

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**Petition No. 397/TT/2025**

- Subject : Petition for (i) revision of transmission tariff for the 2014-19 period, (ii) truing up of transmission tariff for the 2019-24 period, and determination of transmission tariff for the 2024-29 period for the 400 kV D/C Teesta III HEP-Kishanganj Transmission Line, under Regulation of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023, read with the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 and the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024.
- Date of Hearing : **17.02.2026**
- Coram : Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson  
Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member  
Shri Harish Dudani, Member
- Petitioner : Sikkim Power Transmission Limited (SPTL)
- Respondents : PTC India Limited and Others
- Parties Present : Shri Vidhan Vyas, Advocate, SPTL

**Record of Proceedings**

The matter was heard through a virtual hearing.

2. The present Petition has been filed for revision of the tariff for the 2014-19 period, true-up of the tariff for the 2019-24 period, and determination of the transmission tariff for the 2024-29 period for the transmission assets.
3. The learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner has complied with the directions given by the Commission vide RoP dated 23.12.2025 vide affidavit dated 15.1.2026.
4. After the hearing, the Commission directed as under:
  - a) The Petitioner to file an amended Petition in accordance with the consequential order dated 29.12.2025 in Petition No. 108/TT/2016.
  - b) Issue notice of the amended Petition to the Respondents;



- c) The Respondents to file their respective replies, if any, to the amended Petition within two weeks of receipt of the amended Petition, with an advance copy to the Petitioner, who may file its rejoinder, if any, within one week thereafter.

5. The Commission further directed the Petitioner to furnish the following information on an affidavit within two weeks, with a copy to the Respondents:

**Actual Additional Capital Expenditure (ACE) claimed for the 2019-24 Tariff Period**

- a) The Petitioner has filed Petition No. 267/MP/2024 seeking, in principle, approval for the establishment of stores. In this Petition, the Petitioner has also claimed ACE for the 2019-24 and 2024-29 tariff periods for stores. Reasons for claiming ACE in this Petition are given.
- b) Details of the deferred works along with the taken-over certificate.
- c) Clarification on claiming expenses incurred under “Civil works” as separate ACE under Regulations 24(1)(b), 24(1)(f), 25(1)(e) and 25(2)(b) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations.
- d) Clarification on claiming the “Professional & Legal Charges” under Regulations 24(1)(b), 24(1)(f) and 25(1)(e) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations, as they do not fall within the purview of ACE as per the said regulations. The details of payment made towards Professional & Legal Charges may be provided along with supporting documents.
- e) Supporting documents, court orders, and directions from the concerned authorities in respect of compensation against RoW claimed for the 2019-24 tariff period, along with payment details.
- f) Petitioner has claimed ACE of ₹39.80 lakh for the replacement of “IT equipment” due to technological obsolescence. Furnish the recommendation from the Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) along with supporting documents.
- g) Petitioner has claimed ACE of ₹126.28 lakh against “Miscellaneous assets” under Regulations 25(1)(e) and 25(2)(c) of the 2019 Tariff Regulations. Furnish details of the miscellaneous assets along with supporting documents.
- h) The details of capital spares for which the Petitioner has claimed expenses for the 2019-24 tariff period, along with supporting documents.
- i) The present status of Appeal No. 297 of 2023 filed by the Petitioner before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL).

**Additional Capital Expenditure projected for 2024-29 Tariff Period**

- a) The Petitioner has projected the ACE of ₹3217.70 lakh for the “Emergency Restoration system” for the 2024-29 tariff period. The Petitioner is to give the basis of the estimated cost along with supporting documents.
- b) Clarification on projecting ACE of ₹1240.01 lakh against “Pile foundation and protection of river crossing and hilly towers” under Regulation 25(2)(b) of the 2024 Regulations, as these are rectification works and do not fall within the ambit of replacement of assets and equipment.



- c) Whether the ACE proposed against “Pile foundation and protection of river crossing and hilly towers” recommended by any RPC/OCC for the 2024-29 tariff period, as it is projected to be incurred due to operational issues of the transmission system?
  - d) Clarification on projecting the ACE against “Installation of additional earthing system” under Regulation 25(1)(b) of the 2024 Regulations, along with a cost-benefit analysis.
6. In addition to the above, the Petitioner is to furnish the following information:
- a) Liability Flow Statement for the 2019-24 and 2024-29 tariff periods.
  - b) Audited year-wise actual security expenses incurred, along with their cost breakup and manpower deployment at various locations, for the 2019-24 tariff period, as directed vide order dated 18.7.2023 in Petition No. 309/MP/2022.
  - c) Details of the security assessment to be deployed at various locations during the 2024-29 tariff period.
  - d) The details of capital spares against which the Petitioner has claimed the expenses for the 2024-29 tariff period.
  - e) Revised tariff forms for truing-up of the tariff for the 2019-24 period and for the determination of tariff for the 2024-29 period in accordance with the revised capital cost as on COD for Ckt-2 and Ckt 1(a) Commission’s order dated 29.12.2025 in Petition No. 108/TT/2016 which is based on the APTEL’s judgment dated 25.3.2025 in Appeal No. 356 of 2018.
  - f) Supporting documents (such as loan agreement, bank-certified interest rates, etc.) for the year-wise Weighted Average Rate of Interest claimed in Form-9C for the 2019-24 tariff period.
7. The Petition will be listed for hearing on **16.4.2026**.

**By order of the Commission**

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(T. D. Pant)  
Joint Chief (Law)**

