authorised Representative for the Joint Petitioner No. 1 and Ms. Deepica Gautam, Ld. Counsel for the Joint Petitioner No. 2 and 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 Solar Power Project from 2.0 MW to 1.0 MW. The Joint Petitioner No. 2 has placed on record a copy of the provisional registration letter No. HIMURJA (F-7)/SPV Projects/ 2024-13693 dated 21.03.2025 in respect of Solar PV Project of 2.0 MW. The Joint Petitioner No. 2 has also placed on record a copy of letter No. HIMURJA (F-7)/SPV Projects/ 2024-4748 dated 11.08.2026, whereby the capacity of the Project has been reduced from 2.0 MW to 1.0 MW at the request of the Joint Petitioner No. 2 with all other terms and conditions remaining the same.

6. The parties had signed the PPA on 15.05.2025 in respect of original capacity i.e. 2.0 MW, as per order dated 19.04.2025 in Petition No. 135 of 2025 wherein the tariff of Rs. 3.47 per kWh was allowed.

7. The parties have also signed the Supplementary Connection Agreement dated 27.08.2026 that the Joint Petitioner No. 1 has agreed to connect the Mata Ashapuri Solar Power Project Unit-I (1.0

MW) at existing 11 kV Kahanphat feeder emanating from 2x3.15 MVA, 33/11 kV Kural Sub-station through solid tap with appropriate Protection arrangement.

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

9. Since, the HIMURJA has reduced/ modified the capacity of the Project from 2.0 MW to 1.0 MW vide letter dated 11.08.2026 and Supplementary Connection Agreement dated 27.08.2026 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 15.05.2025. Hence, the Petition succeeds and allowed. The PPA is ordered to be approved subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The tariff of Rs. 3.50 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 27.08.2026 and letter dated 11.08.2026 of the HIMURJA shall form part of the SPPA.
- (iii) Since, the capacity of the Project has been reduced from 2.0 MW to 1.0 MW, the royalty payable @ 5 paise per unit to the Government of HP over and above the approved tariff of the project shall not be payable.

(iv) Other terms and conditions of order dated 19.04.2025 in Petition No. 135 of 2025 shall remain the same.

10. The Joint Petitioners are directed to execute SPPA as per the above order after carrying out the necessary additions and alterations within 30 days from the date of this order. Two copies of the executed Power Purchase Agreement be submitted to the Commission for record.

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

The file after needful be consigned to records.

Announced
30.09.2026

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(Shashi Kant Joshi)
Member-cum-Chairman