

IN THE HIGH COURT OF GUJARAT AT AHMEDABAD**R/PETN. UNDER ARBITRATION ACT NO. 12 of 2026**

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ZODIAC ENERGY LIMITED

Versus

UTTAR GUJARAT VIJ COMPANY LIMITED (UGVCL)

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Appearance:

MR. RAHUL M BAROT(9965) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

SHIVANI RAJPUROHIT(5377) for the Petitioner(s) No. 1

MR CHINMAY M GANDHI(3979) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

MS RUMI M GANDHI(3472) for the Respondent(s) No. 1

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**CORAM:HONOURABLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MRS. JUSTICE
SUNITA AGARWAL****Date : 10/04/2026****ORAL ORDER**

1. Heard Ms. Shivani Rajpurohit, learned advocate for the petitioner and Mr. Chinmay Gandhi, learned advocate for the respondent.

2. The only issue raised to assail the plea of the petitioner for appointment of arbitrator is about the arbitrability of the dispute, which cannot be looked into at the pre-referral stage in the present petition under Section 11 of the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. As there is no dispute about the arbitration clause and the notice invoking arbitration by the petitioner, I have no option but to allow the present petition.

3. Noticing the above, I proceed to pass following :

O R D E R

(i) Petition is **ALLOWED**.

(ii) Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.R.Brahmbhatt, Former Judge, High Court of Gujarat, Residing at: Residence: Bunglow No. 9, Neetibaug Judges Society, Opp. Gujarat High Court, Ghatlodiya, Ahmedabad - 380061, email address: sbrahmbhatt1@gmail.com is appointed as sole Arbitrator to resolve the disputes between the parties in accordance with the Arbitration Centre (Domestic and International), High Court of Gujarat Rules, 2021. Both parties would be governed by said Rules.

(iii) Registry is directed to communicate this order to the sole arbitrator forthwith by speed post. No order as to costs.

(iv) Consequently, all pending connected application/s, if any, stands disposed of.

SHRIJIT PILLAI

(SUNITA AGARWAL, CJ)