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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 33 of 2025 & IA No. 176 OF 2025 & IA No. 174 OF 2025 & IA
No. 175 OF 2025

Dated: 21st April, 2025

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

In the matter of:

HBL Engineering Ltd (formerly known as HBL Power
Systems Ltd) & Ors. Appellant(s)

Versus

Andhra Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission &
Ors. Respondent(s)

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ORDER

IA-176/2025
(For leave to file Appeal)

The Appellants are consumers aggrieved by the tariff order passed by the Regulatory Commission. They are undoubtedly “persons aggrieved” in terms of Section 111(1) of the Electricity Act. We see no reason, in such circumstances, to deny them leave to file the appeal. Leave, as sought for, is granted and the application is disposed of.

IA-174/2025
(For condonation of delay in filing the Appeal) (49 days)

The delay of 49 days in filing the appeal is not so inordinate as to necessitate denying the Appellant a hearing on merits. The delay is also not opposed by the Learned Counsel for the Respondents. The delay in filing the Appeal is condoned and the application is, accordingly, disposed of

IA-175/2025
(For interim relief)

This Tribunal had, earlier, in IA No. 61 of 2025 in Appeal No. 76 of 2025 dated 24.03.2025, held that the impugned order does not require interference at the interlocutory stage; and any payment made by the Appellant to the Respondent-AP Discoms, in compliance with the impugned order during the pendency of these appeals, shall be subject to the result of the main appeals. Following the said order, and in terms thereof, this IA is also disposed of.

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Reply shall be filed within six weeks and rejoinder shall be filed within four weeks thereafter.

After pleadings are complete, Registry to verify and then include the appeal in the List of Finals along with Appeal No. 12 of 2025, to be taken up from there in its turn.

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(Justice Ramesh Ranganathan)
Chairperson