

COURT-1

IN THE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL FOR ELECTRICITY
(Appellate Jurisdiction)

DFR No : 464 of 2025 & IA No. 1820 OF 2025 & IA No. 1821 OF 2025

Dated: 6th February, 2026

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

In the matter of:

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited & Anr. Appellant(s)

Versus

Punjab State Electricity Regulatory Commission & Anr. Respondent(s)

Counsel on record for the Appellant(s) : Suparna Srivastava
for App. 1 & 2

Counsel on record for the Respondent(s) : Gargi Kumar for Res. 1

ORDER

IA NO. 1820 OF 2025

(For condonation of delay of 287 days in filing the appeal)

While the delay in filing this Appeal, as computed by the Registry is of 287 days, Ms. Suparna Srivastava, Learned Counsel for the Appellants, would submit that, if the period spent in prosecuting the review petition were to be excluded, then the delay is of around 114 days.

The order under appeal was passed by the Commission on 03.01.2025, aggrieved by which the Appellant herein filed a review petition before the Commission on 25.02.2025. The said review petition was dismissed on 07.08.2025.

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 must then be computed only from 07.08.2025 when the review petition was dismissed. Since the appeal was instituted on 01.12.2025, the delay, computed from 07.08.2025 till 01.12.2025, would be of around 114 days.

The explanation furnished for this delay of 114 days is of correspondence and administrative reasons, which we are satisfied does not constitute sufficient cause for condonation. We are, however, of the view that the delay is not so inordinate as to deny the Appellant a hearing on the merits of the appeal. We deem it appropriate, in such circumstances, to condone the delay on condition that the Appellant pays costs of Rs.50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only), to the Central Transmission Utility of India Limited (CTUIL) within four weeks from today, and files proof of payment in the Registry within two weeks thereafter. Subject to compliance with the aforesaid directions, the delay is condoned.

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.

DFR NO. 464 OF 2025 & IA NO. 1821 OF 2025

Despite service of notice on 24.01.2026, no counsel has entered appearance on behalf of the 2nd Respondent till date.

Ms. Gargi Kumar, Learned Counsel for the 1st Respondent, states that they do not wish to file any reply. Her submission is recorded.

At the request of Ms. Suparna Srivastava, Learned Counsel for the Appellant, list the IA for directions on **13.03.2026**.

Ajay Talegaonkar
Technical Member (Electricity)

Justice Ramesh Ranganathan
Chairperson

tpd/mg