

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No. 857/TL/2025

Coram:

**Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson
Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member
Shri Harish Dudani, Member**

Date of Order: 12th January, 2026

In the matter of

Application under Sections 14 & 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procedure, Terms and Conditions for Grant of Transmission License and other related matters) Regulations, 2024 with respect to Transmission Licence to Davanagere Power Transmission Limited.

And

In the matter of

Davanagere Power Transmission Limited,

(Now known as 'POWERGRID Davanagere Augmentation Transmission Limited'),
(A 100% wholly owned subsidiary of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited),

Registered office:

B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai,
New Delhi – 110016.

Address for correspondence:

C/o ED (TBCB), Power Grid Corporation of India Limited,
Saudamini, Plot no.2, Sector -29, Gurgaon 122001.

....Petitioner

Vs

1. Central Transmission Utility of India Limited,
Saudamini, Plot no.2, Sector -29, Gurgaon- 122001.

2. REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited,
REC Corporate Head Quarter, D Block, Plot No. I – 4,
Sec – 29 Gurugram – 122001.

3. Andhra Pradesh Power Purchase Coordination Committee,
Andhra Pradesh Power Co-ordination Committee,
Vidyut Soudha, Gunadala,
Vijayawada - 520004, Andhra Pradesh.

- 4. Bangalore Electricity Supply Company,**
Corporate Office, BESCOM K.R. Circle,
Bangalore - 560001.
- 5. Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company,**
Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company,
Gulbarga - 585102.
- 6. Hubli Electricity Supply Company,**
HESCOM, Navanagar, P.B Road,
Hubballi – 580025.
- 7. Mangalore Electricity Supply Company,**
3rd Floor, MESCOM Bhavan, Corporate Office,
MESCOM, Kavoor Cross Road,
Bejai – 575004, Mangalore.
- 8. Chamundeswari Elect. Supply Co. Limited,**
CESC Mysore, Corporate Office, #29,
Vijayanagara 2nd Stage, Hinkal,
Mysuru – 570017.
- 9. KSEB Limited,**
Kerala Electricity Board, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom,
Thiruvananthapuram - 695004, Kerala.
- 10. Tamil Nadu Gen & Dist Co. Limited,**
Tangedco, Chief Financial Controller/Revenue / Eastern Wing,
7th Floor, NPKRR Maaligai,144,
Anna Salai – 600002, Chennai.
- 11. Telangana State PC Committee,**
Vidyut Soudha, Khairathabad,
Hyderabad– 500082, Telangana.
- 12. Puducherry Electricity Department,**
1st Floor, Main Building, Electricity Department,
Govt of Puducherry, Puducherry – 605001.
- 13. Goa Electricity Department-SR,**
Electricity Department, Division No: III, Curti.,
Ponda - 403401, Goa.
- 14. HVDC, Kolar, Power Grid Corporation,**
SRTS# II, Pragati Mahalakshmi, South Block (2nd & 3rd Floor),
No.62, Bangalore – 560001, Karnataka.
- 15. Thermal Powertech Corporation India,**
Door No. 6-3-1090, 2nd Floor, C Block,

Tsr Towers, Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda,
Hyderabad - 500082 (Opposite Villae Marie College).

16. SAIL-Salem Steel Plant,
Salem Steel Plant, Steel Authority of India Limited,
Salem – 636013.

17. Sembcorp Gayatri Power Limited,
6-3-1090, 5th Floor, A Block, TSR Towers,
Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda
Hyderabad - 500082.

18. South Western Railway,
Office of Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer,
Divisional Railway Manager Building,
Traction Distribution Branch, Ground Floor,
Adjacent to City Railway Station, Bengaluru – 560023.

19. Pugalur HVDC Station, POWERGRID,
HVDC-Pugalur Nochipalayam Post,
Sirukinar Village, Dharmapuram Taluk,
Tiruppur Dist. – 638706, Tamil Nadu.

20. Thrissur HVDC Station, POWERGRID,
HVDC-THRISSUR Substation,
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.,
Near Cashew Research Station,
Mannuthy Thannikudem Road,
Madakathara, Thrissur - 680651, Kerala.

21. Jade Hybren Private Limited,
Embassy 247 Park, Tower B, 6th Floor, Lal Bahadur Shastri Marg,
Vikhroli West, Mumbai – 400083.

22. JSW Neo Energy Limited,
JSW Centre Bandra Kurla Complex Bandra,
East Mumbai, Maharashtra.

23. NTPC Renewable Energy Limited,
NETRA Building, E-3, Ecotech-II, Udyog Vihar,
Greater Noida – 201306.

24. Indian Oil NTPC Green Energy Private Limited,
E-3, Main Market Rd, Ecotech-II, Udyog Vihar,
Greater Noida– 201306, Uttar Pradesh.

