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## MADHYA PRADESH ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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**Sub: Petition under Section 43(2), 47, 61, 66, 86(1)(e) and Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Rules 11(4) and 11(5) of Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 as well as Regulation 13 to 15 of the MPERC (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations, (Revision-II), 2024 ("GIREs Regulations") seeking framing of requisite regulations and/or suitable amendments/relaxation to existing GIREs Regulations to the extent it relates to the waiver of processing fee, meter procurement fee, meter testing fees, requirement of net metering/gross metering agreement etc., for the purposes of releasing the connections under the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojna in terms of letter dated 27.08.2025 issued by the Ministry of Power (MoP), Government of India.**

### ORDER

(Date of Order:17.04.2026)

**MP Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd.,**  
Urja Bhawan, Link Road No. 2,  
Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal (MP)-462016

- **Petitioner**

**Vs.**

**Managing Director,**  
MP Power Management Co. Ltd.,  
Shakti Bhawan, Vidyut Nagar,  
Rampur, Jabalpur - 482008

**Managing Director,**  
MP Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd.,  
Shakti Bhawan, Vidyut Nagar,  
Rampur, Jabalpur - 482008

**Managing Director,**  
MP Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd.,  
Nishtha Parisar, Bijlee Nagar,  
Govindpura, Bhopal - 462023

**Managing Director,**  
MP Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd.,  
GPH Compound, Polo Ground,  
Indore (MP) - 452003

- **Respondent(s)**

Shri Devashish Mathur, Advocate appeared on behalf of the petitioner.

Shri Sourabh Mishra, Advocate appeared on behalf of the Respondents.

The subject petition is filed by MP Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd., Under Section 43(2), 47, 61, 66, 86(1)(e) and Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Rules 11(4) and 11(5) of Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 as well as Regulation 13 to 15 of the MPERC (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations, (Revision-II), 2024 ("GIREs Regulations").

2. By affidavit dated 18<sup>th</sup> November' 2025, the petitioner broadly submitted the following in its petition:

- i. That, the Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited ("MPUVNL"), most respectfully submits this Petition under Sections 43(2), 47, 61, 66, 86(1)(e) and 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Rules 11(4) and 11(5) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and Regulations 13 to 15 of the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations (Revision-II), 2024 ("GIREs Regulations"). The Petitioner, vide this Petition, seek framing of requisite regulations and/or suitable amendments/ relaxation to existing GIREs Regulations to facilitate implementation of the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana ("PMSG:MBY") in relation to the waiver of processing fee, meter procurement fee, meter testing and installation fees, requirement of separate net metering/ gross metering agreement for the purposes of installation, commissioning and releasing the connections for domestic rooftop solar systems set up under the scheme.
- ii. That, Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited ("MPUVNL"), the Petitioner, is a Government of Madhya Pradesh enterprise incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, functioning as the designated State Implementing Agency ("SIA") for the implementation of rooftop solar and other renewable energy programmes within the State of Madhya Pradesh by the State Government and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ("MNRE"), Government of India. Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company Limited ("MPPMCL"), a company incorporated under the Companies Act, 1956, having its registered office at Shakti Bhawan, Rampur, Jabalpur-482008, Madhya Pradesh, is Respondent No. 1 and the holding company of Respondent No. 2, Madhya Pradesh Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Limited ("MPPKVCL"), Respondent No. 3. Madhya Pradesh Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Limited ("MPMKVCL"), and Respondent No. 4, Madhya Pradesh Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Limited ("MPPKVCL"). The Respondents No. 2 to 4 are the distribution licensees operating within their respective regions in the State of Madhya Pradesh under the Electricity Act, 2003, and are collectively referred to as the "Distribution Licensees".
- iii. That, the present Petition is filed by the Petitioner, MPUVNL, in furtherance of

the State's implementation of the PM-Surya Ghar Scheme, seeking the Hon'ble Commission's guidance and suitable regulatory modifications/relaxations with respect to levy of net-metering-related charges and procedural requirements applicable to rooftop solar consumers. The matter is regulatory and policy-aligned in nature and not adversarial.

