

COURT-1

IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 352 of 2025 & IA No. 1432 OF 2025

Dated: 1st December, 2025

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

In the matter of:

GRIDCO Limited Appellant(s)

Versus

NTPC Limited & Ors. Respondent(s)

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for App. 1

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for Res. 3

Pradeep Misra
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for Res. 9

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for Res. 14

ORDER

IA No. 1432 of 20252022

(for condonation of delay in filing the appeal)

While the delay in filing the appeal as computed by the Registry, is of 845 days, Mr. R.K. Mehta, Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Appellant, would submit that, if the period spent by the appellant in prosecuting the review petition were to be excluded, then the delay is of around 51 days.

The impugned order under appeal was passed on 17.04.2023, aggrieved by which the Appellant filed a review petition on 23.05.2025 within an application to condone the delay. The Commission is said to have been condoned the delay in filing the review petition, and to have entertained the said petition on merits. The Review Petition was, eventually, dismissed on 18.06.2025, and the present appeal was filed on 22.11.2025. Ordinarily, the period spent by the Appellant in prosecuting the review petition is required to be excluded in computing the delay in filing the appeal. If so excluded, the delay from the date the review petition was dismissed, would be of around 51 days. While the explanation furnished for the delay of 51 days in the filing the appeal i.e. of administrative reasons, may not constitute sufficient cause for

condonation, we see no reason to deny the Appellant an opportunity of having their appeal heard on merits, albeit on payment of costs. We consider it appropriate, in such circumstances, to condone the delay in filing the appeal on imposition of costs of Rs.20,000/- (Rupees Twenty Thousand only) which the Appellant shall pay 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. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay is condoned.

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

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All the Respondents may file reply, if any, within six weeks with advance copy to the other side. Thereafter, the Appellant may file rejoinder, if any, within four weeks with advance copy to the other side.

After pleadings are complete, and after verification by the Registry, let this Appeal be included in the '**List of Finals**' to be taken up from there, in its turn.

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)
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Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson