

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

Petition No. 885/TL/2025

Coram:

Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member

Shri Harish Dudani, Member

Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Member

Date of Order: 6th March, 2026

In the matter of

Petition under Sections 14 and 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 for the grant of transmission licence to SR WR Power Transmission Limited (now known as POWERGRID Parli Bidar Transmission Limited).

And

In the matter of

**POWERGRID Parli Bidar Transmission Limited,
(erstwhile SR WR Power 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, Haryana.

2. REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited,

REC Corporate Head Quarter,

D Block, Plot No. 1-4,

Sec-29, Gurugram-122001.

2A. Goa Electricity Department-WR,

Goa Electricity DeptCurti, Ponda-403401.

3. Chhatisgarh State Power Distribution Co. Limited,

Post: Sundernagar, Dangania,

Raipur-492013.

4. Gujarat Urja Vikas Nigam Limited,
Sardar Patel Vidyut Bhavan, Racecourse, Vadodara-390007

5. Heavy Water Board,
O Floor, Vikram Sarabhai Bhavan, Trombay,
Anushaktinagar, Mumbai - 400094, Maharashtra

6. HVDC Bhadrawati, PGCIL,
PGCIL RHQ, WR-I, Sampriiti Nagar,
Off National Highway No. 8, Taluka: Kamrej,
PO: Uppalwadi,
Nagpur – 440026, Maharashtra.

7. HVDC Vindhyachal, PGCIL,
PGCIL RHQ, WR-I, Sampriiti Nagar,
Off National Highway No. 8,
Taluka: Kamrej, PO: Uppalwadi,
Nagpur, 440026 Maharashtra.

8. M.P. Power Management Company Limited,
14, Shakti Bhawan, Rampur, Jabalpur – 482008.

9. MSEDCL,
Plot No 9, "Prakashgad", A K Marg, Bandra East,
Mumbai - 400051.

10. ACB India Limited,
7th Floor, Corporate Tower, Ambience Mall,
NH-8, Gurgaon-122001, Haryana.

11. Torrent Power Limited,
Torrent Power Limited Naranpura Zonal Office,
Sola Road, Ahmedabad – 380013.

12. Thermal Powertech Corporation India,
6-3-1090, Clock C, Level 2, TSR,
Towers, Rajbhavan Road,
Somajiguda, Hyderabad - 500082, Telangana.

13. BARC,
Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Anushakti Nagar,
Mumbai – 400085, Maharashtra.

14. GMR Warora Energy Limited,
Plot B-1, GMR Warora Energy Ltd, Mohabala MIDC Growth Centre,
Post – Warora, Dist – Chandrapur – 442907,
Maharashtra.

15. HVDC Champa,

PGCIL RHQ, WR-I,
Sampriti Nagar, Off National Highway No. 8,
Taluka: Kamrej,
PO: Uppalwadi,
Nagpur – 440026, Maharashtra.

16. West Central Railway Head Office,
General Manager's Office,
Electrical Branch, Jabalpur– 482001.

17. Western Railway,
Office of Chief Electrical Engineer, Mumbai.

18. DB Power Limited- Untied,
Opp. Dena Bank, C-31,
G- Block, Mumbai.

19. Chhattisgarh State Power Trading Co. Limited,
2nd floor Vidyut Sewa Bhawan, Raipur

20. TRN Energy Private Ltd.-Untied,
7th Floor, Ambience Office Block, Gurugram.

21. Adani Power (Mundra) Limited,
Adani Corporate House, Shantigram,
Near Vaishnavdevi Circle,
S G Road, Ahmedabad – 382421.

22. Raigarh HVDC Station,
RPT HVDC Office, Hebbal, Bangalore – 560094.

23. Arcelor Mittal Nippon Steel India Limited,
27, AMNS House, 2TH KM Surat Hazira road,
Hazira - 394270, Gujarat.

24. Central Railway,
Pcee's Office 2nd Floor Parcle Building,
CSMT, Mumbai – 400001.

25. Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman & Power Distribution Corporation Limited,
1st & 2nd Floor, Vidyut Bhavan, NexSilvassa & Daman.

26. MPSEZ Utilities Limited,
3rd Floor, Adani Corporate House, Ahmedabad.

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

28. Bangalore Electricity Supply Company,
Corporate Office, BESCOM K.R. Circle,
Bangalore - 560001.

29. Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company,
Gulbarga - 585102.

30. Hubli Electricity Supply Company,
HESCOM, Navanagar, P.B Road,
Hubballi – 580025.

31. Manglore Electricity Supply Company,
3rd Floor, MESCOM Bhavan, Corporate Office,
MESCOM, Kavoor Cross Road, Bejai,
Mangalore – 575004.

32. Chamundeswari Elect. Supply Co. Limited,
CESC Mysore, Corporate Office, #29, Vijayanagara,
2nd Stage, Hinkal, Mysuru – 570017.

