CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No.210/MP/2023

Subject : Petition under Section 63, 79(1) (c), 79(1)(d) and 79(1)(f) of the

Electricity Act, 2003 read with Regulation 111 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 1999 seeking appropriate orders and directions concerning Section 63 transmission licensees to address issues relating to recovery of tariff, including the likely under-recovery of tariff, where the scheduled commercial operation date of transmission projects has been extended by the competent

authority on account of uncontrollable events.

Petitioners : Electric Power Transmission Association (EPTA) and 6 Ors.

: Central Transmission Utility of India Limited and 38 Ors. Respondents

Date of Hearing : **18.12.2023**

Coram : Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

> Shri Arun Goyal, Member Shri P. K. Singh, Member

Parties Present : Shri Jafar Alam, Advocate, ETPA

Shri Deep Rao, Advocate, ETPL

Shri Ashwin Ramanathan, Advocate, ETPL

Shri Parth Parikh, Advocate, ETPL

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Shri Anup Jain, Advocate, MSEDCL

Shri Vyom Chaturvedi, Advocate, MSEDCL

Shri Swapnil Verma, CTUIL Shri Ranjeet Rajput, CTUIL Ms. Kavya Bhardwai, CTUIL Shri Gajendra Sinh, NLDC

Record of Proceedings

At the outset, the learned counsel for Respondents, Karnataka Discoms prayed for an additional time to file a reply to the Petition.

- Learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that keeping in view that 2. prayers/reliefs sought by the Petitioners are in relation to some unaddressed issues which have sector-wide impact, the Respondents, CTUIL and PGCIL may also be asked to furnish their comments/views on the subject matter.
- In response, the representative of Respondent No.1, CTUIL, submitted that keeping in view that the issues raised by the Petitioners pertain to terms of

Transmission Service Agreements, CTUIL is not filing a general reply to the Petition. However, CTUIL will assist the Commission during the course of proceedings and in case, the Commission requires views/comments of CTUIL on specific issue(s), CTUIL will file so as per the direction of the Commission.

- Considering the submissions of learned counsel and representative of the parties, the Commission once again permitted all the Respondents, including Karnataka Discoms to file their replies on maintainability as well as on merits of the case, if any, within five weeks with a copy to the Petitioners who may file their rejoinder(s), if any, within five weeks thereafter.
- Insofar as a direction upon CTUIL to furnish their views, the Commission, after taking into account the submissions made by the representative of CTUIL, observed that the comments/views of CTUIL on any aspects raised in the matter will be called upon as and when required and no such direction is required to be issued at this stage.
- The Petition will be listed for hearing on 19.4.2024. 6.

By order of the Commission Sd/-(T.D. Pant) Joint Chief (Law)