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To
Shri Pradeep S.Mehta,
Secretary General,
CUTS International (Consumer Unity & Trust Society),
D-217, Bhaskar Marg, Bani Park,
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Dear Mr.Pradeep Mehta,

It gives me pleasure to note that the CUTS International has successfully implemented the project "A Diagnostic Study to build the capacity/ awareness among CSOs to demand for Demand Side Management and Renewable Energy in India – DEC Project". The implementation of baseline and final consumer survey in select districts of Gujarat has shown positive outcomes. It reflected that a large number of consumers are willing to pay additional (about 5-10%) for cleaner energy, which is encouraging and quite relevant for the stakeholders in the renewable energy sector.

I am also happy to note that a cadre of local CSOs capacity has been formed to interact with the policymakers in the electricity sector and to ensure that the consumer voice is given due consideration.

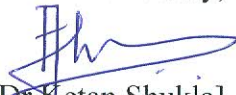
Given the importance and relevance of the project, the Commission provided support to CUTS and VIKSAT for organizing a Roundtable Discussion on "Promotion of Clean Energy Sources: Role of Policies and Regulations" in Ahmedabad. The same was also attended by Dr.P.K.Mishra, Chairman, GERC where the Commission had an opportunity to engage with CSOs and other relevant stakeholders.

There are still many miles to cover and challenges to overcome; I am sure, CUTS shall continue to work in Gujarat with dedication and commitment towards building CSO Capacity to ensure larger participation in renewable energy and demand side management.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes to Mr.Udai S Mehta and Mr. Gaurav Shukla and CUTS in your future projects in Gujarat and India.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,


[Dr.Ketan Shukla]
Secretary, GERC