33. KSEB Limited,
Kerala Electricity Board, Vydyuthi Bhavanam, Pattom,
Thiruvananthapuram - 695004, Kerala.

34. Tamil Nadu Gen & Dist. Co. Limited,
Chief Financial Controller/Revenue / Eastern Wing,
7th Floor, NPKRR Maaligai, 144, Anna Salai,
Chennai – 600002.

35. Telangana State PC Committee,
Vidyut Soudha, Khairathabad
Hyderabad – 500082, Telangana.

36. Puducherry Electricity Department,
I Floor, Main Building, Electricity Department,
Govt of Puducherry – 605001, Puducherry.

37. HVDC, Kolar, Power Grid Corporation,
SRTS# II, Pragati Mahalakshmi, South Block, (2nd & 3rd Floor),
No.62, Bangalore – 560001, Karnataka.

38. SAIL-Salem Steel Plant,
Salem Steel Plant, Steel Authority of India Limited,
Salem – 636013.

39. Sembcorp Gayatri Power Limited,
6-3-1090, 5th Floor, A Block, TSR Towers,
Rajbhavan Road, Somajiguda,
Hyderabad – 500082.

40. South Western Railway,

Office of Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer,
Divisional Railway Manager Building,
Traction Distribution Branch, Ground Floor,
Adjacent to City Railway Station, Bengaluru – 560023.

41. Pugalur HVDC Station, POWERGRID,
Sr General Manager, HVDC-Pugalur Nochipalayam Post,
Sirukinar Village Dharmapuram Taluk, Tiruppur,
Dist, Tamil Nadu – 638706.

42. Thrissur HVDC Station, POWERGRID,
Chief General Manager, HVDC-THRISSUR Substation,
Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, Near Cashew Research Station,
Mannuthy Thannikudem Road, Madakathara,
Thrissur, Kerala - 680651.

43. POWERGRID Bidar Transmission Limited,
(erstwhile Bidar Transmission Limited),
B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai,
New Delhi - 110016.

44. Parli Power Transmission Limited,
(erstwhile POWERGRID Parli Transmission Limited),
B-9, Qutab Institutional Area, Katwaria Sarai,
New Delhi - 110016.

....Respondents

Parties present:

Shri S. Vallinayagam, Advocate, TNPDC
Ms. Bhavya Arora, Advocate, TNPDC
Shri Ritam Biswas, RECPDC
Shri Shashank Singh, RECPDC
Shri Rohit Jain, SWPTL
Shri Ranjeet S Rajput, CTUIL
Shri Akshayvat Kislay, CTUIL

ORDER

The Petitioner, POWERGRID Parli Bidar Transmission Limited, (erstwhile SR WR Power 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 the Inter-Regional Strengthening

between SR Grid and WR Grid 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 as per Gazette Notification
1.	<p>Parli New – Bidar 765 kV D/C line with 240 MVAR SLR at Bidar end on both circuits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 765 kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Bidar PS) • 765 kV line bays – 2 Nos. (at Parli New) • 765 kV, 240 MVAR SLR at Bidar PS – 2 Nos. (6x80 MVAR switchable units) (*1x80 MVAR spare switchable unit at Bidar PS is already under implementation and same may be used as spare) 	<p>24 months (17.10.2027)</p>

Note:

- i. TSP of Bidar PS shall provide space (free of cost) for 2 Nos. of 765 kV line bays at Bidar PS for termination of Parli New – Bidar 765 kV D/C line.
 - ii. TSP of Parli New S/s shall provide space (free of cost) for 2 Nos. of 765 kV line bays at Parli New for termination of Parli New – Bidar 765 kV D/C line.”
2. The Petitioner has made the following prayers:

“(a) Grant Transmission Licence to the Petitioner;

(b) Allow the sharing and recovery of Transmission Charges for Inter-State Transmission System for “Inter-Regional Strengthening between SR Grid and WR Grid” as per Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses CERC Regulations 2020 and any other amendment thereon issued from time to time by CERC; and

(c) Pass such other order(s) as this Commission may deem fit and proper in the facts and circumstances of this case.”

Hearing dated 23.12.2025

3. Notice was issued to the parties to file their replies and rejoinders. During the hearing, the representative of the Petitioner submitted that the Petitioner has complied with the requirements, including publication of notice(s) under the

provisions of the Transmission Licence Regulations.

Hearing dated 13.1.2026

4. During the hearing, the representative for the Petitioner submitted that the process for change of name of the Petitioner Company is underway and sought liberty to place on record an affidavit to that effect along with supporting documents. The learned counsel appearing for Respondent No. 34, Tamil Nadu Power Distribution Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as “TNPDC”), sought further time to file its reply in the matter.

