

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No.73/TL/2025

Coram:

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

Date of Order: 13th February, 2026

In the matter of

Application under Sections 14, 15 and 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) Regulations, 2024 and its subsequent Clarification and replacement, if any, with respect to grant of Transmission Licence to Paradeep Transmission Limited.

And

In the matter of

TP Paradeep Transmission Limited,
(Formerly known as Paradeep Transmission Limited)
(A 100% wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Power Company Limited)

Registered office: TPCODL, Power House Square,
Unit-8, Bhubaneswar, Khurdha, Odisha-751012

...Petitioner

Vs

- 1. Central Transmission Utility of India Limited,**
Plot No. 2, Sector 29, Gurugram,
Gurgaon - 122001.
- 2. PFC Consulting Limited,**
(A wholly owned subsidiary of Power Finance Corporation Limited)
Urjandhi, 1, Barakhamba Lane,
Connaught Place, New Delhi - 110001.
- 3. North Bihar Power Distribution Co. Limited,**
Third Floor, Vidyut Bhawan
Bailey Road, Patna, Bihar - 800001.
- 4. South Bihar Power Distribution Co. Limited,**
Second Floor, Vidyut Bhawan
Bailey Road, Patna, Bihar - 800001.

- 5. Jharkhand Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited,**
Engineering Building, HEC, Dhurwa,
Ranchi - 834004, Jharkhand.
- 6. Damodar Valley Corporation,**
DVC Towers, 1st Floor,
Commercial VIP Road,
Kolkata - 700054, West Bengal.
- 7. Tata Steel Limited,**
Gyanendra Karan LIG (R) - 186,
Adityapur-2 Jamshedpur - 831013,
Jamshedpur.
- 8. GRIDCO Limited,**
Janpath, Bhubaneswar, Odisha,
Bhubaneswar– 751022, Odisha.
- 9. Energy and Power Department, Sikkim,**
Kazi Road, Gangtok, District - East Sikkim,
Gangtok, Sikkim – 737101.
- 10. Sasaram HVDC, POWERGRID,**
5th & 6th Floors Alanka Place, Boring Road,
ER-I HQ, Power Grid Corporation of Patna,
Patna - 800001, Bihar.
- 11. NTPC Vidyut Vyapar Nigam Limited,**
Core-5, NTPC Scope Complex, 7 Institutional Area,
Lodi Road, New Delhi – 110003.
- 12. Dans Energy Pvt. Limited,**
10th Floor, Building 8, Tower-C, DLF Cyber City,
Phase-II, Gurgaon - 122002, Haryana.
- 13. South Eastern Railway,**
11, Garden Reach Road, BNR,
South Eastern Railway,
Kolkata - 700043, West Bengal.
- 14. HVDC Alipurduar, POWERGRID,**
800 kV HVDC Alipurduar Converter Sta Falakata Road,
Topsikhata, P.O. Dist. – Alipurduar - 736121, West Bengal.
- 15. Shiga Energy Private Limited,**
10th floor, Building No-8, Tower-C, DLF Cyber City,
Phase-II, Gurgaon - 122002, Haryana.
- 16. Sembcorp Energy India limited,**

5th Floor, Tower C, Building No.8, DLF Cybercity,
Gurgaon - 122002, Haryana.

17. Arcelormittal Nippon Steel India Limited,
3-A, 3rd Floor, Fortune Tower,
Chandrasekharapur, Bhubaneswar - 751023,
Odisha.

18. ReNew E-Fuels Private Limited,
ReNew Hub, Commercial Block-1, Zone-6,
Golf Course Road, DLF City Phase-V,
Gurugram - 122009, Haryana.

19. Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited,
Janpath, Saheed Nagar,
Bhubaneswar, Khurda - 751022,
Odisha.

