

BEFORE THE HARYANA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION AT PANCHKULA

Case No. HERC/Petition No. 26 of 2026

Date of Hearing : 24.04.2026

Date of Order : 27.04.2026

In the Matter of

Petition under Section 86(1)(b) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with HERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2019 seeking source approval for power up to 287.55 MW for the month of May, 2026 and 337.68 MW for the months of June, 2026 - September, 2026, as allocated by Ministry of Power (MoP) from the unallocated quota of power of Central Generating Stations (CGSs) of Northern Region pursuant to the revised NRPC Allocation memo dated 27.03.2026.

Petitioner

Haryana Power Purchase Centre, Panchkula (HPPC)

Present on behalf of the Petitioner

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2. Ms. Kaavya Madaan, Advocate
3. Ms. Seema Sidana, XEN, HPPC
4. Mr. Rohit Kumar, AEE, HPPC

Quorum

**Shri Nand Lal Sharma
Shri Mukesh Garg
Shri Shiv Kumar**

**Chairman
Member
Member**

ORDER

Brief Background of the case

1. The present petition has been filed by HPPC, a joint forum of Haryana Distribution licensees for power purchase/trading, seeking source approval for power up to 287.55 MW for the month of May, 2026 and 337.68 MW for the months of June, 2026 - September, 2026, as allocated by Ministry of Power (MoP) from the unallocated quota of power of Central Generating Stations (CGSs) of Northern Region pursuant to the revised NRPC Allocation memo dated 27.03.2026.
2. **HPPC's submissions: -**
 - 2.1. That HPPC had earlier filed Petitions, Petition No. 22 of 2023, Petition No. 30 of 2024 and Petition No. 32 of 2025 seeking approval of source for power allocated by the MoP from the un-allocated quota of CGS of Northern Region, during the Summer Months of the respective years, in view of the NRPC Allocation Memos.
 - 2.2. Thereafter, HPPC had filed a Petition being Petition No. 30 of 2024 before this Hon'ble Commission seeking source approval for power up to 138 MW in the month of May, 2024 to September, 2024 allocated by MoP from the unallocated quota of CGSs of Northern Region during the Summer Months of Year 2024-25, in view of the revised

NRPC Allocation memo dated 26.03.2024. The Hon'ble Commission was pleased to grant the source approval vide Order dated 12.08.2024.

- 2.3. That HPPC had preferred Petition being Petition No. 32 of 2025 seeking source approval for power up to 161.25 MW in the month of May, 2025 and 193.5 MW in the months of June, 2025 to September, 2025 allocated by MoP from the unallocated quota of CGSs of Northern Region during the Summer Months of Year 2025-26, in view of the revised NRPC Allocation memo dated 28.03.2025. This Hon'ble Commission while granting the source approval vide Order dated 22.05.2025 in Petition No. 32 of 2025 observed that the power generated by CGS/CPSUs, though usually tied up under long term PPAs, has some unallocated share which is allocated to State Discoms by MoP/NRPC from time to time. This Hon'ble Commission further noted the power deficit scenario projected by HPPC, the likelihood of exorbitant short-term rates in power exchanges during peak summer months, supply constraints due to non-availability of power from certain tied-up sources and intra-state thermal generators, and accordingly granted source approval in order to ensure uninterrupted power supply to the consumers of Haryana. This Hon'ble Commission noted as under:
- “6. Upon hearing the counsel, the Commission notes that the power generated by Central Generating Stations/CPSUs are usually tied up under long term Power Purchase Agreement(s). However, CGS/CPSUs have some unallocated share also, which are allocated to State Discoms, from time to time, by the Ministry of Power, Gov/Northern Regional Power Committee (NRPC) as part of the central pool. As per the petition, the revision was done by the NRPC vide memo dated 28.03.2025. It has been submitted that allocation is for the summer months of the FY 2025-26 i.e. from May 2025 to September, 2025.*
- 7. The Commission has considered the power deficit scenario projected by HPPC and submission of HPPC that power may not be available at all in the power exchanges during the period from April, 2025 to September, 2025, even at the ceiling tariff of Rs. 10/kWh. The Commission is conscious of the fact that with the demand may rise significantly during the summer months, due to power requirement of AP tube-well consumers as well as air conditioning load and the supply of power especially during the peak period is often inadequate. The supply side has been continuously constrained because of non-availability of power from certain tied-up sources. Further, non-availability of certain intra-state thermal generators due to technical glitches/unforeseen circumstances, cannot be ruled out. Additionally, the short-term rates in the power exchanges are also expected to be exorbitant during the peak months as the power demand in the entire northern region increases during these months. Hence, the Commission, has considered the trade-off between the loss of*