25. Juniper Green Energy Private Limited,
Plot No. 18, 1st Floor, Institutional Area, Sector - 32,
Gurgaon - 122001, Haryana.

26. Adyant Enersol Private Limited,
Plot no-51 & 52, M-Powered Building Phase-IV,
Udyog Vihar Near Atlas Chowk, Gurgaon, Haryana.

....Respondents

Parties present:

Shri Rohit Jain, DPTL
Shri Ranjeet Singh Rajput, CTUIL
Shri Akshayvat Kislay, CTUIL

ORDER

The Petitioner, Davanagere Power Transmission Limited (now known as POWERGRID Davanagere Augemetnation Transmission Limited'), has filed the present Petition for the grant of a transmission licence under Sections 14, & 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") read with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procedure, Terms, and Conditions for grant of Transmission Licence and other related matters) Regulations, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as "the Transmission Licence Regulations") to establish the Inter-State transmission system for "Transmission System Strengthening at Davanagere for Integration of RE Generation" on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer Basis (hereinafter referred to as "the Project") consisting of the following elements:

Sl. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD in months from the Effective Date	Element(s) which are pre-required for declaring the Commercial Operation Date (COD) of the respective Element
1.	Augmentation of transformation capacity by 4x500 MVA, 400/220 kV ICTs (5 th – 8 th) at Davanagere PS • 400/220 kV, 500 MVA, ICTs – 4 Nos.	24 months (24.9.2027)	Element at Sl. No. 2 & 3

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 kV ICT bays – 4 Nos. • 220 kV ICT bays – 4 Nos 		
2.	<p>Augmentation of Davanagere / Chitradurga PS by 765/400 kV, 1x1500 MVA ICTs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 1 No. • 765 kV ICT bays – 1 No • 400 kV ICT bays – 1 Nos. • 220 kV Bus Sectionalizer: 1 set • 220 kV Bus Coupler (BC) Bay – 2 Nos. • 220 kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) Bay – 2 Nos 		Element at Sl. No. 1 & 3
3.	<p>2 Nos. of 220 kV line bays at Davanagere / Chitradurga PS for termination of dedicated transmission lines of RE generation projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 220 kV line bays – 2 Nos. 		Element at Sl. No. 1 & 2

Note:

- *TSP of Davanagere PS shall provide space at Davanagere PS for carrying out the above augmentation works.*

2. Based on the competitive bidding carried out by the REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (RECPDCL), in its capacity as the Bid Process Coordinator (BPC), in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India under Section 63 of the Act, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited was declared a successful bidder with the lowest quoted annual transmission charges of Rs. 423.11 million.

3. The Commission, after considering the application of the Petitioner in light of the provisions of the Act and the Transmission Licence Regulations, in its order dated 25.12.2025, *prima facie* proposed to grant a transmission licence to the Petitioner. The relevant extracts of the order dated 25.12.2025 are extracted as under:

*“21. Considering the material on record, we are prima-facie of the view that the Petitioner satisfies the conditions for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence under Section 15 of the Act, read with the Transmission Licence Regulations for construction, operation, and maintenance of the transmission system as described in para 1 of this order. We, therefore, direct that a public notice in two daily digital newspapers and on the Commission’s website under clause (a) of sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act be published to invite suggestions or objections to the grant of a transmission licence aforesaid. The objections or suggestions, if any, shall be filed by any person before the Commission by **6.1.2026.**”*

4. A public notice under Sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act was published in all editions of the Indian Express (English) and Dainik Jagran (Hindi) on 31.12.2025. No suggestions/ objections have been received from members of the public in response to the public notice.

5. The Petitioner, vide its affidavit dated 22.12.2025, has informed that the name of the Petitioner company has been changed from ‘Davanagere Power Transmission Limited’ to ‘POWERGRID Davanagere Augmentation Transmission Limited’ with effect from 18.12.2025. The certificate of change of name from ‘Davanagere Power Transmission Limited’ to ‘POWERGRID Davanagere Augmentation Transmission Limited’ with effect from 18.12.2025 issued by the Registrar of Companies, IMT Manesar, Haryana, has been placed on record. Accordingly, the name of the Petitioner has been changed to ‘POWERGRID Davanagere Augmentation Transmission Limited’, and the same has been taken on record.

Hearing dated 8.1.2026

6. The matter was called out for the hearing on 8.1.2026. During the course of the hearing, the representative of Petitioner submitted that no objection had been received in response to the public notice published by the Commission under sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act. He prayed to be granted a transmission licence.

7. As regards the grant of a transmission licence, Clauses (13) and (14) of Regulation 5 of the 2024 Transmission Licence Regulations provide as under:

“(13) The Commission may, after consideration of the further suggestions and objections, if any, received in response to the public notice in terms of Clause (12) of this Regulation, grant licence to the applicant in Form-III appended to these regulations or for reasons to be recorded in writing, reject the application.