...Respondents

Parties present:

Shri Venkatesh, Advocate, PTL
Shri Aashwyn Singh, Advocate, PTL
Shri Ranjeet S Rajput, CTUIL
Shri Akshayvat Kislay, CTUIL
Shri Swapnil Verma, CTUIL

ORDER

The Petitioner, TP Paradeep Transmission Limited (hereinafter referred to as “the Petitioner”), has filed the present Petition for the grant of a transmission licence under Sections 14, 15, 79 (1)(e) 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 “*Transmission system for evacuation of power from Eastern Region Expansion Scheme-XXXIV (ERES-XXXIV)*” (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”), on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis, consisting of the following elements:

Sr. No.	Name of Transmission Element	SCOD in months from the Effective Date
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1.	<p>Establishment of Paradeep 765/400 kV, 2x1500 MVA GIS substation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA ICTs: 2 nos. (7x500 MVA single phase units including one spare) • 765 kV ICT bays: 2 nos. • 400 kV ICT bays: 2 nos. • 765 kV, 330 MVA Bus reactor: 2 nos. (7x110 MVA single phase units including one spare unit for both bus and line reactors) • 420 kV, 125 MVA Bus reactor: 2 nos. • 765 kV Bus reactor bays: 2 nos. • 400 kV Bus reactor bays: 2 nos. • 765 kV line bays: 2 nos. <p><i>[for termination of Angul (POWERGRID) – Paradeep 765 kV D/c line along with 765 kV, 1x330 MVA switchable line reactor at Paradeep end in both circuits]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765 kV, 330 MVA (3x110 MVA single phase units) switchable line reactor along with associated bay and 500 ohm NGR (with NGR bypass arrangement): 2 nos. <p><i>[at Paradeep end in both circuits of Angul (POWERGRID) – Paradeep 765kV D/c line]</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 kV line bays: 2 nos. <p><i>[for termination of Paradeep – Paradeep (OPTCL) 400 kV D/c (Quad) line]</i></p> <p>Additional space for future expansion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765/400 kV, 4x1500 MVA ICTs (13x500 MVA single-phase units, including one spare) along with associated ICT bays at both voltage levels • 400/220 kV, 5x500 MVA ICTs along with associated ICT bays at both voltage levels • 765 kV, 2x330 MVA (7x110 MVA single-phase units, including one spare) bus reactor, along with associated bays • 420 kV, 2x125 MVA bus reactor along with associated bays • 10 nos. of 765 kV line bays (along with space for switchable line reactor) for future lines • 12 nos. of 400 kV line bays (along with space for switchable line reactor) for future lines • 12 nos. of 220 kV line bays for future lines • 765 kV bus sectionaliser bay: 1 set • 400 kV bus sectionaliser bay: 1 set • 220 kV bus sectionaliser bay :1 set 	24 months from SPV Acquisition
2.	Angul (POWERGRID) – Paradeep 765 kV D/C line along with 765 kV, 1x330 MVA switchable line reactor with 500 ohm NGR (with NGR bypass arrangement) at Paradeep end in both circuits.	
3.	Paradeep – Paradeep (OPTCL) 400 kV D/c (Quad) line	
4.	Extension at Angul (POWERGRID) S/s	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 765 kV line bays (along with space for a future switchable line reactor): 2 nos. [for termination of Angul (POWERGRID) – Paradeep 765 kV D/c line along with 765 kV, 1x330 MVar switchable line reactor at Paradeep end in both circuits] 	
5.	<p>#Extension at Paradeep (OPTCL) GIS S/s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 400 kV GIS line bay: 2 No 400 kV GIS diameters [2 No of bays in different diameters for termination of Paradeep – Paradeep (OPTCL) 400 kV D/c (Quad) line and utilisation of balance 2 No shall be identified in future for connecting transmission line/reactor/ICT as per ISTS requirement] 	

Note:

i) POWERGRID shall provide space at Angul (POWERGRID) 765/400 kV S/s for implementation of 2 no. of 765 kV line bays (along with space for future switchable line reactor) for termination Angul (POWERGRID) – Paradeep 765 kV D/c line.

ii) OPTCL shall provide space at their under-implementation Paradeep (OPTCL) 400/220 kV GIS S/S (expected by Dec 2024) for implementation of 2 No of 400 kV GIS diameters, i.e. 4 No of bays. 2 No of bays in different diameters shall be used for termination of Paradeep – Paradeep (OPTCL) 400 kV D/C (Quad) line, and utilisation of balance 2 No of bays shall be identified in future for connecting transmission line/reactor / ICT as per ISTS requirement.