production due to non-availability of grid power including harassment and inconvenience faced by the consumers and purchase of expensive short-term power.

8. In view of the above discussions, in order to ensure that the electricity consumers of Haryana get un-interrupted power supply during the summer months, given supply constraints of a few coal/gas based generators with which Haryana has long term PPAs, the Commission grants source approval, as prayed by the petitioner, for power allocated by the Ministry of Power (MoP) from pool of the Central Generating Stations (CGS) of Northern Region, during summer season, in view of the revised NRPC Allocation memo dated 28.03.2025.”

- 2.4. That HPPC is apprehending a power deficit in meeting the electricity demand of consumers in the State, after considering availability from all contracted generating stations, banking arrangements, and the projected demand, including the existing non-availability of power from J&K Baglihar Hydro Power Project. The demand–supply position is further impacted by seasonal constraints, such as reduced availability from thermal generating stations during the rainy season due to lower coal supply from coal mines. In view of the overall scenario, HPPC has projected a power deficit in the range of 635 MW to 2,943 MW during the forthcoming summer months of FY 2026-27. The tables depicting the current Demand-Availability projections for FY 2026-27 is as under:

Demand & Availability Scenario for FY 2026-27						
Month	Projected Peak Demand (in MW)	Net availability from long term tie-ups (in MW)	Banking (in MW)	Tentative including arrangements (in MW)	Availability Banking	Surplus (+)/ Deficit (-) (in MW)
May	13207	11929	0	11929		-1278
June	16268	13090	308	13398		-2870
July	16454	13090	421	13511		-2943
Aug	15313	13090	457	13547		-1766
Sept	13352	12361	357	12718		-635

- 2.5. That the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD), has indicated a probability of El Nino conditions emerging over India after June 2026, with climate models showing a greater than 50% chance of El Nino appearing after June and increasing to nearly 70% during July, August and September 2026. The likely onset of El Nino conditions during the peak paddy season months of July to September 2026 would further exacerbate the demand-supply gap projected by HPPC, making the procurement of power from the unallocated quota of CGSs all the more necessary and urgent. Further, IMD in its press release dated 31.03.2026 for Updated Seasonal outlook for hot weather season for the months of April, 2026 to June,2026 has observed as under:

“At present, neutral El Niño–Southern Oscillation (ENSO) conditions are prevailing over the equatorial Pacific Ocean. However, some of the atmospheric circulation

features over the tropical Pacific are consistent with weak La Niña-like conditions. The latest forecasts from the Monsoon Mission Climate Forecast System (MMCFS) suggest that ENSO-neutral conditions are most likely to continue during April to June 2026 season. Thereafter, the probability of development of El Niño conditions increases gradually.”

