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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 213 OF 2025 & IA No. 1886 OF 2025 & IA No. 1383 OF 2025

Dated: 12th December, 2025

Present: Hon`ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan, Chairperson
Hon`ble Mr. Ajay Talegaonkar, Technical Member (Electricity)

In the matter of:

Western Electricity Supply Company of Odisha Limited & Appellant(s)
Ors.

Versus

Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission & Ors. Respondent(s)

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ORDER

IA NO. 1886 OF 2025

(For condonation of delay of 14 days in filing reply by R-2)

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 results 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 2nd Respondent an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on condition that the 2nd Respondent pays costs of Rs.25,000/-.

Mr. R. K. Mehta, Learned Counsel for the 2nd Respondent, undertakes to pay costs, as directed, within one week from today and file proof of payment latest by 05.01.2026.

The 2nd Respondent shall pay the said costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within one week from today, and file proof of payment in the Registry latest by 05.01.2026. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay in filing reply is condoned, and the reply filed by the 2nd Respondent shall be taken on record. The application is disposed of.

The 2nd 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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While Mr. Amit Kapur, Learned Counsel for the Appellant, requests that the matter be taken up on 16.12.2025 to enable him to furnish a list of dates along with all necessary particulars, both Mr. G. Umapathy, Learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the Commission and Mr.

R. K. Mehta, Learned Counsel for the 2nd Respondent-Gridco, request that the matter be taken up on 06.01.2026.

Post on **06.01.2026**. Rejoinder, if any, shall be filed by the Appellant in the meanwhile.

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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