iii) #As the bus scheme of Paradeep (OPTCL) GIS S/S is one and half breaker scheme, 2 No full diameter, i.e. 4 No of GIS bays need to be implemented in the scheme for the requirement of 2 No GIS bays for termination of Paradeep (OPTCL) – Paradeep 400 kV D/C (Quad) line in two different diameters. Utilisation of the other 2 No GIS bays of these diameters shall be identified in future for connecting transmission line/reactor/ICT as per ISTS requirement.

2. Based on the competitive bidding carried out by the PFC Consulting Limited (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, Tata Power Company Limited was declared a successful bidder with the lowest quoted annual transmission charges of Rs. 2,561.83 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 18.12.2025, *prima facie* proposed to grant a transmission licence to the Petitioner, subject to certain conditions. The relevant extracts of the order dated 18.12.2025 are extracted as under:

“39. As noted in Para 36, out of the elements being planned under ISTS under the instant scheme, ICTs and associated bays shall be considered under ‘necessary augmentation for providing the connection to ISTS’ under Regulation 12.5 of the GNA Regulations, whose cost is to be borne by the entities covered under Regulation 17.1(iii). CTUIL shall itself calculate the cost to be collected from each such entity that has been granted GNA/ GNARE at the instant substation in proportion to the quantum of GNA/ GNARE based on the latest average estimated per MW cost (based on Voltage level) or do so in consultation with the NCT, if considered necessary. Therefore, considering the discussions above, and the material on record, we are prima-facie of the view that the Petitioner satisfies the conditions for the grant of inter - State transmission licence under Section 15 of the Act, read with Transmission Licence Regulations for implementation of the transmission project as described in para 1 of this order. Accordingly, we propose to grant the transmission licence to the Petitioner company, subject to the following conditions:

(a) The GNA/ GNARE grantee entities covered under Regulation 17.1(iii) shall deposit the cost corresponding to the ICTs, along with their associated bays, in proportion to their GNA/ GNARE.

(b) CTUIL is directed to intimate the cost to be deposited to the said GNA/ GNARE grantee entities within 15 days from the date of this Order. The GNA/ GNARE grantee entities shall deposit the cost as intimated by CTUIL, within 30 days of intimation of such cost. In case of failure, GNA/ GNARE grants to such entities shall be cancelled, and available BGs shall be treated as per the extant GNA Regulations.

(c) CTUIL shall keep this amount in a separate account under an appropriate deposit scheme. Staff is directed to devise a mechanism for treating this amount and the charges for the Transformer component.

40. 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 the aforesaid transmission licence. The objections or suggestions, if any, may be filed by any person before the Commission on or before 9.1.2026.”

4. A public notice under Sub-section (5) of Section 15 of the Act was published in all editions of the Hindustan Times (English) and Jansatta (Hindi) on 24.12.2025. No suggestions/ objections have been received from members of the public in response to the public notice.

5. CTUIL, in compliance with the Order dated 18.12.2025, vide affidavit dated 12.1.2026, has submitted as under:

(a) The estimated cost of the Inter-State transmission system, which is implemented under the TBCB route, is carried out by the Cost Committee of NCT, wherein the cost matrix of the various transmission elements is updated

on a half-yearly/ yearly basis. Accordingly, the estimated cost of the ICTs along with the associated bays is being regularly updated and would vary for the different applicants, based on the timelines of application. Therefore, if the estimated cost is calculated for each applicant based on their application timelines, different costs would be levied for the various applicants. This may lead to discrimination among applicants and to future disputes and litigations. Therefore, it would be prudent to specify a single cost figure (in Lacs/MW) applicable for all the entities under Regulation 17.1 (iii), like Green Hydrogen/ Green Ammonia, and Data Centre, etc.