- iv. That, the Government of India approved PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana ("PMSG:MBY") on 29.02.2024, with the objective of solarizing One (01) Crore households across the Nation with a total financial outlay of INR 75,021 Crore. Administrative approval for the scheme was granted on 16.03.2024 and the detailed operational guidelines outlining the implementation framework and the Central Financial Assistance ("CFA") provisions were issued on 07.06.2024 by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ("MNRE"). As per the order of the Central Government dated 07.06.2024, the scheme is to be implemented up to 31.03.2027.
- v. That, the subsidy framework for CFA to residential consumers under the scheme has been detailed in paragraph 5(h) of guidelines dated the 07.06.2024, which is reproduced below for ready reference:

S. No.	System capacity (kWp)	Total CFA (INR)
1	1	30,000
2	2	60,000
3	3 and above	78,000

- vi. That, the Petitioner No. 1, Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Limited, has been designated as the nodal agency for implementation of PMSG:MBY vide order dated 17.03.2025 within the State of Madhya Pradesh. MPUVNL's primary focus encompasses development and utilization of solar, wind, biomass, and other renewable energy sources to reduce carbon emissions and enhance energy security. The agency plays a pivotal role in the formulation of policies, execution of projects, and catalyzing the State's transition towards sustainable energy solutions.
- vii. That, in accordance with the national target, the State of Madhya Pradesh has been allocated a target of approximately six (6) lakh residential rooftop solar installations, with the implementation timeline consistent with the Scheme's timelines.
- viii. That, as of 12.11.2025, a total of 71,850 solar rooftop installations have been completed under the PMSG:MBY scheme. Out of these, about 64,815 of the projects have completed net metering formalities, while the remaining are under

various stages of processing. To ensure effective implementation of the Scheme, 1037 number of vendors have been empanelled for the State of Madhya Pradesh in accordance with the empanelment procedure prescribed by Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.

- ix. That, as per Section 61 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Appropriate Commission shall, subject to the provisions of the Act, specify the terms and conditions for determination of tariff, guided by the principles therein. These include: adopting the methodologies specified by the Central Commission for generating companies and transmission licensees, ensuring that generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity are conducted on commercial principles, and promoting competition, efficiency, economical use of resources and good performance. The Commission is also required to safeguard consumer interests while ensuring reasonable recovery of costs, encourage efficiency through suitable incentives, and adopt multi-year tariff principles. Further, tariffs are to progressively reflect the cost of supply, reduce cross-subsidies, and promote co-generation and generation of electricity from renewable sources, consistent with the National Electricity Policy and National Tariff Policy.
- x. That, under Section 66 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the Appropriate Commission shall endeavour to promote the development of a market (including trading) in electricity in such manner as may be specified, and shall be guided by the National Electricity Policy referred to in Section 3 of the Act in this regard.
- xi. That, under Section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003, the State Commission is mandated to promote co-generation and generation of electricity from renewable sources by providing suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and for sale of electricity to any person, and to specify a percentage of the total consumption of electricity in the area of a distribution licensee to be procured from such renewable sources.
- xii. That, under Section 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003, the State Commission is empowered to make regulations, consistent with the Act and the rules, generally to carry out the provisions of the Act.
- xiii. That, in exercise of the aforesaid powers, this Hon'ble Commission has notified the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations [Revision 11], 2024(hereinafter referred to as "GIRES Regulations"). These Regulations are applicable to the Distribution Licensees, the eligible consumers of the Distribution Licensees, and third-party owners operating under net-metering, group net-metering (GNM), virtual net-metering (VNM), or gross-metering arrangements for rooftop solar PV systems within the State of Madhya Pradesh.

- xiv. That, the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations [Revision II], 2024 ("GIRES Regulations") provide, inter alia, as under:

**Regulation 6(i):**

*After installation of Renewable Energy System, other than solar photovoltaic systems, the parent consumer/prosumer/ RESCO shall submit installation certificate to Distribution Licensee. The licensee shall complete signing of connection agreement, installation of meter and successful commissioning of the Renewable Energy System within thirty days from the date of submission of the installation certificate:*

*Provided that in case of solar photo voltaic systems, after submission of installation certificate by the parent consumer/prosumer/RESCO to the Distribution Licensee, the Distribution Licensee shall complete signing of connection agreement, installation of meter and successful commissioning of the Renewable Energy System within fifteen days from the date of submission of the installation certificate.*

**Regulation 12:**

*The Distribution Licensee, prosumer, and consumers shall enter into a Net Metering, Group Net Metering, Gross Metering or Virtual Net Metering connection Agreement, as the case may be, after approval of connectivity of the Renewable Energy Generating System with the Distribution Network of the Distribution Licensee but before start of actual generation from the System.*

**Regulation 6(b)(v):**

*Prominently display on its website and in all its offices, the following: namely: the applicant; (V). applicable charges to be deposited by the applicant:*

**Regulation 6(d):**

*The prosumer shall submit the application to connect its Renewable Energy System to the distribution system of the Licensee for approval of net metering, gross metering, group net metering or virtual net metering connections in the specified form as per Annexure-2 to Annexure-5 appended with the Regulation along with processing fee of Rs. 1000 (Rupees One Thousand Only) at the concerned office of the Distribution Licensee or online through Web Portal of Distribution Licensee.*

Central Government Directions and Policy Mandate for Simplification of Rooftop Solar Procedures

- xv. That, the Ministry of Power ("MoP"), Government of India, vide notification dated 31.12.2020, issued the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 ("Consumer Rules") and subsequent amendments thereto. Under Rule 11(4), it has been clarified that the regulations on Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar PV systems and related matters shall provide for net-metering for loads up to ten (10) kW and gross-metering for loads above ten (10) kW.
- xvi. That, further, under Rule 4(10) of the Consumer Rules, it has been stipulated that, where an agreement is required to be executed between a Distribution Licensee and a consumer, the same shall form part of the application form, and no separate agreement shall be required. Pursuant thereto, the Ministry of Power, vide letter dated 27.08.2025, has advised all States and Distribution Licensees to do away with the requirement of separate net-metering agreements and to adopt digital agreements integrated within the online application process under the PM-Surya Ghar: Mun Bijli Yojana.
- xvii. That, in connection with the implementation of the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY), the Government of India noted that several DISCOMs were imposing various fees and charges at different stages of a rooftop solar application process. The Government of India underscored that such charges not only imposed a financial burden on consumers but also complicated the procedural aspects. The Government has emphasized the need for DISCOMs to establish a more permissive and interaction-free regime for obtaining necessary approvals for rooftop solar installations, particularly for the residential segment under 10 KW. It further suggested waiving off these fees and charges, highlighting that the scheme included significant allocation as incentives to DISCOMs, which should more than compensate for any potential loss of cash flow due to the waiver. The letter requested that necessary process reforms be directed to streamline the RTS application process. Thus, the MoP, vide letter dated 27.08.2025 reiterated and advised States to waive off various charges levied by utilities for rooftop installations, including application and registration fees, net meter testing fees and commissioning fees etc. The letter further underscored that 17 States had already implemented such waivers. The said letter further sought intimation from all States regarding early implementation of these measures.

Precedents from Other State Electricity Regulatory Commissions

- xviii. That, it is respectfully submitted that several State Electricity Regulatory Commissions ("SERCs") across India have already implemented progressive

measures in line with the advisories and directions issued by the Ministry of Power ("MoP") and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy ("MNRE"). Some of these are briefly summarized below for the kind consideration of this Hon'ble Commission:

- a. The Hon'ble Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission (HERC), vide its Order dated 10.06.2025, directed that no processing fee and no meter installation or testing fee shall be payable by consumers under the PM-Surya Ghar: Mufi Bijli Yojana. The HERC further ordered that no separate net-metering of gross-metering agreement shall be required to be executed between the consumer and the Distribution Licensee.
- b. The Hon'ble Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC), vide its Order dated 07.03.2025, directed that the requirement of application fee and security deposit for rooftop solar installations by domestic consumers under Regulation 8.3 of the RERC (Grid Interactive Distributed Renewable Energy Generating Systems) Regulations, 2021 ("RERC DREGS Regulations") shall stand waived off. The RERC further ordered that the requirement of a separate Agreement under Regulation 9 of the said Regulations for domestic consumers opting for net-metering shall also be waived off. Additionally, meter testing charges for domestic rooftop solar installations required to be deposited by domestic consumers under Regulation 11.6 of the RERC DREGS Regulations, 2021 were also waived off.
- xix. That, similar policy directions and regulatory relaxations have also been implemented or are under consideration in several other States where respective SERCs have initiated steps towards simplification of rooftop solar connection procedures and waiver of associated charges in alignment with the Central Government advisories.
- xx. That, in view of the above, the instant Petition has been formulated wherein the Hon'ble Commission is requested for the modification of relevant provisions of GIREG Regulations or issue practice directions, as appropriate, in exercise of the powers vested in it under the provisions 13 and 15 of GIREG Regulations, the Electricity Act (EA), 2003, the Electricity (Right Of Consumer), Rules, 2020 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf. The Petitioner most respectfully submits that such intervention of this Hon'ble Commission is essential to bring the State regulations in conformity with the policy directions issued by the Ministry of Power and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and to ensure smooth, uniform and consumer-friendly implementation of the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. The proposed modifications and/or relaxations would enable simplification of procedures, waiver of redundant charges such as processing, meter procurement, testing and installation fees, and removal of the

requirement of execution of separate net- or gross-metering agreements for domestic consumers. These measures, while fully aligned with the national framework and practice adopted by several other State Commissions, will substantially reduce administrative burden, accelerate consumer adoption and facilitate achievement of the State's allotted targets under the Scheme within the prescribed timeline of 31 March 2027. The Petitioner therefore seeks the Hon'ble Commission's kind consideration and necessary orders to this effect, together with such further directions as may be deemed fit and proper in the interest of justice, consumer welfare promotion of renewable energy in Madhya Pradesh.

xxi. That, this Hon'ble Commission has the jurisdiction to entertain and decide the present Petition under Sections 43(2), 47, 61, 66, 86(1)(e) and 181 of / the Electricity Act, 2003, as the reliefs sought pertain to regulatory matters relating to grid-interactive renewable energy systems, net-metering/gross-metering procedures, levy or waiver of charges, and issuance or amendment of regulations. The subject-matter of the Petition squarely falls within the regulatory and supervisory functions entrusted to this Hon'ble Commission under the Act, the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, and the MPERC GIREG Regulations (Revision II), 2024.

3. With the aforesaid submissions the petitioner prayed the following:

- i. *Admit the present petition and list the same for an early hearing;*
- ii. *Waive the net-metering application and registration fees for domestic rooftop solar installations under the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY);*
- iii. *Waive the meter testing and installation fees for domestic rooftop solar installations under the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana (PMSG: MBY);*
- iv. *Remove the requirement of executing a separate net-metering or gross-metering agreement for domestic rooftop solar installations under the PMSG: MBY and permit adoption of a deemed/ digital agreement, forming part of the consumer's online application and approval process, in line with Rule 4(10) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and the advisories issued by the Ministry of Power;*
- v. *Condone any inadvertent omissions, errors, or shortcomings and permit the Petitioner to add, change, modify or alter this filing and make further submissions, as may be required; and*
- vi. *Pass any such further orders/directions as this Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and proper in the present facts and circumstances.*

4. At the motion hearing held on 07.01.2026, the petition was admitted. The Petitioner was directed to serve copy of petition to the respondents within 7 days. The Respondents were directed to submit their replies to the petition within two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of petition with a copy thereof served to the petitioner simultaneously.

The case was fixed for hearing on 19.02.2026.