- 2.6. That considering the requirement of power during peak summer months and paddy season, as also experienced over the previous years, HPPC, with an endeavor to bridge the gap between demand and availability of power from 01.05.2026 to 30.09.2026, proposed to request MoP for the allocation of approximately 500 MW from the unallocated pool of power from CGS to the State of Haryana from 01.05.2026 to 30.09.2026., which was accepted by SCPP in its 86th meeting held on 27.11.2025.
- 2.7. That, in accordance with the observation made in the 86th SCPP meeting held on 27.11.2025, HPPC vide letter dated 22.12.2025 formally requested MoP to allocate power from the unallocated quota of Central Generating Stations to the State of Haryana for the said period from 01.05.2026 to 30.09.2026.
- 2.8. That NRPC vide its Memo dated 27.03.2026, has intimated that CEA vide its letter dated 23.03.2026 has revised allocation of power from the un-allocated quota of CGSs of Northern Region for the period from April to September, 2026. The same has been done keeping in view the change in the requirement of power of Northern States with the onset of summer season. Vide the memo dated 27.03.2026, it also requested NRPC to implement the allocation, after accounting for specific allocations, w. e. f. 01.04.2026. The Revised entitlement of the State beneficiaries in CGSs for the months from April, 2026 to September, 2026 was attached to the said Memo. Further, the CEA had made the allocation by taking into the following under consideration:
*“i.Ministry of Power has allocated 100 MW power as specific allocation from the UA pool of CGSs in Western Region to J&K for all the year around;
 ii.Haryana, NDMC and Jammu & Kashmir has been allocated 393.94 MW, 196.97 MW and 393.94 MW respectively of power in the bidding process under B(v) of SHAKTT Policy.”*
- 2.9. That 15% share of power from the unallocated pool has been allocated to the State of Haryana for the months of May, 2025 and 17.5 % share has been allocated for the months of June, 2025 to September, 2025. The schedule of allocation intimated by NRPC vide Memo dated 28.03.2025 is extracted as under:

State/UT	Allocation in percentage for Summer Months (Year 2026-27)					
	Apr-26	May-26	Jun-26	Jul-26	Aug-26	Sep-26
Chandigarh	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0	14.0
Delhi	25.0	25.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Haryana	0.0	15.0	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
Himachal Pradesh	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

UT of J&K and Ladakh	20.0	10.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0
Punjab	0.0	0.0	14.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
Rajasthan	29.0	26.0	19.0	19.0	19.0	19.0
Uttar Pradesh	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Uttarakhand	6.0	10.0	10.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100

2.10. That the month-wise allocation to the State of Haryana out of total unallocated quota for beneficiaries of the Northern Region of 1929.60 MW is tabulated as under:

Power allocated to Haryana	May	June	July	Aug	Sep
(in %)	15%	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%	17.5%
(in MW)	289.44	337.68	337.68	337.68	337.68

2.11. That Regulation 76(2) of the CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024, provides that the payment of capacity and energy charge for the unallocated power shall be shared by the beneficiaries. Regulation 76(2) of the said Regulations is reproduced hereunder:

"76(2) Payment of the capacity charge for a thermal generating station shall be shared by the beneficiaries of the generating station as per their percentage shares for the month (inclusive of any allocation out of the unallocated capacity) in the installed capacity of the generating station. Payment of capacity charge and energy charge for a hydro generating station shall be shared by the beneficiaries of the generating station in proportion to their shares (inclusive of any allocation out of the unallocated capacity) in the saleable capacity (to be determined after deducting the capacity corresponding to free energy to home State as per Note 3 herein.

EXPLANATION-I: Shares or allocations of each beneficiary in the total capacity of Central sector generating stations shall be as determined by the Central Government, inclusive of any allocation made out of the unallocated capacity. The shares shall be applied in percentages of installed capacity and shall normally remain constant for a month. Based on the decision of the Central Government, the changes in allocation shall be communicated by the Member-Secretary, Regional Power Committee in advance, at least three days prior to the beginning of a calendar month, except in case of an emergency call for an urgent change in allocations out of unallocated capacity. The total capacity share of a beneficiary would be the sum of its capacity share plus allocation out of the unallocated portion.

EXPLANATION-II: The beneficiaries may propose surrendering part of their allocated firm share to other States within or outside the region. In such cases, depending upon the technical feasibility of power transfer and specific agreements reached by the generating company with other States within or outside the region for such transfers, the shares of the beneficiaries may be re-allocated by the Central Government for a

specific period (in complete months) from the beginning of a calendar month. When such re-allocations are made, the beneficiaries who surrender the share shall not be liable to pay capacity charges for the surrendered share. The capacity charges for the capacity surrendered and reallocated as above shall be paid by the State(s) to whom the surrendered capacity is allocated. Except for the period of reallocation of capacity as above, the beneficiaries of the generating station shall continue to pay the full capacity charges as per allocated capacity shares. Any such reallocation and its reversion shall be communicated to all concerned by the Member Secretary, Regional Power Committee in advance, at least three days prior to such reallocation or reversion taking effect...."