(b) The matter was placed before the National Committee on Transmission (NCT) for deliberations towards a uniform cost to be levied on the entities under Regulation 17.1 (iii), like Green Hydrogen / Green Ammonia, and Data Centre, etc. The matter was deliberated in the 36th meeting of NCT held on 30-12-2025;

(c) The pooling stations presently identified are GIS stations as they are located near coastal areas in view of the CEA's report on "Cyclone Resilient Robust Electricity Transmission & Distribution Infrastructure in the Coastal Areas". These pooling stations are of different capacities in the initial phase like at Navinal: 4500 MW, Kandla: 3000 MW, Kakinada GH: 3000 MW, Tuticorin GH: 3000 MW, Pendurthi GH: 4500 MW, Paradeep: 1500 MW, Gopalpur: 1500 MW. Considering the estimated costs for the different capacities may lead to different levies on the costs on the GNA/GNA-RE entities under Regulation 17.1(iii).

(d) Generally, the 765/400kV pooling stations are developed in 3000 MW or 4500 MW in the first phase and subsequent ICT augmentations are carried

out based on the receipt of the applications. In some cases where applications are received in advance, the initial phase of the substations was also identified for 1500 MW.

(e) In view of the same, the estimated per MW cost excluding IDC (at May-25 Price Level) for 3000 MW & 4500 MW drawal capacities at 400 kV level of 765/400 kV ISTS GIS S/s with necessary augmentation including N-1 contingency [viz. 1500 MVA ICTs {including 1*500 MVA, 1-Ph spare ICT} along with associated bays (main bay and half of tie-bay)] is Rs. 15.91 Lacs/MW $((14.87+16.95)/2 = 15.91)$, say about Rs. 16 Lacs/MW (cost details at Annexure-I).

(f) Accordingly, for the entities covered under Regulation 17.1(iii), an average estimated per MW cost of Rs. 16 Lacs/MW for the necessary augmentation, including N-1 contingency (ICTs, along with the associated bays) may be considered.

(g) The Commission`s order dated 18.12.2025 does not give any general regulatory backing for the levy of such cost from the entities under Regulation 17.1 (iii), which are likely to result in disputes and defeat the timelines, in which the transmission associated with entities under Regulation 17.1(iii) are required to be implemented. Accordingly, a necessary amendment may be introduced in the GNA Regulations, 2022, to this effect. In the meantime, for other ISTS schemes of a similar nature [i.e. those identified for the entities under Regulation 17.1 (iii)] the same per MW cost as proposed at para 8 above may be levied on the GNA / GNARE grantees associated with the respective ISTS schemes.

The detailed calculation for the estimated cost is as under:

“Case-1: 3000 MW ISTS Drawl capacity for entities under Regulation 17.1 (iii) connected to ISTS at 400kV voltage level

Considering 3x1500MVA (10x500MVA single phase units including 1 spare), 765/400kV ICTs along with associated 765kV & 400kV GIS ICT Bays (Main +Tie) at May’2025 price level (excluding IDC), total cost estimate is Rs. 508.64Cr., For 3000MW, cost in Rs. Lacs/MW is (50863.5/3,000=16.95), details of which are as below:

Completion Schedule: 24 -36 Months				May’2025 price level	
S. No.	Item	Quantity (in no.)	Unit Cost (in Rs. Lac)	Cost (in Rs. Lac)	Remarks
	GIS				
1	765kV ICT Bay	3	4775	14325	
2	765kV Tie Bay	1.5	3256	4884	Tie bay cost apportioned among ‘2’ main bays in the same diameter.
3	400kV ICT Bay	3	1291	3873	
4	400kV Tie Bay	1.5	901	1351.5	Tie bay cost apportioned among ‘2’ main bays in the same diameter.
5	500MVA 1-Ph (765/√3)/(400/√3)/(33/√3)kV	10	2643	26430	Considering N-1 compliance as per planning criteria an additional 1500 MVA (3*500) ICT including 1*500MVA Spare ICT unit cost.
	Total project cost			50863.5	
	Rs. Lacs/MW			16.95	(For 3000MW)

Case-2: 4500 MW ISTS Drawl capacity for entities under Regulation 17.1 (iii) connected to ISTS at 400kV voltage level

