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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 146 of 2025 & IA No. 852 OF 2025

Dated: 4th July, 2025

Present : Hon`ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan, Chairperson
Hon`ble Ms. Seema Gupta, Technical Member (Electricity)

In the matter of:

SITAC RE Private Limited & Anr. .... Appellant(s)

Versus

Gujarat Electricity Regulatory Commission & Ors. .... Respondent(s)

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ORDER

IA No. 852 of 2025
(for condonation of delay in filing the appeal)

The justification given for the delay of 63 days in filing the appeal is that the impugned order was passed by the GERC after 10 years, by which time officers of the Appellant Company had changed; and documentation, required for an appeal to be filed, took considerable time thereafter. We are satisfied that this explanation does not constitute "sufficient cause" for condonation of delay.

We are, however, also of the view that the delay is not so inordinate as to deny the Appellant the opportunity of having their appeal heard on merits, and consider it appropriate to condone the delay on payment of costs of Rs. 35,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks from today, and on proof of payment being filed in the Registry within two weeks thereafter. The delay is condoned subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions.

Needless to state that, in case the aforesaid costs are not paid within four weeks from today and an affidavit of proof of payment is not filed in the Registry within two weeks thereafter, the application, for condonation of delay in filing the appeal, shall stand dismissed automatically, and the Appeal shall stand rejected. The I.A. is, accordingly, disposed of.

The Appellant shall also intimate the CTU of the Appeal No. and the date of the Order, in terms of which costs are being paid.

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Six weeks' time is granted to file reply. Rejoinder, if any, may be filed within four weeks thereafter.

Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, and after pleadings are complete, Registry to verify the same, and then include the Appeal in the **'List of Finals'** to be taken up from there, in its turn.

(Seema Gupta) Technical Member (Electricity)	(Justice Ramesh Ranganathan) Chairperson

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