

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No.260/AT/2025

Subject : Petition under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking adoption of usage charges for 510 MW Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Power Station (Tranche-III) connected to the Inter-State Transmission System and selected through competitive bidding process under Central Power Sector Undertaking Scheme Phase-II dated 05.03.2019 as per the Standard Bidding Guidelines of MoP dated 03.08.2017.

Petitioner : NLC India Limited (NLCIL)

Respondents : Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA) and Ors.

Date of Hearing : **16.7.2025**

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

Parties Present : Shri Venkatesh, Advocate, NLCIL
Shri Aashwyn Singh, Advocate, NLCIL
Shri Kartikay Trivedi, Advocate, NLCIL
Ms. Indu Uttara, Advocate, NLCIL

Record of Proceedings

At the outset, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that vide Record of Proceedings for the hearing dated 20.6.2025, the Commission had permitted the IREDA to file its compliance affidavit within 10 days as requested. However, it appears that IREDA has yet to file the compliance affidavit. Learned counsel also expressed his concern over the delay in the present tariff adoption proceedings, particularly in light of the Projects being on the verge of commissioning. Learned counsel also suggested that while giving another opportunity to IREDA to file its compliance affidavit, the matter may be reserved for the order.

2. None was present on behalf of the Respondent, IREDA, despite the notice.

3. Considering the submissions made by the learned counsel for the Petitioner, the Commission expressed its strong disapproval of IREDA's conduct in repeatedly failing to appear during the course of the hearing to assist the Commission in tariff adoption proceedings in respect of bid process conducted by IREDA itself. The Commission also expressed that such an insouciant and negligent attitude towards the compliance(s) cannot be expected from a Public Sector Undertaking like IREDA. and accordingly, the Commission deemed it appropriate to issue Show Cause Notice

to IREDA to explain within a week the non-compliance of the previous directions of the Commission and last opportunity to file its compliance affidavit. The copy of this Record of Proceedings may also be marked to the Managing Director, IREDA, for the necessary intimation and ensuring the requisite compliance(s). In addition, the *dasti service* of this Record of Proceedings by the Petitioner is also permitted.

4. Accordingly, order in the matter was reserved.

By order of the Commission
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(T.D. Pant)
Joint Chief (Law)