Considering 4x1500MVA (13x500MVA single phase units including 1 spare), 765/400kV ICTs along with associated 765kV & 400kV GIS ICT Bays (Main +Tie) at May’2025 price level (excluding IDC), total cost estimate is Rs. 669.37 Cr., For 4500MW, cost in Rs. Lacs/MW is (66937/4500=14.87), details of which are as below:

Completion Schedule: 24 -36 Months				May’2025 price level	
S. No.	Item	Quantity (in no.)	Unit Cost (in Rs. Lac)	Cost (in Rs. Lac)	Remarks
	GIS				
1	765kV ICT Bay	4	4775	19100	

2	765kV Tie Bay	2	3256	6512	Tie bay cost apportioned among '2' main bays in the same diameter.
3	400kV ICT Bay	4	1291	5164	
4	400kV Tie Bay	2	901	1802	Tie bay cost apportioned among '2' main bays in the same diameter.
5	500MVA 1-Ph (765 $\sqrt{3}$)/(400 $\sqrt{3}$)/(33 $\sqrt{3}$)kV	13	2643	34359	Considering N-1 compliance as per planning criteria an additional 1500 MVA (3*500) ICT including 1*500MVA Spare ICT unit cost.
	Total project cost			66937	
	Rs. Lacs/MW			14.87	(For 4500MW)

Considering the average of estimated per MW cost for drawl capacities of 3000MW and 4500MW at 400kV level of 765/400kV ISTS GIS S/s is Rs. 15.91 Lacs/MW ((14.87+16.95)/2=15.91), say about Rs. 16 Lacs/MW."

Hearing dated 13.1.2026

6. During the course of the hearing, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the Commission vide order dated 18.12.2025, while observing that the Petitioner *prima facie* satisfies the conditions for the grant of an inter-State transmission licence, also issued certain directions, particularly in view of the involvement of bulk consumers, as recorded in paragraph 39 of the said order. The learned counsel submitted that in compliance thereof, CTUIL, on 12.1.2026, has also filed its affidavit containing the details of the cost to be deposited by the bulk consumers towards ICTs and associated bays. As regards the depositing of this amount by the bulk consumers, it appears that the bulk consumers are yet to comply;

however, the exact status of compliance may be provided by the CTUIL. The learned counsel further pointed out that, in the absence of a grant of the transmission licence, the Petitioner is unable to commence any activity in respect of the Project, and the Commission may proceed with the grant of a transmission licence while keeping the issue(s) relating to the payment by bulk consumers open for examining them separately.

7. The representative of CTUIL submitted that a detailed affidavit dated 12.1.2026 has been filed, placing on record the details of cost corresponding to the ICTs and associated bays required to be paid by the concerned GNA/GNARE grantees. Accordingly, after hearing the parties, the matter was reserved for Orders.

8. The Commission, vide Order dated 18.12.2025, while *prima facie* proposing to grant transmission licence, had directed CTUIL to calculate the cost to be collected from each of such entity, based on the latest average estimated per MW cost (based on voltage level) or do so in consultation with the NCT, if necessary, and intimate the cost to be deposited, to the said GNA/ GNARE grantee entities within 15 days from the date of the Order.

9. We have perused the submissions made by the CTUIL. CTUIL vide affidavit dated 12.01.2026 has submitted that the CTUIL is yet to inform the GNA/GNARE grantees of the cost to be deposited, which was to be communicated latest by 3.1.2026. CTUIL has sought a uniform cost to be levied to such entities for pooling stations of different capacities, I such as Navinal: 4500 MW, Kandla: 3000 MW, Kakinada GH: 3000 MW, Tuticorin GH: 3000 MW, Pendurthi GH: 4500 MW, Paradeep: 1500 MW, Gopalpur: 1500 MW. CTUIL has worked out the cost based on 'latest

estimated average cost' as Rs. 16 Lakhs/MW to be levied on the entities covered under Regulation 17.1(iii) in this case and other ISTS schemes.