5. By Letter dt. 23<sup>rd</sup> February' 2026, Respondent No. 1 to 4 i.e. MP Power Management Co. Ltd., MP Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., MP Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., and MP Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Co. Ltd., submitted the following in their reply:
- i. The present Petition has been filed by Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd. (hereinafter referred to as "Petitioner" for brevity) under Sections 43(2), 47, 61, 66, 86(1)(e) and 181 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Rules 11(4) and 11(5) of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 as well as Regulations 13 to 15 of the MPERC (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations, (Revision-II), 2024 ("GIREs Regulations"), seeking framing of requisite regulations and/or suitable amendments/relaxation to existing GIREs Regulations to the extent it relates to the waiver of processing fee, meter procurement fee, meter testing fees, requirement of net metering/gross metering agreement etc., for the purposes of releasing the connections under the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana ("Scheme"). The Petition relies on MNRE guidelines dated 07.06.2024, MoP letter dated 27.08.2025 and precedents from HERC dated 10.06.2025 and RERC dated 07.03.2025.
  - ii. At the outset, Respondent No. 1 to Respondent No. 4 i.e., Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company Limited, Madhya Pradesh Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Ltd., Madhya Pradesh Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Ltd. and Madhya Pradesh Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Ltd. (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Answering Respondents") categorically denies all averments, allegations and contentions stated by the Petitioner individually and unambiguously except those, which are specifically admitted hereinafter and nothing shall be deemed to be admitted by a mere reason of non-traverse. Further, all the submissions made herein are without prejudice to one another and may be read in alternate to one another in case of conflict or contradiction. The Answering Respondents respectfully crave leave of this Hon'ble Commission to amend, modify, supplement or withdraw any part of the present reply as may be deemed necessary in the interest of justice.
  - iii. It is most respectfully submitted that by way of the present reply, the Answering Respondents are only making submissions in respect of the issues involved and are thus, not submitting their paragraph-wise reply. Further, it is submitted that the objections raised hereinafter are based on the averments and submissions as pleaded and gathered from the Petition, supported by operational data and financial analysis pertaining to rooftop solar implementation in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

- iv. The answering Respondents fully support the prayers made by Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam (MPUVN) in Petition No. 137 of 2025 before the Hon'ble Commission, seeking suitable amendments to the existing MPERC Grid Interactive Rooftop Solar (GIRES) Regulations, inter alia, for waiver of net-metering application fees, registration/processing fees, meter testing fees, and installation/commissioning fees for domestic rooftop solar installations under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana.
- v. Further, the answering Respondents support the proposal to dispense with the requirement of executing a separate net-metering agreement for domestic rooftop solar systems, in line with sub-rule (10) of Rule 4 of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020. The said provision recognizes the legal sufficiency and operational efficiency of integrated agreements forming part of the application process. Accordingly, the Petitioner's proposal to adopt a digital, integrated net-metering agreement embedded within the online application is fully aligned with the extant regulatory framework, hence do away with the requirement of a separate paper-based net-metering agreement.

Notwithstanding the above, the answering Respondents have identified certain issues as elaborated in paras below which require kind attention of this Hon'ble Commission: -

**i. Clarification regarding waiver of meter procurement cost**

The answering Respondents would like to emphasize that the title of the Petition refers to waiver of meter procurement charges, whereas the prayer clause does not seek such waiver. It appears that the reference to waiver of meter procurement cost in the Petition title is inadvertent. As per the Ministry of Power letter dated 27.08.2025, the recommended waiver pertains only to charges of service nature, namely application, registration/processing, testing and commissioning fees. Meter procurement cost is a capital asset cost and not a service fee.

Accordingly, the answering Respondents do not support waiver of meter procurement costs, which should continue to be levied as per applicable Regulations/Orders of this Hon'ble Commission.

**ii. Scope of Waiver and Applicability**

The Petition seeks waiver of charges applicable to net-metering and gross-metering arrangements under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. However, the existing MPERC GIRES Regulations allow installation of solar photovoltaic systems under various arrangements such as net metering, gross metering, group net metering and virtual net metering.

For the sake of clarity, the answering Respondents submit that the proposed waiver of net metering charges and elimination of the separate agreement requirement may also be extended comprehensively to all types of metering arrangements permissible under the current GIREs Regulations for domestic rooftop solar installations.

**PRAYER**

- i. Waiver of net metering application charges, registration/processing, meter testing fees, installation/commissioning fees for Domestic rooftop installations; and
- ii. Adoption of a digital, integrated net metering agreement embedded within the online application form, in lieu of a separate physical agreement.

The answering Respondents support these reforms as they are expected to simplify consumer processes, encourage accelerated adoption of rooftop solar and contribute towards the achievement of renewable energy goals as envisaged by the Government and this Hon'ble Commission.

The answering Respondents respectfully request the Hon'ble Commission to consider the above submissions and clarifications while adjudicating the Petition.