- 2.12. That Haryana DISCOMs will not violate merit order dispatch principle while scheduling power from said unallocated share of CGSs to meet the demand of the consumers of the State.
- 2.13. The foregoing power shall help meet the power requirement during the peak summer months and paddy season. It is pertinent to mention that HPPC is facing a deficit of power to meet the demand of the consumers of the State due to the existing non-availability of power from J&K Baglihar Hydro Power Project). Further, the availability of power from thermal power plants reduces owing to less availability of coal from coal mines during the rainy season.
- 2.14. That PPA for procurement of 432 MW of power from Faridabad Gas Power Plant of NTPC has been concluded on 31.12.2025 on expiry of completion of term of agreement. Further, Ministry of Power, Govt. of India vide letter dated 27.03.2026 restored the share of Himachal Pradesh w.e.f. 01.04.2026 from certain Hydro Power Plants which was allocated to State of Haryana Details of the share restored to Himachal Pradesh is tabulated as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Hydro Electric Project (HEP)	Share of HP (in MW)
1	Chamera-III, NHPC, HP	7.76
2	Parbati-III, NHPC, HP	17.5
3	Tehri, THDC, UK	28.0
4	Kodem, NTPC, HP	26.88
Total		80.14

- 2.15. That the State of Haryana has been constantly progressing as a dynamic entity in India. Strategically located, nearly two-thirds of Haryana falls within the extended National Capital Region (NCR), which has contributed to its rapid industrialization and urbanization. This urban expansion, coupled with the development of industrial hubs, has led to a significant increase in power demand in the industrial/ commercial sectors of the State. Additionally, the influx of people from other states seeking employment has contributed to a rise in overall power consumption. Moreover, after considering the

fact that the State of Haryana is an agrarian economy where various agricultural activities, particularly paddy cultivation, are carried out at large scale, the power demand of the State rises exponentially during the summer/paddy season due to heavy power requirements of agricultural tube wells. Further the temperature of the state also starts increasing from April-May, causing an increase in power demand due to air conditioning load in the commercial and residential sectors. The brief details of year wise maximum demand for preceding years are mentioned hereunder for reference:

Year	Max. Demand (MW)
2021	12120
2022	12687
2023	13055
2024	14709
2025	14084*

*Due to unexpected higher rainfall during summer/ paddy season 2025, the maximum demand of the state remained on lower side.

- 2.16. That considering the past trend of the maximum demand witnessed in the State, it is expected that the peak demand may touch 16454 MW in FY 2026-27. Further, CEA in its 20th Electric Power Survey report issued in November, 2022 also forecasted 16337 MW of peak power demand of the state in FY 2026-27.
- 2.17. That volatility in the rates in power exchanges has been witnessed for long and there is no assured clearance of power. The tariff for peak hours is hovering around Rs 10/- per unit (capped price). Even after bidding at the maximum tariff of Rs. 10/- per unit in the exchange(s), the bided quantum is cleared partially.
- 2.18. That in case HPPC buys deficit quantum through the power exchange(s) during the summer/ paddy season of the year 2026, there is a likelihood of procuring the power at an exorbitant price coupled with unreliable supply during the peak season which consequently shall lead to large scale power cuts for the consumers of Haryana. It is also worthwhile to highlight that for time slots where rates in power exchange are higher, there is difficulty in clearance of requisite bid quantum.
- 2.19. That considering the requirement of power during the peak summer months and paddy season, HPPC, with an endeavor to bridge the gap between demand and availability of power from 01.05.2026 to 30.09.2026, issued a Notice Inviting Tender bearing no. NIT/124 ('NIT-124') for purchase of firm round the clock (RTC) power on a short-term basis through tariff-based competitive bidding process using the National e-bidding portal i.e., DEEP Portal, in accordance with the guidelines dated 30.03.2016 issued by MoP. Following the completion of the bidding process, the month-wise approved quantum and weighted average rates discovered are as tabulated hereunder:-