10. It is noted that the matter was deliberated in the 36th meeting of NCT held on 30.12.2025, in which NCT inter *alia* observed that the responsibility of CTU/STU is to provide connectivity at the nearest technically feasible Sub-station, and NCT does not have any mandate to formulate the cost. The relevant portion of the minutes of the meeting dated 20.12.2025, which have been submitted by the CTUIL, vide e-mail dated 23.1.2026, is extracted as under:

“4.5.4 CTUIL also mentioned that similar directions have been issued by CERC for Eastern Region Expansion Scheme- XXXIV (ERES-XXXIV).

4.5.5 Representative from CTUIL informed that CTUIL has computed the latest cost of “Network Expansion Scheme in Navinal (Mundra) area of Gujarat for drawal of power in the area” scheme under which the 4x1500 MVA, 765/400 kV ICTs were being implemented at Navinal S/s for enabling drawal of up to 4500 MW quantum from the substation for which the average per MW cost is about 23 Lakhs/MW. Further, detailed estimated cost for various probable combinations for drawal capacity of 1500 MW at various voltage levels were worked, wherein average per MW cost (May’2025 Price level) is as follows:

- GIS : Rs. 39.4 Lakhs/MW*
- AIS : Rs. 22 Lakhs/MW*
- GIS-AIS average : Rs. 30.7 Lakhs/MW*

4.5.6 CTUIL proposed that 30 lakh/MW may be taken from each applicant in lieu of Cost to be borne by the entities under Regulation 17.1 (iii) for which transmission system for GNA is being implemented/ planned under ISTS.

4.5.7 NCT observed that the responsibility of CTU/ STU is to provide connectivity at nearest technically feasible S/s and NCT does not have any mandate to formulate the cost.

4.5.8 It was observed that there is discrimination in grant of GNA to RE Generators vis-à-vis Bulk Consumer, which is creating the abnormality.

4.5.9 Members opined that cost recovery/ security aspects are not in the purview of NCT. However, after discussion, following were discussed:

- i) RE generators and Bulk Consumers should be treated at par for the Connectivity/ GNA.*

ii) For security purpose, Bank Guarantee can be taken from RE Generator as well as Bulk Consumer in similar manner.
iii) In case this require any modification in the regulations, the same may be carried.”

11. We have noted calculations furnished by CTU at the May 2025 price level for 765kV/400 kV ICT and associated 765 kV bays and 400 kV bays for a 3000 MW substation and 4500 MW substation. It is noted that the actual cost of such a substation may vary depending on the actual bid price / determined tariff, which may be higher or lower than the proposed number. However, for uniformity as suggested by CTU and considering latest average estimated cost and 36th minutes of meeting of NCT quoted above whereby NCT stated that they do not have any mandate to formulate cost. We direct that the entities covered under Regulation 17.1(iii) shall deposit cost of Rs. 16 lacs/MW for the GNA/ GNARE quantum for such entities covered under Regulation 17.1(iii), who have been granted GNA/GNARE (or who shall be granted GNA/GNARE) at such substation Navinal: 4500 MW, Kandla: 3000 MW, Kakinada GH: 3000 MW, Tuticorin GH: 3000 MW, Pendurthi GH: 4500 MW, Paradeep: 1500 MW, Gopalpur: 1500 MW. The CTUIL is directed to raise the bill @16 lac/MW to the GNA/GNARE grantees within 15 days of this Order. The entities are directed to deposit the intimated amount, within 30 days of intimation, in terms of the earlier Order dated 18.12.2025. In the event of failure, the GNA/ GNARE grants to such entities shall be cancelled, and available BGs shall be treated as per the extant GNA Regulations. CTUIL shall keep this amount in a separate account under an appropriate deposit scheme.

12. 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.”

13. In our order dated 18.12.2025, we proposed to grant a transmission licence to the Petitioner company and directed the issue of a public notice. In response to the public notice, no suggestions/ objections have been received. CTUIL, in its letter dated 20.11.2024, 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, 'TP Paradeep Transmission Limited', to establish the *“Transmission system for evacuation of power from Eastern Region Expansion Scheme-XXXIV (ERES-XXXIV)”* on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis as per the details given in paragraph 1 above.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. 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.

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

18. Petition No. 73/TL/2025 is allowed in terms of the above.

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Member

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