

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No. 245/TL/2025

Coram:

Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member

Shri Harish Dudani, Member

Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Member

Date of Order: 12th March, 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 POWERGRID Kudankulam Transmission Limited.

And

In the matter of

**POWERGRID Kudankulam Transmission Limited,
(erstwhile Kudankulam ISTS 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. **PFC Consulting Limited,**
9th Floor, A-Wing, Statesman House,
Con naught Place, New Delhi-110001.

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

4. **Banglore Electricity Supply Company,**
Corporate Office, BESCOM K.R. Circle, Bangalore-560001.
5. **Gulberga Electricity Supply Company,**
Gulbarga-585102.
6. **Hubli Electricity Supply Company,**
HESCOM, Navanagar, P.B Road, Hubballi-580025.
7. **Manglore Electricity Supply Company,**
3rd Floor, MESCOM Bhavan, Corporate Office, MESCOM,
Kavoor Cross Road, Bejai, Mangalore-575004.
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. **Tamilnadu Gen & Dist Co. Limited,**
Eastern Wing, 7th Floor, NPKRR Maaligai,
144, Anna Salai, Chennai-600002.
11. **Telangana State PC Committee,**
Vidyut Soudha, Khairathabad,
Hyderabad-500082, Telangana.
12. **Puducherry Electricity Department,**
I 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,**
(Opposite Villae Marie College)
Door No 6-3-1090, 2nd Floor, C Block,
Tsr Towers, Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda,
Hyderabad-500082.
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,**
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,**
HVDC-THRISSUR Substation,
Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd.,
Near Cashew Research Station,
Mannuthy Thannikudem Road, Madakathara,
Thrissur-680651, Kerala.

21. **Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited,**
AGM (Commercial-Transmission)
11-N-29, Vikram Sarabhai Bhavan
Anushakti Nagar, Mumbai–400094.

....Respondents

Parties present:

Shri Rohit Jain, KITL
Shri Sachin Yadav, KITL
Shri Naman Saraswat, Advocate, NPCIL
Shri Akshayvat Kislay, CTUIL
Shri Hari Babu Wakda, CTUIL

ORDER

The Petitioner, POWERGRID Kudankulam Transmission Limited (erstwhile Kudankulam ISTS Transmission Limited), 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 “Transmission System under ISTS for evacuation of power from Kudankulam Unit - 3 and 4 (2x1000 MW)” 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
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KNPP 3and4 – Tuticorin-II GIS PS 400 kV (quad) D/C line • 400 kV GIS line terminal equipment at Tuticorin-II GIS – 2 nos. 	31.12.2026

2. Based on the competitive bidding carried out by the PFC Consulting Limited (hereinafter referred to as “PFCCL”), 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. 690.03 million per annum.

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 7.12.2025, *prima facie* proposed to grant a transmission licence to the Petitioner. The relevant extracts of the order dated 7.12.2025 are extracted as under:

“36. We note that the transmission system for KNPP was planned for full 4000 MW way back in 2003-05, wherein 2x400 kV D/c lines (quad conductor) were identified for evacuating the 4000 MW power. However, since KNPP chose to design a switchyard only for the evacuation of 2000 MW and a need for a separate switchyard for the evacuation of the additional 2000 MW, later in 2011, arose for an additional connection for such a separate switchyard. We note that the instant transmission line that should have been established as DTL by KNPP at its own cost has been planned under ISTS. If the said DTL had been constructed and maintained by the generating station, the transmission charges would have been ultimately recovered from the beneficiaries of power from Unit-3 and Unit-4 of KNPP.”

37. We also take note that the instant transmission scheme has been recommended/approved by the NCT/MOP on the premise that the present transmission scheme is an ISTS Scheme to be implemented through the TBCB route. In the case of a dedicated transmission line, the recommendation would not have required such approval. However, the applicant has approached the Commission for the grant of a transmission licence after being a successful bidder under transparent TBCB guidelines. The transmission charges for the instant transmission line are discovered through competitive bidding. The instant transmission system is required for the evacuation of power from KKNPP, and timely execution is important to ensure power evacuation and prevent it from getting stranded. Since the TBCB process has already been completed, and the TSA has been signed, the transmission system is required to be constructed for evacuation of power from the generating station. We are constrained to propose the grant of the transmission licence to the Petitioner company, **subject to the condition that the transmission charges shall be recovered from the generating station/its beneficiaries.** In the event of any dispute in the future parties are always at liberty to approach the Commission in accordance with the law. The parties are directed to submit their comments on the proposal for the grant of transmission licence along with the recovery of transmission charges as proposed above, within two weeks.