6. By Affidavit dt. 24<sup>th</sup> February' 2026, Petitioner i.e. MP Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd., submitted following in their rejoinder:

- i. That, the Petitioner respectfully submits the present Rejoinder to the submissions/comments dated 04.02.2026 filed by Respondent Distribution Licensee, namely MPPKVCL.
- ii. That, at the outset, the Petitioner places on record that the Respondent has substantially supported the prayers made in the Petition, including waiver of net-metering application/registration/processing fees, waiver of meter testing and installation/commissioning fees, and adoption of digitally integrated net-metering agreements in lieu of separate physical agreement.
- iii. That, the Petitioner respectfully submits that the present Petition is regulatory and facilitative in nature and is aimed solely at effective implementation of the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the State of Madhya Pradesh, in alignment with Central Government policy directions and consumer-friendly reforms. Therefore, Petitioner agrees with the Respondent i.e. MPPKVCL, that regulatory uniformity may be maintained as regards applicability of prayers to such configurations (net metering, gross metering, virtual net metering or group net metering) as may be appropriate in the wisdom of Hon'ble Commission.

- iv. That, with specific reference to paragraphs 4.1 to 4.4 of the Respondent's submissions regarding meter procurement charges, the Petitioner clarifies that it does not seek waiver of meter procurement costs and the same was inadvertently mentioned in the title of the Petition. The Petitioner agrees with the Respondent that meter procurement constitutes a capital asset cost and is distinct from service-related charges.
  - v. That, the Petitioner submits that its prayers are confined strictly to waiver of service-related charges, namely application/registration/processing fees, meter testing fees, and installation/commissioning charges, as well as removal of the requirement of execution of separate physical net-metering agreements, in line with the advisory dated 27.08.2025 issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India.
  - vi. That, accordingly, the Petitioner respectfully submits that there is complete alignment between the Petitioner and the Respondent Distribution Licensee on the issue of non-waiver of meter procurement costs, and no such relief is pressed in the present proceedings. To that extent, the Petition stands corrected and aligned.
  - vii. That, in view of the consensus between the Petitioner and the Respondent Distribution Licensee on the principal reliefs, the Petitioner respectfully submits that no contentious issues survive for adjudication in the present matter.
  - viii. That, the Petitioner therefore respectfully prays that this Hon'ble Commission may be pleased to allow the Petition in terms of the original prayers limited to waiver of service-related charges (namely application/registration/processing fees, meter testing fees, and installation/commissioning charges) and procedural simplification, permit digitally integrated net-metering agreement, extend such relief uniformly across domestic rooftop solar configurations as appropriate, and pass such further orders as this Hon'ble Commission may deem fit in the interest of justice, consumer welfare, and promotion of renewable energy in the State.
7. At the hearing held on 27.02.2026, Ld. Counsel for the Respondents stated that he has submitted a common/ consolidated reply on behalf of all the Respondents. Ld. Counsel for the Respondents, requested for a short adjournment of the case. The Commission considered the request and the case was fixed for hearing on 07.04.2026.
  8. At the hearing held on 07.04.2026, the parties concluded their arguments and the case was reserved for order.

**Commission's observations and findings:**

9. The Commission has observed the following from the petition and the submissions of the petitioner and Respondents in this matter:
- a. The present Petition has been filed by MP Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd. seeking suitable amendments/relaxations in the prevailing MPERC (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations, (Revision-II), 2024 to facilitate effective implementation of the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana in the Madhya Pradesh. The Petitioner has primarily sought waiver of certain service related charges such as processing fees, meter procurement fees, meter testing fees, etc., along with simplification of procedures including provisions for digital, integrated net-metering/gross-metering agreements.
  - b. By common reply dated 23.02.2026, Respondent Nos. 1 to 4 supported the principal reliefs sought in the Petition, At the same time, the Respondents pointed out that although the title of the Petition referred to waiver of meter procurement charges, the prayer clause did not seek such relief, and therefore they submitted that any reference to waiver of meter procurement cost appeared inadvertent. They reiterated that meter procurement cost is a capital asset cost and not a service fee and therefore should continue to be levied as per applicable Regulations and Commission's Orders.
  - c. Vide letters dated 02.03.2026 and 02.04.2026, the Respondents have expressed their concurrence and support to the submissions made in the reply filed by MPPMCL.
  - d. The Petitioner, vide rejoinder dated 24.02.2026, submitted that the Respondents have majorly supported the reliefs sought in the Petition, particularly with respect to waiver of service-related charges and procedural simplification through adoption of digitally integrated agreements. The Petitioner reiterated that the present Petition is filed in furtherance of the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020 and the Ministry of Power's letter dated 27.08.2025, which emphasizes simplification of procedures, integration of agreements within the application process and reduction of financial burden on consumers for rooftop solar installations under the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. It was further clarified that the Petitioner does not seek waiver of meter procurement cost and that the reference to the same in the title of the Petition was inadvertent, and that the prayers are confined only to waiver of application/ registration/ processing fees, meter testing fees and installation/ commissioning charges.
10. The Commission has considered the prayers of the Petitioner, the submissions made by the Respondents and the clarifications submitted by the petitioner in its rejoinder. The Commission observes that the present Petition is aligned with the policy directives of the Government of India under the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, which emphasizes