“(14) The Commission shall before granting licence or rejecting the application under the provisions of this Regulation provide an opportunity of hearing to the applicant, CTUIL, the concerned DICs, or the person who has filed suggestions and objections, or any other interested person.”

8. In our order dated 25.12.2025, we had proposed to grant a transmission licence to the Petitioner company and directed the issue of public notice. In response to the public notice, no suggestions/objections have been received. CTUIL, in its letter dated 13.10.2025, has recommended the grant of a transmission licence to the Petitioner. We find that the Petitioner company meets the requirements of the Act and the Transmission Licence Regulations, 2024, for the grant of a transmission licence for the subject Transmission System mentioned in paragraph 1 of this order. Considering the submissions of the Petitioner and CTUIL, we direct that a transmission licence be granted to the Petitioner, ‘POWERGRID Davanagere Augmentation Transmission Limited’, to establish the Inter-State transmission system for “Transmission System

Strengthening at Davanagere for Integration of RE Generation” as per the details given in paragraph 1 above.

9. The grant of the transmission licence to the Petitioner (hereinafter referred to as “the licensee”) is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions throughout the period of the licence:

(a) The transmission licence shall, unless revoked earlier, remain in force for a period of 25 years from the date of issue;

(b) The transmission licensee shall comply with the provisions of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procedure, Terms, and Conditions for grant of Transmission Licence and other related matters) Regulations, 2024 or any subsequent enactment thereof during the period of subsistence of the licence;

(c) The licensee may make an application, two years before the expiry of the initial licence period, for the grant of the transmission licence for another term in accordance with Regulation 9 (2) of the 2024 Transmission Licence Regulations, which shall be considered by the Commission in accordance with law;

(d) The licensee shall not enter into any contract for or otherwise engage in the business of trading in electricity during the period of subsistence of the transmission licence;

(e) The licensee shall have the liability to pay the license fee in accordance with the provisions of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment

of Fees) Regulations, 2012, as amended from time to time or any subsequent enactment thereof. Delay in payment or non-payment of the licence fee or a part thereof for a period exceeding sixty days shall be construed as a breach of the terms and conditions of the licence;

(f) The licensee shall comply with the directions of the National Load Despatch Centre under Section 26 of the Act, or the Regional Load Despatch Centre under sub-section (3) of Section 28 or sub-section (1) of Section 29 of the Act, as may be issued from time to time for maintaining the availability of the transmission system;

(g) The licensee shall remain bound by the provisions of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standard of Performance of inter-State transmission licensees) Regulations, 2012 or subsequent enactment thereof;

(h) The licensee shall provide the non-discriminatory open access to its Transmission System for use by any other licensee, including a distribution licensee or an electricity trader, or generating company or any other person in accordance with the Act; the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Open Access in inter-State Transmission) Regulations, 2008; the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) Regulations, 2023; the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) Regulations, 2023, as amended from time to time or any subsequent re-enactments thereof;

(i) The licensee shall not undertake any other business for optimum utilization of the Transmission System without prior intimation to the

Commission and shall comply with the provisions of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of Revenue Derived from Utilization of Transmission Assets for other business) Regulations, 2020;

(j) The licensee shall remain bound by provisions of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Sharing of inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020, as amended from time to time;

(k) The licensee shall remain bound by the provisions of the Act, the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder, in particular the 2024 Transmission Licence Regulations, the Grid Code, the Standards specified by the Central Electricity Authority, orders and directions of the Commission issued from time to time;

(l) The licensee shall ensure the execution of the Project as per the Technical Standards and Grid Standards of CEA;

(m) The licensee shall submit all such reports or information as may be required under 2024 Transmission Licence Regulations, Standard of Performance Regulations or any other regulation of the Commission or as per the directions of the Commission as may be issued from time to time;

(n) The licensee shall ensure that the EPC contract for the execution of work under the scope of the project is awarded through a competitive bidding process.

10. CTUIL and the Central Electricity Authority shall monitor the execution of the Project and bring to the Commission's notice any lapse on the part of the licensee in

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meeting the schedule for further appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of the Transmission Service Agreement executed between the licensee and the Nodal Agency, the Act and the Transmission Licence Regulations.

11. It is expected that while carrying out the survey, the Petitioner has complied with the provisions of clauses 2.5.7.3, 2.5.7.4, and 2.5.7.5 of the RfP. The Petitioner will comply with the provisions of the bidding documents and the TSA for the commissioning of the Project within the SCOD in letter and spirit.

12. An extract copy of this order is to be sent to CTUIL, CEA, and BPC for information and necessary action.

13. Petition No. 857/TL/2025 is allowed in terms of the above.

Sd/-
(Harish Dudani)
Member

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(Ramesh Babu V)
Member

sd/-
(Jishnu Barua)
Chairperson