IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(APPELLATE JURISDICTION)

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(P&NG – BENCH)

APL No. 13 OF 2023&
IA NOs.1253 of 2022 & 689 of 2023

Dated: 10.05.2023

Present: Hon'ble Mr. JusticeRamesh Ranganathan, Chairperson
Hon'ble Dr. AshutoshKarnatak, Technical Member (P&NG)

In the matter of :
AGP City Gas Private Limited …. Appellant(s)
Vs.
Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board….Respondent(s)

Counsel for the Appellant(s) : Manu Aggarwal

Counsel for the Respondent(s): Rahul SagarSahay
Prince Kumar Singh
SanskritiBhardwaj
Suyash Gaur

ORDER

IA 689/2023
(For waiver of cost imposed)(R-1)

This application is filed to recall the order dated 22.03.2023 whereby we had imposed costs of Rs.25,000/- for the failure of the PNGRB to file their reply within the time sought by the Counsel themselves, and to waive imposition of costs.

An assurance affidavit has now been filed by the Secretary of the Board stating that the Board would be diligent with respect to filing of replies, applications or requisite documents, deemed necessary as directed by the Hon'ble APTEL or imperative to the stance of Board; andthe Board will aspire compliance within the stipulated timelines.

While it is not clear what the Board means by using the word “aspire”, we accept the assurance affidavit in the belief that pleadings would henceforth be completed within time to enable us to strive to achieve the objective of the Act to dispose of appeals within 180 days. The Order dated 26.04.2023 is recalled, and the replies of the Board shall be received by the Registry, if filed on or before 15.05.2023. The IA is disposed of accordingly.

APL No. 13 OF 2023 & IA NO. 1253 of 2022

Four weeks’ time is granted to the Appellant to file rejoinder.

Let the matter be listed on 05.07.2023.

(Dr. AshutoshKarnatak)
Technical Member (P&NG)

(Justice Ramesh Ranganathan)
Chairperson

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