

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**Petition No.322/TL/2024**

Subject : Application under Sections 14, 15 and 79(1)(e) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procedure, Terms and Conditions for Grant of Transmission License and other related matters) Regulations, 2024 seeking grant of Transmission License to NERGS-I Power Transmission Limited.

Petitioner : NERGS-I Power Transmission Limited (NREGSPTL)

Respondents : Central Transmission Utility of India Limited and Ors.

Date of Hearing : **29.5.2025**

Coram : Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson  
Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member  
Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Member

Parties Present : Ms. Poonam Verma Sengupta, Advocate, NREGSPTL  
Shri Pradyumn Amit Sharma, Advocate, NREGSPTL  
Shri Piyush Sachdev, Advocate, APDCL  
Shri Lalit Narayan Kar, Advocate, APDCL  
Shri Akshayvat Kislay, CTUIL  
Shri Swapnil Verma, CTUIL

**Record of Proceedings**

At the outset, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that vide order dated 13.5.2025, the Commission has held that the Petitioner is eligible for the grant of a transmission licence and, consequently, directed to issue public notice under Section 15(5)(a) of the Electricity Act, 2003 inviting suggestion or objection to the grant of a transmission licence to the Petitioner. However, in response thereto, no suggestion or objection has been received.

2. The learned counsel for Respondent, APDCL, raised an objection referring to a recent development, submitting that, based on the request of the Government of Assam, the loan proposal for the "Assam Solar Project (PPR ID 11688)" and the Technical Assistance (PPR ID 12165) under the "Mukhya Mantri Sauro Shakti Prokolpo" has been withdrawn and a communication to this effect has been made to the Asian Development Bank (ADB) requesting appropriate action in light of the withdrawal. He further added that the above development has put the implementation of the Assam Solar Project in uncertainty, and even if the Assam Solar Project is implemented, after the tying up of the necessary finance, the agreements with CTUIL might also need restructuring.

3. In response, learned counsel for the Petitioner raised her objection and further stated that such submissions are not supported by any affidavit filed by APDCL. She also submitted the grant of the transmission licence to the Petitioner for implementing



its Project, which has already been delayed considerably, and the issues now being raised by APDCL are extraneous to these licence proceedings.

4. The representative of CTUIL pointed out that the Project is being developed as part of the ATS for the Assam Solar Project, and for the purpose of connectivity, APDCL has also submitted Bank Guarantees for Rs. 214.50 crores. In case the connectivity is relinquished by APDCL, such Bank Guarantees would also be forfeited as per the GNA Regulations. He also submitted that, as per the Transmission Service Agreement (TSA), the Transmission Service Provider (TSP) is required to obtain the transmission licence within six months, with an additional three months' extension at the discretion of CTUIL, and that the said timeline has already elapsed in the present case.

5. Considering the submissions of the parties, the Commission granted the Respondent, APDCL, a last opportunity to file its affidavit and clearly indicate therein its position with respect to the implementation of the Assam Solar Project on or before 19.6.2025.

6. The matter will be listed for the hearing on **20.6.2025**.

**By order of the Commission**

**Sd/-**

**(T.D. Pant)**

**Joint Chief (Law)**