

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
New Delhi**

Petition No. 540/TT/2025

Coram:

**Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member
Shri Harish Dudani, Member**

Date of Order: 16.03.2026

In the matter of:

Approval under Section 62 read with Section 79 (1) (d) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and under Regulation 15 (1) (a) and Regulation 23 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023 and 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 for truing up of the transmission tariff for the 2019-24 tariff period and the determination of the transmission tariff for the 2024-29 tariff period for **Asset-1: 400 kV Banaskantha (Radhanesda) Pooling Station – Banaskantha (PG) D/C line along with 2 Nos. 400 kV line bays at Banaskantha (PG) under “Transmission System for Ultra Mega Solar Power Park (700 MW) at Banaskantha (Radhanesda), Gujarat” in the Western Region.**

And in the matter of:

**Power Grid Corporation of India Limited,
“Saudamini”, Plot No. 2, Sector - 29,
Gurgaon –122 001 (Haryana)**

...Petitioner

Versus

- 1. Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company Limited,
Shakti Bhawan, Rampur,
Jabalpur - 482 008.**
- 2. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Limited,
Hongkong Bank Building, 3rd Floor. M.G. Road, Fort,
Mumbai - 400 001.**
- 3. Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited,
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhawan, Racecourse Road,
Vadodara - 390 007.**
- 4. Electricity Department, Government of Goa,
Vidyut Bhawan, Panaji,
Goa - 403 001.**



5. Dadar and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu Power Distribution Corporation Limited,

1st and 2nd Floor Vidyut Bhawan, Silvassa
Dadar & Nagar Haveli – 396 230

6. Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Limited

P.O. Sunder Nagar, Dangania, Raipur,
Chhattisgarh - 492 013.

...Respondents

Parties Present:

Shri Zafrul Hasan, PGCIL
Shri Angaru Naresh Kumar, PGCIL
Shri Vijay G., PGCIL
Shri Vivek Kumar Singh, PGCIL
Shri Amit Yadav, PGCIL
Shri Vishal Sagar, PGCIL
Shri Anshul Garg, PGCIL
Shri Mukesh Bhakar, PGCIL
Ms. Supriya Singh, PGCIL
Shri Arjun Malhotra, PGCIL
Shri Divyanshu Mishra, PGCIL
Shri Yatin Kalra, PGCIL
Shri Ashish Aggarwal, PGCIL
Shri Ranjeet Pandey, PGCIL

ORDER

The instant Petition has been filed by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (hereinafter referred to as “the Petitioner / PGCIL”), for truing-up of the transmission tariff for the 2019-24 tariff period, under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 (hereinafter referred to as “the 2019 Tariff Regulations”), and the determination of the transmission tariff for the 2024-29 tariff period, under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as “the 2024 Tariff Regulations”), for the 400 kV Banaskantha (Radhanesda) Pooling Station-Banaskantha (PG) D/C line along with 2 Nos. 400 kV line bays at Banaskantha (PG) (hereinafter referred to as the “transmission asset”) in the Western Region:



2. The Petitioner has made the following prayers in the instant Petition:

- a) *Approve the trued-up Transmission Tariff for 2019-24 block and transmission tariff for 2024-29 block for the asset covered under this petition, as per para 15 and 16 of the Petition.*
- b) *Approve the capital cost claimed and the Additional capitalization incurred during 2019-24.*
- c) *Allow the Petitioner to recover the shortfall or refund the excess Annual Fixed Charges, on account of Return on Equity due to change in applicable Minimum Alternate/Corporate Income Tax rate as per the Income Tax Act, 1961 (as amended from time to time) of the respective financial year directly without making any application before the Commission as provided in Tariff Regulations, 2019 and Tariff Regulations, 2024 as per para 15 and 16 above for respective block.*
- d) *Approve the reimbursement of expenditure by the beneficiaries towards petition filing fee, and expenditure on publishing of notices in newspapers in terms of Regulation 94 (1) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024, and other expenditure (if any) in relation to filing of the petition.*
- e) *Allow the Petitioner to bill and recover RLDC fees & charges and Licensee fee, separately from the respondents in terms of Regulation 94 (3) and (4) Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024.*
- f) *Allow the Petitioner to bill and adjust impact on Interest on Loan due to change in Interest rate on account of floating rate of interest applicable during 2024-29 period, if any, from the respondents.*
- g) *Allow the Petitioner to file a separate petition before the Commission for claiming the overall security expenses and consequential IOWC on that security expenses as mentioned at para 21 above.*
- h) *Allow the Petitioner to file a separate petition before the Commission for claiming the overall insurance expenses and consequential IOWC on that insurance expenses as mentioned at para 21 above.*
- i) *Allow the Petitioner to file a separate petition before the Commission for claiming the overall capital spares at the end of tariff block as per actual as mentioned at Para 21 above.*
- j) *Allow the Petitioner to claim expenses of CTUIL borne by POWERGRID through a separate petition as mentioned at para 22 above.*
- k) *Allow the Petitioner to bill and recover GST on Transmission Charges separately from the respondents, if GST on transmission is levied at any rate in future. Further, any taxes including GST and duties including cess etc. imposed by any statutory/Govt./municipal authorities shall be allowed to be recovered from the beneficiaries.*

and pass such other relief as the Commission deems fit and appropriate under the circumstances of the case and in the interest of justice



