

COURT-1

IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 448 OF 2024 & IA No. 22 OF 2025 & IA No. 1175 OF 2024 &
IA No. 20 OF 2025

Dated: 21st January, 2025

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

In the matter of:

Western U.P. Power Transmission Company Limited Appellant(s)

Versus

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

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ORDER

IA NO. 20 OF 2025

(For condonation of delay of 56 days in filing reply by R-2 to 5 & 7)

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 Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 & 7 an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on condition that Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 & 7 pay costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks, and file proof of payment in the Registry within two weeks thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay in filing reply is condoned, and the reply filed by Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 & 7 shall be taken on record. The application is disposed of.

Respondent Nos. 2 to 5 & 7 shall also intimate the CTUIL of the Appeal No. and the date of Order, in terms of which costs are being paid.

IA NO. 22 OF 2025

(For condonation of delay of 56 days in filing reply by R-6)

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 6th Respondent an opportunity to file their reply. We consider it appropriate to permit them to file reply on condition that the 6th Respondent pays costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks, and file proof of payment in the Registry within two weeks thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay in filing reply is condoned, and the reply filed by the 6th Respondent shall be taken on record. The application is disposed of.

The 6th 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, if any, may be filed within four weeks from today.

Post the IA for interim relief on **06.03.2025**.

Seema Gupta
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

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