5. Vide Record of Proceedings (hereinafter referred to as “RoP”) dated 13.1.2026, the Petitioner was directed to file an affidavit placing on record the change in the name of the Petitioner Company. The Respondent, TANGEDCO, was also granted liberty to file its reply to the Petition(s), with an advance copy to the Petitioner, who may file its rejoinder thereto, if any.

6. In compliance with the RoP dated 13.1.2026, the Petitioner, vide affidavit dated 20.1.2026, informed that the name of the Petitioner Company has been changed and prayed that the same may be taken on record.

7. In compliance with the RoP dated 13.1.2026, Respondent No. 34, TNPDC, vide affidavit dated 21.1.2026, filed its reply and submitted as under:

A. Treatment of the Assets in the Instant Petition as National Component –RE as per SPPC and CTUIL’s Recommendation:

- The instant assets 765 kV Parli (WR) – Bidar (SR) D/C transmission line has been planned and approved as a National Component-Renewable Energy (NC-RE), in order to facilitate the integration of additional RE potential at Bidar Pooling Station, required for grant of additional connectivity to RE generation projects. The said Transmission scheme has been deliberated and recommended in the 34th CMETS and 52nd SRPC & 52nd

WRPC meeting.

- The subject transmission system has been identified by CTUIL and approved in SRPC & WRPC as a National Component–Renewable Energy (NC-RE), the Commission may accordingly declare the said transmission system as a National Component–RE and direct CTUIL to pool and recover the transmission charges of the instant asset on an all-India basis in accordance with the CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020.
- The Petitioner, has sought sharing and recovery of the Inter-State Transmission System (ISTS) charges for the instant asset under the Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses Regulations, 2020, as notified by the Commission. However, the Petitioner has not placed on record any material to demonstrate the discussions held or approvals granted in the CMETS/SRPC meetings with regard to the treatment of the asset as a National Component (hereinafter referred to as “NC-RE”). It was further submitted that although the Petitioner participated in the relevant CMETS and SRPC meetings, the deliberations and outcomes of such meetings have not been disclosed by them.
- Accordingly, the assets in the instant Petition may be declared as a NC-RE, in accordance with the recommendations of SRPC and CTUIL, and the transmission charges shall mandatorily be pooled and recovered on an all-India basis, as per the CERC Sharing Regulations 2020.

Hearing dated 10.2.2026

8. During the hearing, Respondent No. 34 had raised certain issues and submitted that the issue raised by TNPDCCL pertains to the planning aspect of the transmission system and, since the Petitioner was not involved in the planning process, the same may appropriately be responded to by CTUIL. The learned counsel for Respondent, TNPDCCL, submitted that CTUIL may be directed to clarify whether the subject transmission component is to be treated as a National

Component or a Regional Component. It was further submitted that the transmission line was planned and approved as a NC-RE for evacuation of RE power from Bidar PS, and that extracts of approvals from CMETS, SRPC and other meetings support this position, thereby necessitating appropriate clarification.

9. Vide RoP dated 10.2.2026, the CTUIL was directed to file its reply, with a copy to the other side. In compliance with the RoP dated 10.2.2026, CTUIL vide affidavit dated 23.2.2026, has submitted as under:

(a) The Transmission scheme “Inter-Regional Strengthening between SR Grid and WR Grid” i.e. Bidar-Parli 765 kV D/c line was identified to facilitate in further enhancement of import/ export capability of SR Grid. Further, the transmission scheme shall facilitate integration of additional RE potential in Southern Region.

(b) Transmission scheme was discussed and agreed in the 52nd SRPC meeting held on 03.08.2024, wherein following was decided:

- SRPC approved the two inter regional links 765 kV Parli - Bidar D/C line & 765 kV Angul - Srikakulam D/C line. SRPC recommended that both the links shall be considered under National Component as 765 kV Parli - Bidar link would be used for RE evacuation and 765 kV Angul - Srikakulam link would be used to meet the GH&GA loads.
- Subsequently, the transmission scheme was approved in the special SRPC meeting held on 04.02.2025, wherein the transmission scheme was approved, and it was decided that same may be taken up with the NCT by CTUIL. Further since the transmission scheme is being utilised for evacuating RE power, the scheme is to be considered under National Component.
- The “Inter-Regional Strengthening between SR Grid and WR Grid” was discussed and agreed in the 29th meeting of NCT held on 17.04.2025, wherein it was informed that Bidar - Parli 765 kV D/c line shall be required to facilitate integration of additional RE potential in SR and also for enhancement of import/export capability of SR.

(c) Since the transmission system is planned for evacuation of RE projects

in Southern Region as per the deliberations held in various meeting and the same may be considered under “National component- Renewable Energy (NC-RE)” as per the provisions of the prevailing CERC Sharing Regulations. Accordingly, the Yearly Transmission Charges of Bidar - Parli 765 kV D/c line shall be shared by all the drawee DICs in proportion to their quantum of GNA and GNARE.