Period	Total Quantum (MW)	Weighted Average Landed Rate (Rs./unit)
01-05-26 to 31-05-26	275	6.70
01-06-26 to 30-06-26	1050	6.47

Period	Total Quantum (MW)	Weighted Average Landed Rate (Rs./unit)
01-07-26 to 31-07-26	1345	6.01
01-08-26 to 31-08-26	855	5.79
01-09-26 to 30-09-26	750	5.88
Weighted average rate including transmission charges during 01-05-2026 to 30-09-2026		6.10

- 2.20. That DISCOMS are under a statutory obligation to supply 24x7 uninterrupted power supply in their licensed area. The Electricity (Rights of Consumers) Rules notified by MoP, Gol, also strive to ensure that consumers have the right to receive reliable services and quality electricity from the distribution licensee(s) of their area. Accordingly, HPPC is making all necessary efforts and gearing up its sources to ensure quality service and uninterrupted power supply in its licensed area.
- 2.21. That in view of the requirement of power from May 2026 to September 2026, HPPC considers that the sourcing of the unallocated share of power from CGSs will be in the overall interest of the State of Haryana and shall help in meeting the power requirement during the peak season of FY 2026-27 at a feasible tariff, as governed by the CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations in vogue, including the order(s) issued by the Hon'ble Central Electricity Regulatory Commission. The procurement of power from the unallocated quota of CGSs has been consistently found to be in the best interest of the consumers of the State of Haryana, as evidenced by the repeated grant of source approvals by this Hon'ble Commission in the preceding years.
- 2.22. That following prayers have been made:-
- Grant source approval for power up to 289.44 MW for the month of May, 2026 and 337.68 MW for the months of June, 2026 -September, 2026 allocated by Ministry of Power (MoP) from the unallocated quota of power of Central Generating Stations (CGSs) of Northern Region, pursuant to the revised NRPC Allocation Memo dated 27.03.2026.
 - Pass any other order(s) and/or direction(s) which the Hon'ble Commission may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of the case.

Proceedings in the Case

3. The case was primarily heard on 23.04.2026, in the court room of the Commission, wherein the petitioner (HPPC) mainly reiterated the contents of its petition, which for the sake of brevity are not being reproduced here. The Commission, vide its interim order dated 23.04.2026, had directed HPPC to provide the following information/documents:-
- The list of power plant from which power has been allocated, quantum offered and applicable tariff for each power plant.

- b) Details of options explored by HPPC to choose procurement of power from the list of power plants included in the offer of Ministry of Power (MoP).
- c) HPPC has submitted that the power offered by MoP includes power from Gas based generating stations such as Anta, Auriya and Dadri. HPPC has also entered into PPA with these gas based generating plants. In this regard, HPPC need to provide the followings:-
- HPPC has mentioned that total cost (Rs./kWh), in respect of the said power plants is Rs. 0.53 to 0.75. However, HPPC has not procured any unit from these power plants in-spite of having long term PPAs and paying fixed cost. The reasons for the same may be provided.
 - HPPC need to submit details of allocated power procured from these power plants in last three years along with the rate at which the same was procured.
 - The availability of gas and possibility of scheduling the said power plants.
 - The cost HPPC will have to bear, in case of non-scheduling of the said power plants.

4. HPPC has provided the requisite data under affidavit dated 23.04.2026. HPPC has primarily submitted as under:-

4.1. The list of power plant from which power has been allocated, quantum offered and applicable tariff for each power plant.

Reply:

The requisite information is as under:-

Station	Installed Capacity	Allocation for May,26 in %	Allocation for May,26 in MW	Allocation for Jun,26 to Sept,26 in %	Allocation for Jun,26 to Sept,26 in MW	Average Variable Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Average Fixed Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Total Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Total allocated Energy (LUs)	Total Tentative Cost as per FY 2025-26
Anta	419	1.92	8.04	2.24	9.38					
Auriya	663	1.90	12.62	2.22	14.73					
Dadri	830	1.98	16.44	2.31	19.19					
Feroz Gandhi Unchahar-1	420	0.20	0.83	0.23	0.96	3.92	2.04	5.95	171.59	1021.20
Feroz Gandhi Unchahar-2	420	0.62	2.60	0.72	3.03	3.85	1.58	5.43	540.46	2933.14
Feroz Gandhi Unchahar-3	210	0.61	1.28	0.71	1.49	3.83	1.95	5.77	265.89	1535.38
Feroz Gandhi Unchahar-4	500	0.62	3.09	0.72	3.61	3.63	2.09	5.72	643.41	3680.63
Koldam	800	0.89	7.09	1.03	8.27	2.18	1.27	3.44	1475.26	5081.45

