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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 296 of 2025 & IA No. 1227 OF 2025 & IA No. 1225 OF 2025 & IA No. 1226 OF 2025

Dated: 3rd November, 2025

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

In the matter of:

Amara Raja Energy and Mobility Limited (Formerly known as Amara Raja Batteries Limited) & Ors.	....	Appellant(s)
Versus		
Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission & Ors.	....	Respondent(s)

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ORDER

IA No. 1227 of 2025

(for leave to file Appeal)

The Appellants herein are Consumers. They are aggrieved by the order passed by the Commission, and are therefore entitled to file the present appeal. Leave to file appeal is granted and the IA is disposed of accordingly.

IA No. 1225 of 2025

(for condonation of delay in filing the Appeal) (242 days)

The present applications are filed seeking condonation of delay of 242 days in filing the appeal. The explanation furnished for the delay is of administrative reasons, which does not constitute “sufficient cause” to condone the delay. Since the delay is not so inordinate as to deny the Appellant an opportunity of having their appeal adjudicated on its merits, we consider it appropriate to condone the delay albeit on imposition of costs which we quantify as Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh only). The Appellant shall pay the said amount to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks from today, and file proof of payment in the Registry within two weeks thereafter. The delay is condoned, and the IAs are disposed of, subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions.

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

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

IA No. 1226 of 2025
(for interim relief)

Learned Counsel on both sides agree that, in connected matters, the applications for interim relief have already been dismissed. Consequently, the IA seeking interim relief, in the present case, shall also stand dismissed.

Needless to state that payment made by the Appellant, in terms of the impugned order, shall be subject to the result of the main appeal.

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

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.

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Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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