Hearing dated 24.2.2026

11. During the hearing, the representative for the Petitioner submitted that CTUIL has filed its compliance affidavit in relation to the information sought vide RoP dated 10.2.2026 and, accordingly, requested that the matter be reserved for order. Considering the submissions made, the Commission reserved the matter for order.

12. The Petitioner has submitted that in accordance with the “Guidelines for Encouraging Competition in Development of Transmission Projects” and “Tariff Based Competitive Bidding Guidelines for Transmission Service” (hereinafter referred to as “the Guidelines”) issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, under Section 63 of the Act, REC Power Development and Consultancy Limited (hereinafter referred to as “RECPDCL”) was notified by the Ministry of Power, Government of India, vide Gazette Notification. No. 2226 [F. No. 15/3/2018-Trans-Part (4)] dated 21.5.2025 as the Bid Process Coordinator (hereinafter referred to as “BPC”) for the purpose of selection of bidder as the Transmission Service Provider (hereinafter referred to as “TSP”) to establish “Inter-Regional Strengthening between SR Grid and WR Grid” on a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer basis.

13. RECPDCL, in its capacity as the BPC, initiated the bid process on 20.6.2025 and completed the same on 17.10.2025 in accordance with the Guidelines. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited was selected as the successful bidder, having quoted the lowest transmission charges of Rs. 1,047.59 million in order to provide

the transmission services to the beneficiaries of the transmission system.

14. The RfP was issued on 20.6.2025. At the RfP (Technical and Financial) stage, six bidders, namely, (i) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited; (ii) Resonia Limited; (iii) Enerica Infra 1 Private Limited; (iv) Montecarlo Limited; (v) Adani Energy Solutions Limited and (vi) Torrent Power Limited submitted their offers. The RfP (Technical) bids of the bidders were opened by the Bid Opening Committee at the Central Electricity Authority on 8.9.2025 in the presence of a representative of the bidders. The RfP (Financial bids) of the bidders were opened by the Bid Opening Committee in the Central Electricity Authority on 22.9.2025 in the presence of representatives of the bidders. The lowest Initial Price Offer discovered (Best Deal) discovered on the MSTC portal was Rs. 1118.16 million. The details of the quoted transmission charges by the bidders are given below:

S. No.	Name of the Bidder	Quoted Transmission Charges from the Initial Offer (Rs. in Million)	Rank
1.	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited	1118.16	L1
2.	Resonia Limited	1324.40	L2
3.	Enerica Infra 1 Private Limited	1330.00	L3
4.	Montecarlo Limited	1350.00	L4
5.	Adani Energy Solutions Limited	1407.80	L5
6.	Torrent Power Limited	1500.00	L6

15. As per Clause 2.5 of the RfP document, the initial offers shall be ranked on the basis of ascending order for the determination of the qualified bidders. The bidders holding the first fifty per cent of the ranks (with any fraction rounded off to a higher integer) or four Bidders, whichever is higher, shall be considered to be qualified for participating in the electronic reverse auction stage and submitting their final offer.

16. The e-reverse was conducted on the MSTC portal on 23.9.2025 and concluded on the same day. As per clause 9.12 of the guidelines, since no bids were received during e-RA from Resonia Limited and Montecarlo Limited, their Initial Offer is considered as the Final Offer in line with the provisions of the RFP. The following transmission charges, as quoted by each bidder, emerged:

S. No.	Name of the Bidder	Transmission Charges from the Initial Offer (in Rs. Million)	Transmission Charges from The Final Offer (in Rs. Million)	Rank
1.	Power Grid Corporation of India Limited	1118.16	1047.59	L1
2.	Enerica Infra 1 Private Limited	1330.00	1050.22	L2
3.	Resonia Limited	1324.40	1324.40 (No bid submitted)	L3
4.	Montecarlo Limited	1350.00	1350.00 (No bid submitted)	L4

17. As per the Bid Evaluation Report dated 25.9.2025, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited emerged as the successful bidder with the lowest quoted transmission charges of Rs. 1,047.59 million. BEC, vide its certificate dated 25.9.2025, has certified that the entire bid process has been carried out in accordance with the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power under Section 63 of the Act. BEC has further certified that the transmission charges discovered through the e-reverse auction are acceptable.

18. Consequent to its selection as the lowest bidder, a Letter of Intent (hereinafter referred to as "LoI") was issued to Power Grid Corporation of India Limited by the BPC on 29.9.2025, which was accepted by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited. Under the terms of RfP and the Letter of Intent, the successful bidder is obligated to accomplish the following tasks:

- a) Provide Contract Performance Guarantee in favour of Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL);
- b) Execute Share Purchase Agreement and Transmission Service Agreement;
- c) Acquire, for the Acquisition Price, 100% equity share of SR WR Power Transmission Limited from RECPDCL along with all its related assets and liabilities;
- d) Make an application to this Commission for the adoption of transmission charges, as required under Section 63 of the Act; and
- e) Apply to this Commission for the grant of a transmission licence.

