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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 226 OF 2025 & IA No. 842 OF 2025 & IA No. 1295 OF 2025 & IA No. 1314 OF 2025

Dated: 8th September, 2025

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

In the matter of:

Ultra Tech Cement Limited	....	Appellant(s)
Versus		
Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission & Anr.	....	Respondent(s)

Counsel on record for the Appellant(s)	:	Amit Kapur Poonam Verma Sengupta Saunak Kumar Rajguru Pradyumn Sharma Sakshi Kapoor Priyakshi Bhatnagar Rajesh Jha Devisi Bhuwalka for App. 1
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ORDER

IA-1295/2025
(IA for permission to file the reply) (R-2)

The present IA is filed by the second Respondent seeking permission to file reply. Despite service of notice the second Respondent was not present nor had any counsel entered appearance on their behalf on or before 17.07.2025, when the matter was listed after notice. Since it was only the first Respondent which had appeared, time was granted to them to file reply.

Despite repeated reminders of the need to file pleadings within the time sought for by the Counsel themselves, applications are still being filed seeking further extension of time for completing pleadings. Such requests not only disable us from striving to achieve the objective of the Act to dispose of the Appeal within 180 days, but also result in needless wastage of precious court time which can be more usefully spent in hearing Appeals on merits.

The present case is yet another instance of procrastination. We, however, see no reason to deny the second Respondent an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on condition that the second Respondent pays costs of Rs. 25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within three weeks, and file proof of payment in the Registry within one week thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay in filing reply is condoned, and the reply filed by the second Respondent shall be taken on record.

The application is disposed of.

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

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Rejoinder to the reply filed by the second Respondent shall be filed within two weeks.

Post the matter on ***07.10.2025.***

(Seema Gupta)
Technical Member (Electricity)

(Justice Ramesh Ranganathan)
Chairperson

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