Station	Installed Capacity	Allocation for May,26 in %	Allocation for May,26 in MW	Allocation for Jun,26 to Sept,26 in %	Allocation for Jun,26 to Sept,26 in MW	Average Variable Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Average Fixed Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Total Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Total allocated Energy (LUs)	Total Tentative Cost as per FY 2025-26
NCTPS (DADRI-II)	980	0.61	5.96	0.71	6.95	4.50	1.43	5.93	1239.60	7347.89
Rihand Thermal Power St.-1	1000	0.62	6.15	0.72	7.18	1.83	3.31	5.14	1279.88	6577.71
Rihand Thermal Power St.-2	1000	0.62	6.18	0.72	7.22	1.82	1.05	2.87	1286.82	3691.80
Rihand Thermal Power St.-3	1000	0.62	6.18	0.72	7.22	1.82	1.69	3.50	1286.82	4510.22
Singrauli Super Thermal	2000	0.62	12.37	0.72	14.43	2.03	0.92	2.94	2573.63	7570.36
Singrauli Hydro	8	1.91	0.15	2.23	0.18	3.02	0.00	3.02	31.84	96.31
Tanda Super TPS-2	1320	0.41	5.44	0.48	6.35	3.17	1.70	4.87	1132.41	5519.89
Bairasuil	180	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.42	1.05	2.47	0.00	0.00
Salal	690	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.78	1.72	2.50	0.00	0.00
Tanakpur	94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.48	2.94	5.41	0.00	0.00
Chamera-I	540	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.13	0.57	1.71	0.00	0.00
Uri	480	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.96	1.39	2.35	0.00	0.00
Chamera-II	300	2.30	6.89	2.68	8.03	1.21	0.93	2.14	1432.85	3065.17
Dhauliga	280	1.91	5.35	2.23	6.25	1.28	1.12	2.40	1114.11	2669.54
Dhulhasti	390	1.91	7.46	2.23	8.70	2.33	2.03	4.36	1551.80	6761.96
Sewa-II	120	1.91	2.30	2.23	2.68	2.21	2.91	5.11	477.52	2441.00
Kishhanga	330	1.91	6.31	2.23	7.36	2.39	2.27	4.66	1313.17	6119.94
Chamera III	231	1.91	4.42	2.23	5.15	2.09	1.88	3.97	919.22	3647.96
Parbati II	800	1.91	15.30	2.23	17.85	3.43	2.52	5.95	3183.45	18955.90
Parbati III	520	1.91	9.95	2.23	11.60	1.36	1.41	2.77	2069.24	5734.37
Uri II	240	1.91	4.59	2.23	5.35	2.21	2.64	4.85	955.03	4633.52
SJVNL(Na ptha Jhakri)	1500	1.27	18.99	1.48	22.16	1.21	0.76	1.96	3951.60	7759.59
SJVNL (Rampur)	412	1.17	4.80	1.36	5.60	2.09	1.45	3.54	999.22	3537.21
THDC (Tehri)	1000	1.26	12.63	1.47	14.72	2.11	1.66	3.78	2625.66	9920.14
THDC (Koteshwar)	400	1.26	5.05	1.47	5.89	2.95	3.18	6.13	1050.27	6434.50
THDC (Khurja)	1320	1.29	17.00	1.50	19.83	2.29	2.44	4.73	3536.40	16741.30
THDC (Tehri) PSP	750	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	7.76	7.81	0.00	0.00
RAPS	1140	3.10	35.35	3.62	41.25	3.73	0.00	3.73	7356.87	27477.44
NAPS	440	1.86	8.16	2.16	9.52	2.99	0.00	3.00	1698.32	5087.26
Jhajjar Power Ltd.	1500	0.97	14.54	1.13	16.96	4.16	0.89	5.05	3024.99	15262.47
DVC Mejia	1320	0.96	12.62	1.12	14.72	3.29	2.24	5.52	2625.35	14502.29
Neyveli (NUPPL)	1320	0.88	11.59	1.02	13.52	3.87	4.22	8.09	2411.50	19509.13

