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IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

APL No. 605 OF 2023 & IA No. 1783 OF 2022 & IA No. 1782 OF 2022 & IA No. 1969 OF 2023

Dated: 10th October, 2023

Present : Hon`ble Mr. Justice Ramesh Ranganathan, Chairperson
Hon`ble Mr. Sandesh Kumar Sharma, Technical Member

In the matter of:

Andhra Pradesh Solar Power Corporation Private Limited .... Appellant(s)

Versus

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission & Ors. .... Respondent(s)

Counsel on record for the Appellant(s) : Sidhant Kumar
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Shikha Ohri
Kartik Sharma For Res21
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ORDER

IA No. 1969 OF 2023
(For condonation of delay in filing rejoinder) (56 days)

This application is filed for condonation of delay of 56 days in filing rejoinder by the Appellant. Despite repeated reminders of the need to file pleadings within the time sought for by the Counsel themselves, applications such as these are still being filed seeking 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 main Appeals within the statutorily prescribed period of 180 days, but also results in needless wastage of precious court time, which can be more usefully spent in hearing the main Appeals on merits.

The present case is yet another instance of procrastination. We, however, see no reason to deny the Appellant an opportunity to file their rejoinder. We consider it appropriate to condone the delay on condition that the Appellant pays costs of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-Five Thousand only) to the Central Transmission Utility of India (CTUIL) within four weeks, and files proof payment in the Registry within one week thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay of 56 days' in filing rejoinder is condoned and the rejoinder filed by the Appellant shall be taken on record. 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. 1783 OF 2022
(For impleadment/intervention)

Mr. Shivankar Rao, Learned Counsel appearing on behalf of the Appellant, seeks four weeks' time to file rejoinder to the reply filed by the SECI/21st Respondent. Time, as sought for, is granted.

Post the matter for hearing on IA on ***03.11.2023***.

(Sandesh Kumar Sharma)
Technical Member

(Justice Ramesh Ranganathan)
Chairperson

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