Background

3. The brief facts of the case are as under:
- a) The Petitioner has been entrusted with the implementation of the transmission project and supplementary transmission project for Ultra Mega Solar Power Park (700 MW) at Banaskantha (Radhanesda), Gujarat. The complete scope of work consists of the 400 kV D/C Banaskantha (Radhanesda) Pooling Station–Banaskantha (PG) line and the 400/220 kV Banaskantha (Radhanesda) GIS Pooling Station, including the 2x500 MVA ICTs and associated 400 kV and 220 kV bays.
 - b) The scope of the transmission project was discussed and agreed upon in the 40th and 41st SCM meeting of the Western Region held on 1.6.2016 and 21.12.2016 (also, subsequent meeting held on 17.1.2017) and 32nd and 34th WRPC meeting held on 24.8.2016 and 28.7.2017. The Commission vide its order dated 30.3.2017 in Petition No. 143/MP/2016, had granted regulatory approval for the execution of the instant transmission asset.
 - c) The IA for the implementation of the transmission project was accorded by the Board of Directors (BoD) of the Petitioner's Company in its 340th meeting held on 11.5.2017 and notified vide Memorandum Ref.: C/CP/PA1718-01-0A-IA001 dated 29.5.2017 at an estimated cost of ₹17564 lakh including IDC of ₹561 lakh based on the December, 2016 price level.
 - d) The entire scope of the work covered under the instant transmission project in the Western Region is as under:

Transmission Line:

- Banaskantha (Radhanesda) Pooling Station-Banaskantha (PG) 400 kV D/C-95 km.

Sub-station:



- 400 kV Bay Extension at the 765/400 kV Banaskantha (PG) Sub-station 400 kV

- Line bays: 2 Nos.

- e) The Petitioner had filed two Petitions for the transmission asset covered under the transmission project. The Petition No. 74/TT/2021 had been filed for the determination of the transmission tariff for the 2019-24 tariff period with respect to the Sub-station portion, i.e., 400/220 kV Banaskantha (Radhanesda) GIS Pooling Station including 2x500 MVA ICTs and associated 400 kV and 220 kV bays) of the evacuation system. Whereas, the Petition No. 203/TT/2021 had been filed for the transmission line portion, i.e., 400 kV D/C Banaskantha (Radhanesda) Pooling Station-Banaskantha (PG) line along with associated bays) of the evacuation system.
- f) During the hearing dated 22.6.2021 and the subsequent hearing dated 25.11.2021, regarding the reasons for obtaining separate Investment Approval (IA) and filing separate Petitions for the transmission assets covered under the same transmission project, the representative of the Petitioner submitted that initially GPCL was to execute the Pooling Station. However, later, in the 41st meeting of the Standing Committee on Power System Planning in the Western Region, it was decided that the Banaskantha (Radhanesda) GIS 400/220 kV Pooling station shall be developed as part of the ISTS along with the Banaskantha (Radhanesda) Pooling Station-Banaskantha (PG) 400 kV D/C (twin AL-59) line. Although the transmission asset covered in Petition No. 74/TT/2021 and Petition No. 203/TT/2021 are part of the same transmission project, their IAs were different. Therefore, both the Petitions were filed on the basis of the different IAs. Since, the reasons for different IAs had been discussed in detail vide the Commission's order dated 9.6.2022 in Petition No.



74/TT/2021 and 26.5.2022 in Petition No. 203/TT/2021, the same are not discussed in detail in the instant order.

- g) Accordingly, the instant Petition is for truing up of transmission tariff for 2019-24 period and determination of transmission tariff for 2024-29 tariff period with respect to the transmission line portion, i.e., 400 kV D/C Banaskantha (Radhanesda) Pooling Station-Banaskantha (PG) line along with associated bays) of the evacuation system previously dealt by the Commission vide order dated 26.5.2022 in Petition No. 203/TT/2021.
- h) The transmission assets were scheduled to be put into commercial operation within 16 months from the date of the IA, i.e., 11.5.2017. Accordingly, the details of the scheduled commercial operation date (SCOD), date of commercial operation (COD) and time over-run of the transmission asset covered under the instant transmission project are as under:

Asset Name	SCOD	COD	Time Overrun
400 kV Banaskantha (Radhanesda) Pooling Station – Banaskantha (PG) D/C line along with 2 Nos. of the 400 kV line bays at Banaskantha (PG)	11.9.2018	5.9.2020	725 days

- i) TThe Commission, vide its order dated 26.5.2022 in Petition No. 203/TT/2021, had allowed the transmission tariff for the instant transmission asset for the period from COD to 31.3.2024. The Commission allowed the COD of the transmission asset as 5.9.2020 and also condoned the time overrun of 725 days in commissioning of the instant transmission asset.
- j) The Petitioner has filed the instant Petition for truing up of the transmission tariff for the 2019-24 tariff period and the determination of the transmission tariff for the 2024-29 tariff period with respect to the instant transmission asset.

4. The Respondents are the Distribution Licensees, Transmission Licensees and Power Departments, mainly beneficiaries of the Western Region, who are procuring