Station	Installed Capacity	Allocation for May,26 in %	Allocation for May,26 in MW	Allocation for Jun,26 to Sept,26 in %	Allocation for Jun,26 to Sept,26 in MW	Average Variable Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Average Fixed Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Total Cost for FY 2025-26 (in Rs/kWh)	Total allocated Energy (LUs)	Total Tentative Cost as per FY 2025-26
Weighted Average Cost of Power (in Rs/kWh)										4.24

Remarks: In case of Anta, Auraiya & Dadri Gas Plants, power has not been scheduled during FY 2025-26. Hence, Fixed Cost Per Unit cannot be calculated. However, Fixed Charges paid for Anta, Auraiya & Dadri Gas Plants is 1.18 Cr, 2.31 Cr and 2.12 Cr respectively.

- 4.2. Details of options explored by HPPC to choose procurement of power from the list of power plants included in the offer of Ministry of Power (MOP).

Reply:

HPPC does not have the privilege to choose procurement of power from the list of power plants allocated by MoP. However, scheduling from plants will be done based on Merit Order Despatch.

- 4.3. HPPC has submitted that the power offered by MoP includes power from Gas based stations such as Anta, Auraiya and Dadri. HPPC has also entered into PPA gas based generating plants. In this regard, HPPC provided the information as under:-

- i. HPPC has mentioned that total cost (Rs./kWh), in respect of the said power plants is Rs. 0.53 to 0.75. However, HPPC has not procured any unit from these power plants in-spite of having long term PPAs and paying freed cost. The reasons for the same may be provided.

Reply

The PPA for procurement of power from Anta, Auraiya and Dadri Gas Power Plants was signed on 17.09.1998, 17.09.1998 and 31.10.1994 respectively with lifecycle of 15 years. However, CERC in its tariff regulations increased the life from 15 years to 25 years and as per Mop guidelines, the allocation of power is done for lifecycle of the plants and procurers are bound to pay the tariff as per CERC Tariff Regulations for the entire lifecycle of the plant. MoP vide notification dated 22.03.2021 enables the DISCOMs to either continue or relinquish the PPA after the completion of the term of the PPA. HERC approved the relinquishment of power from Anta and Auraiya GPP vide memo no. 611/HERC/HVPNL-PPAs dated 27.05.2021 and Dadri Gas Power Plants vide memo no. 2036/HERC/737&HVPNL

PPAS dated 27.08.2021. Subsequently, HPPC relinquished the power from Anta, Auraiya and Dadri Gas Power Plants on 14.02.2022, 08.03.2022 and 31.03.2022 respectively.

- ii. HPPC need to submit details of allocated power procured from these power plants in last three years along with the rate at which the same was procured:-

Reply:

In the last three years, the power from Anta, Auraiya and Dadri Gas Power Plants was allocated to HPPC under unallocated quota of share from Ministry of Power. The rate at which power was procured from these Gaz plants strictly on Merit Order Despatch principle, is as under:

FY 2023-24:

	Installed Capacity	Scheduled Energy (LUs)	Fixed Cost (in Rs.)	Variable Cost (in Rs./kWh)
Anta GPP	419	6.03	13408343	12.115
Auraiya GPP	663	1.39	28058587	12.094
Dadri GPP	830	1.55	24799940	12.786
Total Fixed Cost (in Rs)			66266870	

FY 2024-25:

	Installed Capacity	Scheduled Energy (LUs)	Fixed Cost (in Rs.)	Variable Cost (in Rs./kWh)
Anta GPP	419	2.29	9736967	12.485
Auraiya GPP	663	2.31	18844985	11.153
Dadri GPP	830	2.45	16571657	12.602
Total Fixed Cost (in Rs)			45153809	

FY 2025-26:

	Installed Capacity	Scheduled Energy (LUs)	Fixed Cost (in Rs.)	Variable Cost (in Rs./kWh)
Anta GPP	419	0	11893696	0
Auraiya GPP	663	0	23135027	0
Dadri GPP	830	0.99	21261048	23.87
Total Fixed Cost (in Rs)			56292771	

- iii. The availability of gas and possibility of scheduling the said power plants.

