

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
NEW DELHI**

**Petition No. 926/TT/2025**

**Coram:**

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

**Date of Order: 24.02.2026**

**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 for truing up of the transmission tariff for the 2019-24 period under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 and determination of the transmission tariff for the 2024-29 period under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024 for the Combined Asset under "System Strengthening – XXVI" in the Southern Region.

**And**

**In the matter of:**

**Power Grid Corporation of India Limited,  
SAUDAMINI, Plot No-2,  
Sector-29, Gurgaon-122001 (Haryana).**

**..Petitioner**

**Versus**

1. **Tamil Nadu Generation and Distribution Corporation Limited,  
NPKRR Maaligai, 800, Anna Salai,  
Chennai - 600002.(Now TNPDC)**
2. **Kerala State Electricity Board Limited,  
Vaidyuthi Bhavanam,  
Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram - 695004.**
3. **Electricity Department, Government of Goa,  
Vidyuti Bhawan, Panaji, Goa - 403001.**
4. **Electricity Department, Government of Pondicherry,  
137, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Salai,  
Pondicherry - 605001.**



5. **Eastern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited,**  
P&T Colony, Seethmadhara,  
Vishakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
  6. **Southern Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh Limited,**  
#19-13-65/A, Srinivasapuram, Tiruchanoor Road,  
Tirupati - 517503, Andhra Pradesh.
  7. **Andhra Pradesh Central Power Distribution Company Limited,**  
Corporate Office, Beside Polytechnic College, ITI Road,  
Vijayawada - 520008, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh.
  8. **Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited,**  
6-1-50, Corporate Office, Mint Compound,  
Hyderabad - 500063, Telangana.
  9. **Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited,**  
H. No 2-5-3 1/2, Vidyut Bhawan, Corporate Office,  
Nakkal Gutta, Hanamkonda, Warangal - 506001, Telangana.
  10. **Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited,**  
Corporate Office, K.R. Circle,  
Bangalore - 560001, Karnataka.
  11. **Gulbarga Electricity Supply Company Limited,**  
Corporate Office, Station Main Road, Opp. Parivar Hotel,  
Gulbarga (Kalburgi), Karnataka - 585102.
  12. **Hubli Electricity Supply Company Limited,**  
Navanagar, PB Road, Hubli, Karnataka - 580025.
  13. **Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited,**  
Corporate Office, 1st Floor, MESCOM Bhavan,  
Kavoor Cross Road, Bejai, Mangalore - 575004, Karnataka.
  14. **Chamundeswari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited,**  
Corporate Office, #29, Vijayanagara 2nd Stage,  
Hinkal, Mysuru - 570017, Karnataka.
- ...Respondent(s)**

**Parties Present:** Shri S. Vallinayagam, Advocate, TNPDC  
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Shri Angaru Naresh Kumar, PGCIL  
Shri Vijay G., PGCIL  
Shri Anshul Garg, PGCIL  
Shri Divyanshu Mishra, PGCIL  
Ms. Supriya Singh, PGCIL



Shri Mukesh Bhakar, PGCIL  
Shri Arjun Malhotra, PGCIL  
Shri Vivek Kumar, PGCIL  
Shri Amit Yadav, PGCIL  
Shri Vishal Sagar, PGCIL  
Shri Ashish Agarwal, PGCIL  
Shri Yatin Kalra, PGCIL  
Shri Ranjeet Pandey, PGCIL

### **ORDER**

The instant Petition has been filed by Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, 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 determination of the transmission tariff under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2024 (hereinafter referred to as “the 2024 Tariff Regulations”) for the 2024-29 tariff period in respect of the following transmission assets (hereinafter referred to as the “transmission assets/Combined Asset”) under “System Strengthening – XXVI” (hereinafter referred to as the “transmission project”) in the Southern Region.