19. Power Grid Corporation of India Limited has furnished the Contract Performance Guarantee (hereinafter referred to as "CPG") in favour of the Nodal Agency, i.e., CTUIL, for Rs. 24.00 crore on 17.10.2025 and has acquired hundred percent equity holding in SR WR Power Transmission Limited (now known as POWERGRID Parli Bidar Transmission Limited) on 17.10.2025. The Petitioner entered into a Transmission Service Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "TSA") with CTUIL on 17.10.2025.

20. Section 14 of the Act provides that the Appropriate Commission may, on an application made under Section 15 of the Act, grant a licence to any person to transmit electricity as a transmission licensee in any area as may be specified in the licence. The word "person" has been defined in Section 2 (49) of the Act to include any company or body corporate or association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, or artificial juridical person. The Petitioner has been

incorporated under the Companies Act, 2013. The main objective of the Petitioner Company is as under:

“To plan, promote and develop an integrated and efficient power transmission system network in all its aspects including planning, investigation, research, design and engineering, preparation of preliminary, feasibility and definite project reports, construction, operation and maintenance of transmission lines, sub-stations, load dispatch stations and communication facilities and appurtenant works, coordination of integrated operation of state, regional and national grid system, execution of turn-key jobs for other utilities/organizations and wheeling of power in accordance with the policies, guidelines and objectives laid down by the Central Government from time to time”

21. Section 15 (1) of the Act provides that every application under Section 14 of the Act shall be made in such manner and in such form as may be specified by the Appropriate Commission and shall be accompanied by such fees as may be prescribed by the Central Government. The Commission has specified Transmission Licence Regulations in this regard. Regulation 4 (1) of the Transmission Licence Regulations provides that eligibility for the grant of a licence for inter-State transmission of electricity is contingent upon the entity being selected either through the competitive bidding process under Section 63 of the Electricity Act, 2003 or by the Central Government or its authorised agency to implement a project under the regulated tariff mechanism. Regulation 10 (1) of the Transmission Licence Regulations provided that, in case the licensee has been selected for implementation of the project in accordance with the competitive bidding guidelines, the transmission tariff in terms of the Transmission Service Agreement shall be adopted by the Commission under Section 63 of the Act. The Project under consideration has been identified for development under competitive bidding by a competent authority, and the selection of the Project developer has been certified to have been made in accordance with the Guidelines for competitive bidding.

22. Regulation 5 of the Transmission Licence Regulations, 2024 provides for the procedure for granting of a transmission licence as under:

“(1) The application for the grant of licence shall be made to the Commission in Form-I appended to these regulations and shall be accompanied by such fee as may be prescribed by the Central Government from time to time under sub-section (1) of section 15 of the Act.

(2) The application shall be supported with an affidavit in accordance with Regulation 17 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2023.

(3) The applicant shall submit the original application in electronic form along with enclosures on the e-filing portal of the Commission and electronically serve a copy of such application on all the concerned DICs of the project and the Central Transmission Utility. The application shall be served through e-mail on the concerned DICs of the project who are not registered on the e-filing portal of the Commission.

(4) The applicant shall also upload the complete application along with annexures on its website, in English. The applicant shall also upload on its website, the details as per Form-I and Form-II appended to these regulations in the Indian language of the State or the Union Territory where an element of the project or concerned transmission line is situated or proposed to be situated. The application shall be kept posted on the website of the applicant till such time the application is disposed of by the Commission.

(5) The applicant shall, within 3 working days of filing the application, publish a notice of its application in Form-II appended to these regulations in at least two leading daily digital newspapers, one in English language and another in the Indian language of the State or Union Territory where an element of the project or concerned transmission line is situated or proposed to be situated, inviting comments from the general public. The notice shall also be kept posted on the website of the applicant.

(6) The Registry of the Commission shall carry out a preliminary scrutiny of the application and convey the defects, if any, as far as possible within 7 days of receipt of the application. The defects shall be rectified by the applicant within a period of 7 days from the date of such intimation from the Registry of the Commission.

(7) In the notice published in the digital newspapers and on the applicant's website under this Regulation, it shall be indicated that the suggestions and objections to the application, if any, may be filed by any person within 15 days of publication of the notice to The Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission at the address where the office of the Commission is situated and at email id: registry@cercind.gov.in. Any suggestion or

objection received in response to the public notice shall be shared with the applicant and the respondents by the Registry of the Commission.

(8) The applicant shall within 3 working days from the date of publication of the notice in terms of Clause (5) of this Regulation submit to the Commission on affidavit the details of the notice published, names of the digital newspapers in which the notice has been published, the dates and places of their publication and enclosing the relevant pages of the publication of notice.