Reply:

In case of non-availability of gas, the plants will be made available on RLNG/Liquid fuel and the plants will be scheduled in case of requirement as per merit order dispatch.

- iv. The cost HPPC will have to bear, in case of non-scheduling of the said power plants

Reply:

HPPC will have to bear the Fixed Cost in proportion to the share allocated to Haryana for the month of May @15% and for the months of June to Sep 17.5%, in case of non-scheduling of power plants. For illustration, the tentative Fixed Cost for the month of May is worked out as under:

	Installed Capacity	Allocation in May (in %)	Allocation in May (in MW)	Available Energy (LUs)	Fixed Cost (in Rs)
Anta GPP	419	1.92	8.04	59.79	3065330.78
Auraiya GPP	663	1.90	12.62	93.92	5969247.14
Dadri GPP	830	1.98	16.45	122.38	5539058.71
Total Fixed Cost (in Rs)				276.09	14573636.63
Fixed Cost/kWh					0.52

- 4.4. That the expected average tariff of Rs. 4.24/kWh is lower than the AC rate of Rs. 4.55 per unit approved by this Hon'ble Commission vide Order dated 25.03.2026.

Commission's Analysis and Order

5. The case was finally heard on 24.04.2026 in the court room of the Commission. During the course of the proceedings, the Petitioner primarily reiterated the averments and submissions set out in its Petition/reply, which for the sake of brevity are not reproduced herein but shall be read as part of the record.
6. Upon a careful and comprehensive consideration of the pleadings on record and the material placed before this Commission, it is observed that the power portfolio offered by the Northern Regional Power Committee comprises, inter alia, multiple gas-based generating stations, in addition to certain high-tariff sources, namely THDC Limited (Koteshwar) and Neyveli Uttar Pradesh Power Limited.
7. The Commission further notes that the aforesaid gas-based generating stations have, for a considerable period, remained largely stranded or significantly under-utilized, primarily on account of acute constraints in domestic gas availability and the pronounced volatility in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) prices, forcing the State to bear the burden of unwarranted fixed cost only. This situation stands aggravated by prevailing global geopolitical developments, which have further intensified the systemic gas supply crisis. In such circumstances, the inclusion of these generating stations as part of a bundled or composite power procurement portfolio, particularly when their scheduling and actual dispatch remain highly uncertain and, in all likelihood, improbable, cannot be said to satisfy the tests of prudence and economic efficiency.
8. Notwithstanding the aforementioned observations, the Commission has taken note of the submissions of the Petitioner (HPPC) that it is likely to face deficit of 1278 MW, 2870 MW, 2943 MW, 1766 MW and 635 MW in the months from May-Sep., 2026,

respectively with the peak demand expected to reach at 16454 MW in FY 2026-27. HPPC has submitted that they are obligated to provide 24x7 power to its consumers.

9. The Commission recognizes that the confluence of agricultural tube-well consumption and heightened air-conditioning loads during the summer months typically results in a precipitous rise in peak demand.
10. In view of the above discussions, in order to ensure that the electricity consumers of Haryana get un-interrupted power supply during the summer months, given supply constraints of a generators with which Haryana has long term PPAs, the Commission grants source approval for power allocated by the Ministry of Power (MoP) from pool of the Central Generating Stations (CGS) of Northern Region, during summer season, in view of the revised NRPC Allocation memo dated 27.03.2026.
11. The present petition brought before this Commission is disposed of in terms of the above order.

This order is signed, dated and issued by the Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission on 27.04.2026.

Date: 27.04.2026	Sd/-	Sd/	Sd/-
Place: Panchkula	(Shiv Kumar)	(Mukesh Garg)	(Nand Lal Sharma)
	Member	Member	Chairman