

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
NEW DELHI**

I.A. No. 31/2025 in Petition No. 302/MP/2022

Subject : Petition under section 79(1)(f) of the Electricity Act 2003 for (i) approval of Change in Law and (ii) seeking an appropriate mechanism for grant of an appropriate adjustment/ compensation to offset financial/commercial impact of change in law events on account of imposition of water tax in relation to Tehri HEP (1000 MW) and Koteswar HEP (400 MW) read with the CERC (Terms and Conditions of Tariff) Regulations, 2019 and Order dated 12.7.2022 passed by Hon'ble High Court of Uttarakhand

Petitioner : THDC India Limited

Respondents : RUVNL and 15 ors.

Date of Hearing : **2.4.2025**

Coram : Shri Jishnu Barua, Chairperson
Shri Ramesh Babu V., Member
Shri Harish Dudani, Member
Shri Ravinder Singh Dhillon, Member

Parties Present : Shri Tabrez Malawat, Advocate, THDC
Shri Syed Hamza, Advocate, THDC
Shri Sourajit Sarkar, Advocate, THDC
Ms. Rupali Jain, Advocate, THDC
Shri Anand K Ganesan Advocate, PSPCL
Shri Amal Nair, Advocate, PSPCL
Ms. Devyani Praasad, Advocate, PSPCL
Ms. Shraddha Deshmukh, Advocate, Rajasthan Discoms
Shri Utkarsh Kokcha, Advocate, Rajasthan Discoms
Shri Sanchit Singh, Advocate, Rajasthan Discoms
Shri Rahul Kinra, Advocate, BSES Discoms
Shri Aditya Ajay, Advocate, BSES Discoms
Ms. Isnain Muzamil, Advocate, BSES Discoms
Shri Venkatesh, Advocate, TPDDL
Ms. Priya Dhankhar, Advocate, TPDDL
Ms. Drishti Rathi, Advocate, TPDDL
Shri Abhishek Kumar, Advocate, UPPCL
Shri Shubham Mudgil, Advocate, UPPCL

Record of Proceedings

The case was called out for a virtual hearing.

2. During the hearing, the learned counsel for the Petitioner submitted that the present IA has been filed for modification of the interim direction given during the hearing dated 19.7.2023 and to allow recovery of outstanding water tax dues from beneficiaries and upload unpaid invoices on the PRAAPTI portal, ensuring financial sustainability for the Petitioner.



3. The learned counsels for the Respondents PSPCL, TPDDL, BSES Discoms, and the Respondent UPPCL requested time to file a reply in the IA.
4. The Commission, after hearing the parties, directed as under:
 - (a) Admit the IA and issue notice to the Respondents.
 - (b) The Respondents are permitted to file their replies on or before **17.4.2025** after serving a copy to the Petitioner, who may file its rejoinder, if any, by **24.4.2025**.
5. The petition, along with IAs, will be listed for hearing on **28.4.2025**.

By order of the Commission

**Sd/-
(Deepak Pandey)
Assistant Chief (Law)**