simplification of procedures and reduction of upfront costs for consumers to promote rooftop solar installations. The Commission is also guided by the provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, particularly Section 86(1)(e), which mandates promotion of generation of electricity from renewable sources.

11. The Commission observes that the Ministry of Power, Government of India, vide notification dated 31.12.2020, issued the Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules, 2020, as amended from time to time, which provide the governing framework for grid-interactive rooftop solar systems and related matters. Rule 4(10) provides that where an agreement is required between the Distribution Licensee and the consumer, the same shall form part of the application process and no separate agreement shall be necessary. In furtherance of the aforesaid statutory provisions, the Ministry of Power, vide letter dated 27.08.2025, advised all States and Distribution Licensees to simplify procedures, including dispensing with separate net-metering agreements and adopting digitally integrated agreements as part of the online application process under the PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana. The Commission notes that the present Petition has been filed in pursuance of the aforesaid statutory and policy framework, seeking appropriate amendments/relaxations in the existing GIREs Regulations.
12. The Commission has duly considered the submission of the Respondents seeking extension of the scope of waiver and procedural simplification beyond the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana to all categories of domestic rooftop solar installations under the MPERC (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations, (Revision-II), 2024 Regulations however, the Commission is of the considered view that the present Petition has been filed in a specific context limited to implementation of the aforesaid Scheme only for PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, and therefore, the relief granted herein is confined strictly to the prayers made by the Petitioner. Accordingly, the Commission at this stage is not inclined to issue any directions extending such waiver or procedural modifications beyond the scope of the present Petition, and the applicability of the present Order shall remain restricted to the extent expressly allowed herein.
13. With regard to the issue of meter procurement cost, the Commission observes that the Respondents in their submission have submitted that although the title of the petition refers to waiver of meter procurement charges and whereas the prayer clause does not seek such waiver and therefore, it appears that the reference to waiver of meter procurement cost in the petition title is inadvertent. Further, as per MoP letter dated 27.08.2025, the recommended waiver pertains only to charges of service nature, namely application, registration/processing, testing and commissioning fees. The meter procurement cost is a capital asset cost and not a service fee. The petitioner in its rejoinder has supported the Respondent's reply and clarified that it does not seek waiver of meter procurement cost and the same was inadvertently mentioned in the title of the petition. Accordingly, the Commission holds that meter procurement cost shall continue to be recovered in accordance with the provisions of the applicable Regulations and Orders of the Commission.
14. In view of the foregoing, the Commission decides to allow the Petition to the extent of waiver of service related charges, namely application/registration/processing fees, meter testing fees and installation/commissioning charges, and procedural simplification

including adoption of digitally integrated agreements in lieu of separate physical agreements, for domestic rooftop solar installations under the PM-Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana. The Commission hereby directs the Secretary of the Commission to initiate the process for appropriate amendments in the relevant provisions of the MPERC (Grid Interactive Renewable Energy Systems and Related Matters) Regulations, (Revision-II), 2024 Regulations, in line with the observations made herein, to give effect to the above decisions.

With the above observations and directions, the petition is partly allowed in the above terms and stands disposed of.

**(Gajendra Tiwari)**  
**Member**

**(Gopal Srivastava)**  
**Acting Chairman**