38. 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 **22.12.2025.**”

4. In compliance with the above Order dated 7.12.2025, the Petitioner vide affidavit dated 19.1.2026, has submitted as under:

a) The Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding process for the subject project was conducted by PFCCL, acting as the Bid Process Coordinator, in accordance with the Standard Bidding Documents issued by the Ministry of Power after approval of NCT for the project as an ISTS scheme.

b) During the bidding process, a specific query was raised to the BPC regarding whether the subject project was planned as an Associated Transmission System (ATS) under the CERC Connectivity and GNA Regulations, 2022. The BPC clarified the following on 5.8.2024:

Clarification required	Reply to Queries by BPC
BPC is requested to confirm whether the project/Elements of the project are a part of the Associated Transmission System (ATS) as per the definition of Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System, Regulations, 2022.	Refer to Clause 1.3 of Section-1 of RfP

*Definition of ATS as per CERC Sharing Regulations means the transmission system identified for a generating station by the Central Transmission Utility in the Long-Term Access grant.

- c) Clause No. 1.3 of Section-I of the Request for Proposal (hereinafter referred to as “RfP”) document issued by the BPC for the subject project states that during the bidding of the subject project, the bidders were informed that the elements of the subject project have been planned as the ATS (Associated Transmission System) for the Kudankulam Units 3 and 4 Generating Station.
- d) The bidding documents, including Clause 8 of the RfP and Clause 10.1 of the TSA, provide that transmission charges shall be payable by the Designated ISTS Customers through CTUIL in accordance with the CERC Sharing Regulations, 2020, as amended from time to time.
- e) The bid in the subject project in reliance upon the aforesaid provisions of the bidding documents for the subject project state that the transmission charges for the subject project were to be paid by the Designated ISTS Customers through CTUIL as per the CERC Sharing Regulations, 2020. Further, the instant transmission system has also been confirmed as ATS by CTUIL, vide affidavit dated 04.04.2025, which has already been filed in the instant Petition.
- f) The Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) character of the subject project stood finalised prior to initiation of the tariff-based competitive bidding process. The bidding framework proceeded on the settled premise that the transmission system was an ISTS asset, with the applicable cost-recovery and sharing mechanism clearly defined and fixed at the bid stage. Upon the successful conclusion of the bidding process and the subsequent transfer of

the Special Purpose Vehicle to the successful bidder, the Petitioner acquired vested statutory and contractual rights to execute the project in accordance with the provisions of the TSA. Any re-characterisation or re-classification of the transmission system from an ISTS asset to a dedicated transmission line pertains to matters of transmission planning and system approval, which stood concluded prior to initiation of the bidding process.

g) Based on the sub-clause (9) of Regulation 13, read with Regulations 5 to 8 of the CERC Sharing Regulations 2020, it is understood that in cases where dedicated transmission lines are constructed by the ISTS licensees under coordinated transmission planning by the CTUIL, the transmission charges for such lines shall be payable by the concerned Connectivity grantee until its COD. After the COD of the Connectivity grantee, the sharing of transmission charges is to be governed in accordance with Regulations 5 to 8 of the CERC Sharing Regulations, 2020 which state that transmission charges shall be shared among DICs based on the allocation of the transmission system under four components i.e., National Component, Regional Component, Transformer Component, and AC System Component and the usage of the transmission system.

h) With respect to the identification of beneficiaries for KNPP Units 3 and 4, the allocation of power from the said units has not yet been finalised. The Ministry of Power is yet to take an appropriate decision regarding such allocation at a later stage. Accordingly, at present, the beneficiaries linked to KNPP Units 3 and 4 remain unidentified. This position has also been conveyed in response to a Parliamentary Question answered on 23.7.2025.

i) With respect to the submissions of CTUIL, that NPCIL has been granted connectivity for KNPP Units- 3&4 on 08.04.2025. Accordingly, NPCIL is the connectivity grantee in the instant case. Further, CTUIL, vide its licence recommendation in the instant Petition, has submitted that the instant transmission system was finalised during the Joint Study meeting of Southern Regional constituents held on 22-23 February 2023, at SRPC, Bengaluru. Further, the scheme was deliberated and agreed upon at the 25th SMETS-SR

and 49th SRPC meeting held on the same day, i.e. 28.11.2023. Subsequently, the scheme was approved for implementation through the ISTS route in the 18th NCT meeting held on 5.3.2024. Accordingly, the aforesaid shows that the subject transmission system has been planned by the CTUIL in coordination with various stakeholders.