(9) The CTUIL shall send its recommendations, if any, to the Commission on the proposal for grant of licence made in the application as far as practicable within a period of 10 (ten) days from the date of receipt of the application with a copy to the applicant: Provided that if CTUIL is unable to submit its recommendations within a period of 10 days, it shall inform the Commission the reasons for the same and submit its recommendations within a period of 30 (thirty) days from the date of receipt of the application: Provided further that along with its recommendations, CTUIL shall submit the copy of approval of the transmission project by the Central Government in terms of Electricity (Transmission System Planning, Development and Recovery of Inter-state Transmission Charges) Rules, 2021 as amended from time to time. Explanation: The recommendations of the Central Transmission Utility shall not be binding on the Commission.

(10) The applicant may file its comments, duly supported by an affidavit, on the recommendations made by CTUIL and the suggestions and objections, if any, received in response to the public notice within 7 working days of receipt of such suggestions and objections, with an advance copy to the CTUIL and the person, if any, who has filed the suggestions and objections on the proposal made in the application.

(11) The Commission after considering the suggestions and objections received from the DICs and in response to the public notice published by the applicant, and the recommendations, if any, received from CTUIL may either propose to grant the licence to the applicant or for reasons to be recorded in writing, reject the application.

(12) Before granting a licence, the Commission shall publish a notice of its proposal on the Commission's website and in two daily digital newspapers, having wide circulation, as the Commission may consider appropriate, stating the name and address of the person to whom it proposes to grant the licence, details of the project for which it proposes to grant a licence, location or route of the elements of the project, and any other details that the Commission may consider appropriate, to invite further suggestions and objections on its proposal within 15 days of the publication of the notice.

(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) The Commission shall, within 7 days of making the order to grant the licence to an applicant send a copy of the licence to the Central Government, the Central Electricity Authority, the Central Transmission Utility, the applicant and the concerned DIC(s)."

23. The Petitioner has approached the Commission with a separate application for the adoption of transmission charges in respect of the transmission system, which is presently under consideration of the Commission, and the order in that Petition will be issued separately. The Petitioner has filed the present Petition for the grant of a transmission licence in accordance with the provisions of the Transmission Licence Regulations, 2024. The Petitioner has submitted proof of service of the copies of the application on the BPC, CTUIL and the beneficiaries and proof of web posting of the complete application. The Petitioner has further undertaken to pay the applicable licence fee upon the grant of a transmission licence in terms of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Payment of Fees) Regulations, 2012. The Petitioner has prayed for the grant of a transmission licence to POWERGRID Parli Bidar Transmission Limited (erstwhile SR WR Power Transmission Limited) with respect to the transmission system as per the details given in paragraph 1 above.

24. The Petitioner has made the Application as per Form-I and paid the fee of Rs. One lakh as prescribed by the Central Government. As per the Commission's direction, the Petitioner has served a copy of the Application on the beneficiaries of the transmission project. The transmission charges quoted by the Petitioner, which have been recommended by the Bid Evaluation Committee for acceptance, are Rs. 1,047.59 million. The Petitioner has also enclosed copies of the Bid Evaluation

Committee's recommendations.

25. The Petitioner has published the notices on its website in Form-II in English and in the Vernacular language. The Petitioner has published the notices in the Deccan Herald (English), Kannada Prabha (Kannada), Free Press Journal (English) and Sakal (Marathi) on 30.10.2025. In response, no objection has been received from the general public to the notices.

26. The Petitioner has served a copy of the Application on the Central Transmission of Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) as required under Section 15 (3) of the Act and Regulation 5(3) of the Transmission Licence Regulations. CTUIL, vide its letter dated 4.11.2025, has recommended the grant of a transmission licence to the Petitioner. The Relevant portions of the said letter dated 4.11.2025 are extracted as under:

"This has reference to Petition filed by M/s SR WR Power Transmission Limited before Hon'ble CERC under Sections 14 and 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and CERC (Procedure, Terms and Conditions for grant of Transmission License and other related matters) Regulations, 2024 for grant of transmission license to establish the "Inter-Regional Strengthening between SR Grid and WR Grid" on Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) basis as ISTS scheme. In this regard, the following is submitted:

1. *Justification of the ISTS scheme:*

- i) *The present peak demand of Southern Region as on March, 2025 is 69,934 MW and expected peak demand of SR as per the 20th EPS during 2029-30 timeframe is about 97.5 GW. The present TTC for import of power from NEW grid to SR Grid is about 24,500 MW and it is expected to be enhanced to 25,000 MW with the commissioning of Narendra-Pune 765 kV D/c line. The present limiting constraint for import of power from ER to SR is Angul - Srikakulam 765 kV D/c line and from WR to SR is Nizamabad 765/400 kV, 1500 MVA ICT under contingency. Further, it is expected that the total demand of SR in 2029-30 timeframe is to be over 120 GW including Green Hydrogen/ Ammonia demand of 24.5 GW and the exiting/ under implementation Inter Regional links between NEW Grid and SR Grid shall not be adequate for import of power from NEW Grid to meet the above demand.*

ii) Further, Bidar 765/400/220 kV PS has been identified for 2.5 GW RE potential which is under implementation by POWERGRID through TBCB route and expected to be commissioned by Feb'26. Against the 2.5 GW RE potential at Bidar PS, Connectivity of 2.5 GW have already been granted at 220 kV level with the above transmission system. Further, additional connectivity of about 850 MW has been granted at Bidar PS with augmentation of transformation capacity by 3x500 MVA, 400/220 kV ICTs (6th – 8th) and 1X1500 MVA, 765/400 kV ICT (4th) at Bidar PS which is presently under implementation.

iii) In addition to the above augmentation and in order to facilitate integration of additional RE potential in Southern Region in general and Bidar PS in particular, Bidar (SR) - Parli New (WR) 765 kV D/c inter-regional link was identified. This inter-regional link shall facilitate in further enhancement of import/ export capability of SR Grid.

iv) The “Inter-Regional Strengthening between SR Grid and WR Grid” was recommended under TBCB with RECPDCL as BPC in the 29th meeting of NCT held on 17.4.2025. The broad scope of the scheme includes Parli New - Bidar 765 kV D/c line (about 120 km) with 240 MVAR SLR at Bidar end on both circuits along with 765 kV line bays at both ends. The detailed scope and schematic diagram of the subject scheme is enclosed at Annexure-I.

2. The subject ISTS scheme has been agreed/ approved in various forums as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Meeting	Meeting No.	Date	Remarks
1.	Consultation Meeting for Evolving Transmission Schemes in SR Region	34 th CMETS-SR & 34 th CMETS-WR	24 Sep 2024 & 16 & 17 Dec 2024	Relevant excerpts attached as Annexure-II(a) & Annexure-II(b)
2.	TCC/RPC meeting	52 nd SRPC, Special SRPC meeting & 52 nd WRPC	3 Aug 2024, 4 Feb 2025 & 7 Feb 2025	Relevant excerpts attached as Annexure-III(a), Annexure-III(b) & Annexure-III(c)
3.	National Committee on Transmission (NCT)	29 th	17 Apr 2025	Relevant excerpts attached as Annexure-IV

3. Details of major activities undertaken by various agencies towards implementation of the ISTS scheme are as follows:

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1	Gazette Notification (Ref and Date)	Ref. CG-DL-E-24052025-263324 20/5/2025 (Annexure-V)
2	Bid Process Coordinator	RECPDCL
3	Name of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)	SR WR Power Transmission Limited
4	Successful Bidder	M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited
5	Date of SPV Transfer (dd/mm/yyyy)	17/10/2025
6	Effective Date as per TSA (dd/mm/yyyy)	17/10/2025
7	Implementation Timeframe and SCoD of the Scheme (dd/mm/yyyy)	SCoD of Transmission Scheme: 17/10/2027 (i.e. 24 months from date of SPV transfer)

4. Details of the Upstream/ Downstream/ Inter-connecting Transmission System:

S. No.	Details of the Upstream/ Downstream transmission system	InST S/ ISTS	Implementing Agency	Implementation Mode (RTM/ TBCB)	SCOD	Status	Mismatch with the subject scheme, if any.
Upstream/ Downstream/ Inter-connecting Transmission System:							
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Bidar - Parli 765 kV D/c line was identified as an Inter-regional link for meeting both import and export requirements of SR. Bidar 765/400/220 kV PS is under construction under the scheme "Transmission scheme for Solar Energy Zone in Bidar (2500 MW), Karnataka" and same is expected by 9.2.2026. Parli 765/400 kV S/s is an existing substation of POWERGRID and it is well interconnected with ISTS grid in WR. 							
1.	Transmission scheme for Solar Energy Zone in Bidar (2500 MW), Karnataka 1. Establishment of 765/400 kV 3x1500 MVA, 400/220 kV 5x500 MVA pooling station at suitable border	ISTS	M/s Bidar Transmission Limited (A wholly owned subsidiary of M/s Power Grid Corporation of India Limited)	TBCB	09.02.26	Under Construction	No mismatch

<p>location near Bidar with 765 kV (1x240 MVAR) and 400 kV (1x125 MVAR) and 400 kV (1x125 MVAR) Bus Reactor</p> <p>2. Bidar PS- Maheshwar am (PG) 765 kV D/c line</p> <p>3. 2 nos. of 765 kV line bays at Maheshwar am (PG) GIS substation for termination of Bidar PS – Maheshwar am (PG) GIS 765 kV D/C line</p> <p>4. 765 kV, 1x240 MVAR Switchable Line Reactor for each circuit at Bidar PS end & Maheshwar am (PG) end of Bidar PS – Maheshwar am (PG) GIS 765 kV D/C line.</p> <p>5. 220 kV line bays – 8 Nos.</p>						
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5. No application has been granted connectivity with the subject ISTS scheme.