**Asset-1:** 2 Nos. 220 kV line bays at 400/220 kV Cochin East (pallikkara) Sub-station for termination of Cochin East (Pallikara) – Aluva 220 kV D/C line, to be implemented by KSEBL

**Asset-2:** 2 Nos. 400 kV line bays at Kozhikode (Areakode) Sub-station for termination of North Trissur (Madakkathara) - Kozhikode (Areakode) 400 kV (Quad) D/C line, to be implemented by KSEBL

*(Asset-1 and Asset-2 have been combined as on 1.4.2024 and have been collectively referred to as "Combined Asset" for the 2024-29 tariff period.)*

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 assets covered under this petition, as per para 17 and 18 above.*



- b) *Admit the capital cost claimed, and additional capitalization incurred during 2019-24 and projected during 2024-29.*
- 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 17 and 18 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 the filing of 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 24 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 24 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 24 above.*
- j) *Allow the petitioner to claim expenses of CTUIL borne by POWERGRID through a separate petition as mentioned at para 25 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 follows:



- a. The Petitioner has been entrusted with the implementation of the transmission project. The Investment Approval (the IA) of the transmission project was accorded by Board of Directors (BoD) of the Petitioner vide the Memorandum Ref: C/CP/PA1920-03-OE-IA002 dated 21.6.2019 at an estimated cost of ₹1918 lakh including an IDC of ₹98 lakh, based on December, 2018 price level.
- b. The scope of the transmission project was discussed and agreed in the 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> SCM of the Southern Region constituents held on 22.9.2017 and 27.4.2018, respectively, which was further ratified by SRPC in the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> SRPC meetings held on 17.2.2018 and 11.8.2018, respectively.
- c. The Petitioner, vide affidavit dated 16.11.2022, has submitted the Revised Cost Estimate (RCE) which has been approved by the Competent Authority vide Memorandum No. C/CP/PA2223-04-0M-RCE002 dated 6.7.2022, at an estimated cost of ₹1861 lakh including an IDC of ₹26 lakh at May, 2022 price level.
- d. The scope of the work covered under the transmission project is as follows:

**Sub-station**

**Part A:**

**400/220 kV Cochin Sub-station East (Extn.)**

**220 kV**

- i. Line bays (AIS): 2 numbers (For termination of Cochin East (Pallikkara)-Aluva 220kV D/C line, to be implemented by KSEBL)

**Part B:**

**400/220 kV Kozhikode Sub-station (Extn.)**

**400 kV**

- i. 400 kV Line Bay: 2 numbers (For termination of North Trissur (Madakkathara)-Kozhikode (Areekode) 400 kV (Quad) D/C line, to be implemented by KSEBL)



- e. The scope of the work as per IA is completed and is covered in the instant Petition. The details of the transmission assets under the transmission project are as follows:

Name of Asset	Schedule Commissioning as per IA	Actual COD
<b>Asset-1:</b> 2 Numbers 220 kV line bays at 400/220 kV cochin East (Pallikkara) Substation for termination of Cochin East (Pallikara)-Aluva 220 kV D/C line, to be implemented by KSEBL (Part -A)	20.12.2020	6.3.2021
<b>Asset-2:</b> 2 Numbers 400 kV line bays at Kozhikode (Areakode) Sub-station for termination of North Trissur (Madakkathara)-Kozhikode (Areakode) 400 kV (Quad) D/C line, to be implemented by KSEBL (Part-B)	20.3.2021	9.3.2021

- f. Part A of the transmission project was scheduled to be put into commercial operation in 18 months and Part B of the transmission project was scheduled to be put into commercial operation within 21 months from the date of the IA. Accordingly, the scheduled date of commercial operation (SCOD) for Asset-1 was 20.12.2020 and for Asset-2 was 20.3.2021. Asset-1 was put into commercial operation on 6.3.2021 and Asset-2 was put into commercial operation on 9.3.2021. However, the Commission vide order dated 29.4.2023 in Petition No. 196/TT/2022 had extended the SCOD for Asset-1 by 5 months as per the Ministry of Power (MoP) letter dated 27.7.2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and, hence, there is no time over-run in case of Asset-1 and Asset-2.
- g. The Commission, vide order dated 29.4.2023 in Petition No. 196/TT/2022, allowed the transmission tariff for the 2019-24 period for both Asset-1 and Asset-2.