CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION NEW DELHI

Petition No. 240/TT/2013 (on remand)

Subject: Petition for determination of fees and charges for Fibre Optic

Communication System in lieu of existing Unified Load Despatch and Communication (ULDC) Microwave Links in Northern Region for tariff block 2009-14 under sub-section 4 of Section 28 and 79(1)(d) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

Date of Hearing : 26.7.2023

Coram: Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson

Shri I. S. Jha, Member Shri Arun Goyal, Member Shri P.K. Singh, Member

Petitioners : Power Grid Corporation of India Limited

Respondents: NTPC Limited and others

Parties Present : Ms. Swapna Seshadri, Advocate, PGCIL

Ms. Surbhi Gupta, Advocate, PGCIL

Shri B.B. Rath, PGCIL Ms. Supriya Singh, PGCIL

Record of Proceedings

Powergrid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL) filed the instant petition for determination of fees and charges in respect of the Fibre Optic Communication System in lieu of the existing Unified Load Despatch and Communication (ULDC) Microwave Links in the Northern Region for the tariff block 2009-14 period in respect of three number of assets and the Commission vide order dated 1.9.2015 approved the tariff for the three assets. The Commission in the said order dated 1.9.2015 did not allow time over-run of 3 months and 6 months in the execution of Asset-III and Asset-III respectively.

- 2. PGCIL filed an Appeal No.15 of 2016 before the Appellate Tribunal for Electricity (APTEL) against the order dated 1.9.2015 in Petition No. 240/TT/2013, on the issue of disallowance of time over-run in case of Asset-II and Asset-III.
- 3. Learned counsel for PGCIL submitted that APTEL vide its judgment dated 28.10.2022 in Appeal No. 15 of 2016 allowed the PGCIL's prayer for condonation of time

over of 3 months and 6 months in the case of Asset-III and Asset-III respectively, and vacated the Commission's order dated 1.9.2015 to that extent. She further submitted that revised calculations on account of allowing of time over-run by the APTEL in respect of Asset-II and Asset-III are ready with her and she may be permitted to upload the same on the portal of the Commission.

- 4. The Commission permitted the Petitioner to upload the revised calculations by 4.8.2023.
- 5. Subject to the above, the Commission reserved its order in the matter.

By order of the Commission

sd/-(V. Sreenivas) Joint Chief (Law)