6. In line with Section 15 (4) of the Electricity Act, 2003; Regulation 5(9) of CERC Transmission License Regulations, 2024; and based on details furnished by M/s SR WR Power Transmission Limited in its petition, CTU recommends the grant of transmission license to M/s SR WR Power

Transmission Limited for executing the ISTS scheme "Inter-Regional Strengthening between SR Grid and WR Grid."

27. We have considered the submissions of the Petitioner, BPC, and CTUIL. The proviso to Clause 2.15.2 of the RfP provides that "if for any reason attributable to the BPC, the said activities are not completed by the Selected Bidder within the above period of ten (10) days as mentioned in this clause, such period of 10 days shall be extended, on a day-to-day basis till the end of the Bid validity period". As per the above provision, the selected bidder was required to complete all the activities, including the acquisition of the SPVs, by 9.10.2025. Though Lol was issued on 29.9.2025, BPC, vide its letter dated 17.10.2025 in terms of Clause 2.15.2 of the RfP, extended the date up to 27.10.2025 for completion of all activities by the successful bidder. The selected bidder furnished the Contract Performance Guarantee in favour of the Nodal Agency (CTUIL) for Rs. 24.00 crore on 17.10.2025 and acquired a hundred per cent equity-holding in the applicant company on 17.10.2025 after execution of the Share Purchase Agreement. As per clause 2.15.4 of the RfP, TSP is required to apply to the Commission for the grant of a transmission licence within five working days of the issuance of the acquisition of the SPV to the successful bidder. The successful bidder, namely, Power Grid Corporation, of India Limited, acquired the SPV on 17.10.2025. Accordingly, the TSP has filed the instant Petition through e-filing for the grant of a transmission licence on 27.10.2025.

28. The Petitioner, vide its affidavit dated 20.1.2026, has informed that the name of the Petitioner company has been changed from "SR WR Power Transmission Limited to POWERGRID Parli Bidar Transmission Limited". The certificate of change of name from "SR WR Power Transmission Limited to POWERGRID Parli Bidar Transmission Limited", dated 20.1.2026, issued by the Registrar of Companies,

Manesar, Haryana, has been placed on record. Accordingly, the Petitioner's name has been changed to 'POWERGRID Parli Bidar Transmission Limited', and the same has been taken on record.

29. We have considered the submissions of the parties and perused the information available on record. The Petition has been filed for the grant of transmission licence for ISTS system viz. Bidar – Parli 765 kV D/C transmission line, however, the Respondent, TNPDC, has sought declaration of the transmission line as National Component - Renewable Energy (NC-RE). SRPC had recommended that the link shall be considered under National Component as it would also be used for RE evacuation. WRPC had approved the scheme for taking it up at NCT for further deliberations. NCT in its 29th meeting held on 17.04.2025 had opined that the transmission charges of the link would be as per extant Regulations of CERC. We are of the view, that declaration of instant scheme as national component is beyond scope of the instant Petition.

30. 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 **16.3.2026**.

31. The Petitioner has undertaken to implement the Project in accordance with

the provisions of the TSA, the applicable provisions of the Electricity Act, 2003, and the Transmission Licence Regulations, as framed and notified by the Commission.

32. It is observed that as per Article 5.1.1 of the TSA, the TSP, at its own cost and expense, shall be responsible for designing, constructing, erecting, testing, and commissioning each element of the Project by scheduled COD in accordance with the various regulations of the Central Electricity Authority regarding Technical Standards and Grid Standards, Prudent Utility Practices and other applicable laws. Further, Article 5.4 of the TSA provides that the TSP shall ensure that the Project is designed, built and completed in a good workman-like manner using sound engineering and construction practices and using only materials and equipment that are new and of international utility-grade quality such that the useful life of the Project will be till the expiry date. Further, the design, construction, and testing of all equipment, facilities, components, and systems of the Project shall be in accordance with Indian Standards and Codes issued by the Bureau of India Standards. In this regard, the Petitioner has submitted that it will implement the Project in accordance with the provisions of the TSA, including Article 16.4, Article 5.1.1, and Article 5.4 of the TSA. It is expected that while carrying out the survey, the Petitioner has complied with the provisions of clause 2.5.7.3, clause 2.5.7.4, and clause 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.

33. The Petition shall be listed for hearing on **18.3.2026**.

Sd/-
(Ravinder Singh Dhillon)
Member

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(Harish Dudani)
Member

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(Ramesh Babu V.)
Member