

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No.125/TL/2026 And IA No. 34/2026

Subject : Application under Sections 14, 15, 79(1)(e) 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) Regulation, 2024 and any other amendments thereon issued from time to time by this Commission for grant of Transmission License to TP Gopalpur Transmission Limited (earlier known as ERES-XXXIX Power Transmission Limited).

Petitioner : TP Gopalpur Transmission Limited (TPGTL)

Respondents : Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) & Ors.

Petition No. 124/AT/2026

Subject : Petition under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 seeking adoption of the Transmission Charges of the “Eastern Region Expansion Scheme – XXXIX” to be established by ERES-XXXIX Power Transmission Limited.

Petitioner : TP Gopalpur Transmission Limited

Respondents : Central Transmission Utility of India Limited and Ors.

Date of Hearing : **18.3.2026**

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

Parties Present : Shri Anand Shrivastva, Advocate, TPGTL
Shri Ankit Bhandari, Advocate, TPGTL
Shri Ekshat Punwani, Advocate, TPGTL
Shri Ritam Biswas, RECPDCL
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Record of Proceedings

Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that these Petitions have been filed for the grant of a transmission licence for the implementation of “Eastern Region Expansion Scheme – XXXIX” (“the Project”) and for the adoption of transmission charges in respect of the Project discovered pursuant to the tariff-based competitive bidding process. The learned counsel further submitted as under:

(a) For the above Project, the Petitioner had earlier filed Petition Nos. 513/TL/2024 and 514/AT/2024 for the grant of a transmission licence and adoption of transmission charges, respectively. However, the Commission *vide* order dated



18.12.2025 in Petition No. 513/TL/2024 referred the proposal for the Project back to NCT for reconsideration on the basis of its likely utilisation and impact on the consumers in the absence of any application for its use by the bulk consumers and the Petitioner was granted a liberty to approach the Commission after the decision of NCT. By order dated 7.1.2026, the Petition No. 514/AT/2024 was also disposed of by giving a similar liberty to the Petitioner.

(b) Thereafter, the NCT in its 36th Meeting held on 30.12.2025 has considered the matter and given detailed reasoning on the criticality of the instant transmission Project. NCT has *inter alia* strongly recommended the early start of the Project's work, upon the grant of the licence by the Commission, so that the line is completed within the scheduled timeframe, as the remaining period left is only about 24 months.

(c) Since the Petitioner had already complied with the requirements of uploading the licence application on its website along with Form I and Form II, and publication of Form II in newspapers under the Transmission Licence Regulations in respect of the Project under Petition No. 513/TL/2024, the Petitioner has also filed IA No. 34/2026 in Petition No. 125/TL/2026 seeking an exemption from the compliance of above requirements.

(d) Copies of the Petitions have already been served upon the Respondents. However, none of the Respondents has filed any reply in the matter.

2. After hearing the learned counsel for the Petitioner, the Commission directed as under:

(a) Admit and issue notice to the Respondents.

(b) The Respondents to file their replies, if any, within a week, with a copy to the Petitioner, who may file its rejoinder(s), if any, within three days thereafter.

(c) Since the Petitioner had already complied with the requirements of uploading the licence application on its website along with Form I and Form II, and publication of Form II in newspapers as per the Transmission Licence Regulations in respect of the Project under Petition No. 513/TL/2024, IA No. 34/2026 is allowed and the Petitioner is exempted from the compliance of these requirements in Petition No. 125/TL/2026.

3. Subject to the above, the matters were reserved for order.

By order of the Commission

**Sd/-
(T.D. Pant)
Joint Chief (Law)**