j) The subject transmission system was envisaged and communicated as ATS during the bidding process. Accordingly, transmission charges ought to be recovered in terms of the Sharing Regulations, 2020. Further, without prejudice, if the subject transmission system is designated as DTL, Regulation 13(9) of the Sharing Regulations 2020 provides for the recovery of transmission charges post-COD of the connectivity grantee through regulations 5-8 of its provisions.

k) The implementation activities for the subject project have been started, and capex is being undertaken by the petitioner. Any delay or cost escalation arising from these issues shall entitle the Petitioner to claim cost overrun and/or time overrun, as these matters are beyond the Petitioner's control.

l) Accordingly, the transmission charges for the subject project are required to be paid in accordance with the Sharing Regulations, 2020, as amended from time to time.

5. A public notice under Sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act was published in all editions of Hindustan Times (English) and Amar Ujala (Hindi) on 11.12.2025. No suggestions/ objections have been received from members of the public in response to the public notice.

Hearing Dated 21.1.2026

6. The matter was called out for hearing on 21.01.2026. During the hearing, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner had filed an additional affidavit dated 19.1.2026 in compliance with the Commission's *Interim Order* dated

7.12.2025. The learned counsel for the Respondent, NPCIL, submitted that it had already filed its reply in the instant matter and had subsequently executed the Connectivity Agreement with CTUIL. After hearing the parties' submissions on the Petition, the matter was reserved for Orders.

Analysis and Decision

7. The Commission, vide Order dated 7.12.2025, proposed the grant of the transmission licence to the Petitioner company, subject to the condition that the transmission charges shall be recovered from the generating station/its beneficiaries. It was also noted that the instant transmission line that should have been established as DTL by KNPP at its own cost. The parties were also given the opportunity to comment on the proposal to grant a transmission licence, along with the recovery of transmission charges.

8. In response, the Petitioner has submitted that the instant transmission project was bid out through the Tariff-Based Competitive Bidding route, strictly in accordance with the standard bidding guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power, and the scheme has been approved by the NCT as an ISTS scheme. The bidding documents and the TSA provide that the transmission charges would be recovered from the Designated ISTS Customers (DICs) through CTUIL in terms of the 2020 Sharing Regulations, on the basis of which bids were submitted. The Petitioner submitted that any subsequent re-classification would amount to reopening of already concluded transmission planning decisions. Even otherwise, Regulation 13(9), read with Regulations 5 to 8 of the 2020 Sharing Regulations, provides for the recovery of transmission charges post-COD of the connectivity grantee through the sharing mechanism among DICs. The Petitioner

also stated that the beneficiaries of the power from KNPP Units-3 & 4 are unidentified, since the allocation of power is yet to be finalised by the Ministry of Power.

9. As already noted in the Order dated 7.12.2025 regarding the nature of the instant transmission line, the provisions of the Act and 2022 GNA Regulations explicitly provide that the dedicated transmission line for evacuation of power from the generating station should be established, operated, and maintained by such generator as under:

Provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003:

“2 (16) “dedicated transmission lines” means any electric supply-line for point to point transmission which are required for the purpose of connecting electric lines or electric plants of a captive generating plant referred to in Section 9 or generating station referred to in Section 10 to any transmission lines or sub-stations or generating stations, or the load center, as the case may be;”

Section 10. (Duties of generating companies):

(1) Subject to the provisions of this Act, the duties of a generating company shall be to establish, operate, and maintain generating stations, tie-lines, sub-stations and dedicated transmission lines connected therewith in accordance with the provisions of this Act or the rules or regulations made thereunder.”

Provisions of the Electricity (Amendment) Rules, 2024 are quoted below:

*21. Establishment, operation and maintenance of dedicated transmission lines.– A generating company or a person setting up a captive generating plant or an Energy Storage System or a consumer having load of not less than twenty five Megawatt in case of Inter State Transmission System and ten Megawatt in case of Intra-State Transmission System **shall not be required to obtain license under the Act for establishing, operating or maintaining a dedicated transmission line** to connect to the grid, if such company or person or consumer complies with the Regulations, technical standards, guidelines and procedures issued under the provisions of the Act.*

The relevant extracts of Regulation 12.1 of the 2022 GNA Regulations are as under:

“12. Dedicated Transmission Lines and Bay(s)

12..1 In case Connectivity grantee is a generating station or a captive generating

plant or a standalone ESS, the dedicated transmission lines shall be established, operated and maintained by such Connectivity grantee”.

A combined reading of the above provisions reveals that the Dedicated Transmission Line (DTL) is any supply line for point-to-point transmission of power, connecting electric (transmission) lines or generating plants to any transmission line or sub-station. These Dedicated Transmission Lines (DTL) emanating from a generating station to the ISTS substation are required to be established, operated, and maintained by such generating station, and for this there is no requirement to obtain a transmission licence.

10. We have taken note of the reference to Regulation 13(9) of the 2020 Sharing regulations, as quoted by the Petitioner, which provides methodology for recovery of dedicated transmission lines planned under coordinated planning, that were already planned or under construction. It is clarified that said provision is applicable to lines planned, or under construction, under coordinated planning as per specific provisions of 2009 Connectivity Regulations applicable till 10.3.2017 (effectiveness of seventh amendment to 2009 Connectivity Regulations). We note that the instant transmission system has been planned in 2023 on the application of LTA of the generating station. As per the submissions of CTUIL, NPCIL submitted its applications for the grant of LTA for KNPP Units- 3 and 4 in May 2022 and for the grant of connectivity for KNPP Units- 5 and 6 in September 2022 under the Connectivity Regulations, 2009. The transmission system for KNPP- 3&4 (2x1000 MW), as finalised for the grant of the LTA during the above Joint Study meeting held on 22-23 February 2023, was discussed and agreed upon for the grant of Connectivity / GNA at the 25th CMETS-SR held on 28.11.2023. We note that once the Regulations clearly provided for dedicated lines to be constructed by the generating station, ideally, it should not have been planned

under ISTS. Therefore, we do not agree with the Petitioner's contentions to bill transmission charges for instant asset on all India DICs when the line should have been constructed by the generating station, and the charges should have been borne by the buyers of power from such generating station.

11. It is noted that, by nature, the subject 400kV (quad) D/C transmission line for which a transmission licence is being sought, is a dedicated transmission line for the generator. All expenses for establishing, operating, and maintaining this dedicated transmission line are required to be borne by the generating station itself. The generating station can recover the charges for such a line from its beneficiaries, who will pay the generating station's costs. Such charges of DTL to be borne by the generator or billed by the generator to buyers of its power, and cannot be levied on the public at large or on all India distribution licensees as contended by the Petitioner. The Petitioner cannot claim that if the bidding was carried out as ISTS in contravention of the Act and Regulations, it is entitled to levy the transmission charges for DTL on all India DICs.

12. Since the instant transmission scheme has been recommended and approved by the NCT/ MoP and since applicant has approached the Commission for the grant of transmission licence after emerging as a successful bidder under a transparent TBCB process, and that the instant transmission system is required exclusively for the evacuation of power from units 3 and 4 of KKNPP, its timely execution is essential to avoid stranding of the nuclear generation.

13. Considering the facts of the case, we have decided to exercise the Powers to Relax under Regulation 21 of the 2024 Transmission Licence Regulations and hereby grant the transmission licence to the Petitioner company as a special case. The entire

transmission charges of the instant transmission system shall be borne and paid solely by the generating station. CTUIL shall raise the monthly bills on the generating station post-COD of the instant transmission line and reimburse the charges to the instant Petitioner. In the event of non-payment of charges by the generating station, it shall be liable to regulatory actions under Regulation 21 of the Sharing Regulations 2022. The contention of the Petitioner that the beneficiaries of the power from units 3 and 4 of the KKNPP project have not been identified is no impediment in the implementation or recovery of the transmission charges of the scheme, since the charges shall be recovered from the generating station.

14. 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.”

15. In our order dated 7.12.2025, we proposed to grant a transmission licence to the Petitioner company and directed the issuance of a public notice. In response to the public notice, no suggestions/objections have been received. CTUIL, in its letter dated 28.1.2025, 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 Kudankulam Transmission

Limited, for “Transmission System under ISTS for evacuation of power from Kudankulam Unit - 3 and 4 (2x1000 MW)” on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis as per the details given in paragraph 1 above.

16. 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 reenactments 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 read with para 13 of this order;

(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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

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

20. Petition No. 245/TL/2025 is allowed in terms of the above.

Sd/-
(Ravinder Singh Dhillon)
Member

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(Harish Dudani)
Member

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(Ramesh Babu V.)
Member

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(Jishnu Barua)
Chairperson