

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No. 872/TL/2025

Coram:

Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member

Shri Harish Dudani, Member

Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Member

Date of Order: 15th January, 2026

In the matter of

Petition under Sections 14 and 15 (1) of the Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 5 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Procedure, Terms and Conditions for Grant of Transmission Licence and other related matters), Regulations, 2024 for grant of Transmission Licence to Ananthapuram II Power Transmission Limited.

And

In the matter of

Ananthapuram II Power Transmission Limited,
Plot No. 137, Avtar Enclave, Paschim Vihar,
New Delhi – 110063.

...Petitioner

Vs

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

2. REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited,
Core- 4, SCOPE Complex,
7, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.

3. Andhra Pradesh Power Purchase Coordination Committee,
Corporate Office, Beside Polytechnic College,
Iti Road, Vijayawada 520 008,
Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.

4. Bangalore Electricity Supply Company,
Corporate Office, Belaku Bhavana,
Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi, K R Circle,
Bengaluru – 560001, Karnataka.

5. Gulberga Electricity Supply Company,

Station Main Road, Gulbarga, – 585102,
Karnataka.

6. Hubli Electricity Supply Company,
P B Road, HESCOM, Corporate Office,
Navanagar, Hubli – 580025, Karnataka.

7. Mangalore Electricity Supply Company,
MESCOM Corporate Offices, 'MESCOM BHAVAN',
Kavoor Cross Road, Bejai, Mangalore-575004,
Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka.

8. Chamundeswari Elect. Supply Co. Limited,
CESCOM Corporate Office, # CA-29, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage,
Hinkal, Mysuru - 570017.

9. Kerala State Electricity Board Limited,
Financial Adviser, Vydyuthi Bhavanam Vth Floor,
Thiruvananthapuram – 695004, Kerala.

10. Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited,
(Formerly TANGEDCO),
7th Floor Eastern Wing, NPKRR,
Maliga,144, Anna Salai - 600002, Tamil Nadu.

11. Telangana State Power Purchase Committee,
H. No. 2-03-31/2, Vidyuth Bhavan, Vidyuth Bhavan,
Hanamkonda, Warangal - 506001, Telangana.

12. Puducherry Electricity Department,
No.137, Subhash Chandra Bose Salai,
Puducherry – 605001.

13. Goa Electricity Department,
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Division-III, Curti -Ponda, Goa - 403401.

14. HVDC, Kolar, Power Grid Corporation,
POWERGRID, Kolar 2500 MW HVDC Terminal Station,
Kolar-Chintamani Road, Arahalli Post,
Kolar-563101, Karnataka.

15. SAIL-Salem Steel Plant,
Ispat Bhavan, 5 Kodambakkam High Rd.,
Nungambakkam, Chennai – 600034, Tamil Nadu.

16. Sembcorp Gayatri Power Limited,
A Block, TSR Towers, Rajbhavan Road,
Somajiguda, Hyderabad – 500082.

17. South Western Railway,
O/o Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer, Traction Distribution,
South Western Railway, Ground Floor,
DRM Office Complex, Majestic, Bangalore – 23.

18. Pugalur HVDC Station, POWERGRID,
Nochipalayam, Sirikinar, Tiruppur,
Dharapuram Taluk - 638706, Tamil Nadu.

19. Thrissur HVDC Station, POWERGRID,
+/- 320kV VSC HVDC Station, Near Cashew Research Station,
Mannuthy - Thannikkudem Road,
Madakkathara, Thrissur – 680651, Kerala.

....Respondents

Parties present:

Ms. Swapna Seshadri, Advocate, AIIPTL
Shri Akshayvat Kislay, CTUIL

ORDER

The Petitioner, Ananthapuram II Power Transmission Limited (hereinafter referred to as “AIIPTL”), has filed the present Petition for the grant of a transmission licence under Sections 14 and 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 for Integration of Ananthapuram-II REZ – Phase II (3 GW)” on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer Basis (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”) consisting of the following elements:

S. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD
1.	Augmentation of Ananthapuram-II PS by 400/220 kV, 1x500 MVA ICT <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 400/220 kV, 500 MVA, ICT – 1 no.• 400 kV ICT bay – 1 no.	24 months (17.10.2027)

S. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 kV Bus Sectionalizer: 1 set • 220 kV ICT bay – 1 no. • 220 kV Bus Sectionalizer: 1 set • 220 kV Bus Coupler (BC) Bay – 1 no. • 220 kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) Bay – 1 no. 	
2.	220 kV line bays at Ananthapuram-II PS for termination of dedicated transmission lines of RE generation projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 220 kV line bays – 2 nos. 	
3.	400 kV line bays at Ananthapuram-II PS for termination of dedicated transmission line of RE generation projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 kV line bays – 3 nos. 	
4.	Augmentation of Ananthapuram-II PS by 765/400 kV, 2x1500 MVA and 400/220 kV, 6x500 MVA ICTs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 2 nos. • 765 kV ICT bays – 2 nos. • 400 kV ICT bays – 2 nos. • 400/220 kV, 500 MVA, ICTs – 6 nos. • 400 kV ICT bays – 6 nos. • 220 kV ICT bays – 6 nos. • 220 kV Bus Sectionalizer: 1 set • 220 kV Bus Coupler (BC) Bay – 1 no. • 220 kV Transfer Bus Coupler (TBC) Bay – 1 no. 	30 months (17.04.2028)
5.	220 kV line bays at Ananthapuram-II PS for termination of dedicated transmission lines of RE generation projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 220 kV line bays – 10 nos. 	
6.	Establishment of 3x1500 MVA, 765/400 kV CN'Halli Station with 2x330 MVar (765 kV) bus reactors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 3 nos. (10x500 MVA incl. 1 spare unit) • 765 kV ICT bay – 3 nos. • 400 kV ICT bay – 3 nos. • 765 kV line bays – 2 nos. (at CN'Halli for termination of CN'Halli – Ananthapuram-II PS 765 kV D/c line) • 765 kV, 330 MVar Bus Reactors – 2 nos. (7x110 MVar inc. 1 switchable spare unit) • 765 kV Bus Reactor bays – 2 nos. • 400 kV line bays – 6 nos. <p>Future Space Provisions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA, ICTs – 3 nos. • 765 kV ICT bays – 3 nos. • 400 kV ICT bays – 3 nos. • 765 kV line bays – 6 nos. (with provision for SLR) • 400 kV line bays – 12 nos. (with provision for SLR) • 400 kV Bus Sectionalizer: 1 set 	

S. No.	Name of the Transmission Element	Scheduled COD
7.	Ananthapuram-II PS – CN' Halli 765 kV D/c line with 330 MVAr SLR at Ananthapuram-II end on both circuits <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765 kV line bays –2 • 765 kV, 330 MVAr SLR at Ananthapuram-II – 2 nos. (6x110 MVAr switchable units) 	
8.	LILO of one circuit of Talaguppa - Neelmangala 400 kV D/c line at CN' Halli	
9.	LILO at CN' Halli of already LILOed section of one circuit of Talaguppa - Neelmangala 400 kV line at Hassan	

Note:

i) *TSP of Ananthapuram-II Phase-I shall provide space at Ananthapuram-II PS for carrying out above augmentation works.*

ii) *TSP of Ananthapuram-II Phase-I shall provide space for 2 Nos. of 765 kV line bays at Ananthapuram-II PS for termination of Ananthapuram-II PS – CN' Halli 765 kV D/C line.”*

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, Shivalaya Construction Limited was declared a successful bidder with the lowest quoted annual transmission charges of Rs. 3,190.00 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 31.12.2025, *prima facie* proposed to grant a transmission licence to the Petitioner. The relevant extracts of the order dated 31.12.2025 are extracted as under:

*“23. 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 11.1.2026.”

4. A public notice under Sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act was published in all editions of The Hindu (English) and Hindustan (Hindi) on 7.1.2026. No suggestions/objections have been received from members of the public in response to the public notice.

Hearing dated 13.1.2026

5. The matter was called out for the hearing on 13.1.2026. During the course of the hearing, the learned counsel for the 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. She prayed to be granted a transmission licence.

6. 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.”

7. In our order dated 31.12.2025, 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 3.11.2025, 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, '**Ananthapuram II Power Transmission Limited**', to establish the Inter-State transmission system for "Transmission System for Integration of Ananthapuram-II REZ – Phase II (3 GW)" on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis as per the details given in paragraph 1 above.

8. 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.

9. 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 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.

10. 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.

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

12. Petition No. 872/TL/2025 is allowed in terms of the above.

Sd/- (Ravinder Singh Dhillon) Member	sd/- (Harish Dudani) Member	sd/- (Ramesh Babu V.) Member	sd/- (Jishnu Barua Chairperson
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