



**ARUNACHAL PRADESH STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY
COMMISSION ITANAGAR**

MP-07 of 2025.

In the matter of:

Petition for approval of the draft agreement for “Operation and Maintenance of (a) one No. of 132KV Bus Coupler and (b) one No. of 132KV Khupi Line Bay owned by DoP in the premises of POWERGRID Balipara Sub-Station.”

Coram: Mr. R. K. Joshi Hon’ble Chairperson.

Mr. Nich Rika Hon’ble Member (Law).

Petitioner: State Transmission Utility, Department of Power, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Appearance:

1. Er. Moli Kamki, Executive Engineer (E), TD-I, Department of Power, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Date of Hearing: 08.12.2025

Date of Order: 10.12.2025

ORDER

Submission of the Petitioner

1. The Petitioner i.e. State Transmission utility(STU) by way of this petition has sought approval of the draft agreement with Power grid for “Operation and Maintenance of (a) one No. of 132KV Bus Coupler and (b) one No. of 132kV Khupi Line Bay owned by DoP in the premises of POWERGRID Balipara Sub-Station.”
2. The Petitioner seeks the Commission’s approval on the draft agreement to ensure transparency, regulatory alignment and to avoid any ambiguity regarding responsibility, charges or coordination with Power grid as advised by the Department of Law, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
3. The State Transmission Utility, Government of Arunachal Pradesh (hereinafter referred to as "the Petitioner), is the agency responsible for transmission of electricity in

Arunachal Pradesh. The Petitioner functions as the State Transmission Utility (STU), tasked with the construction, operation, and maintenance of transmission electrical infrastructure in the state.

4. The Petitioner owns two bays - (a) one 132 kV Bus Coupler Bay and (b) one 132 kV Khupi Line Bay - installed within the premises of the POWERGRID Balipara Substation, to facilitate interconnection between the 132/33 kV Khupi Substation and POWERGRID's 400/220/132 kV Balipara Substation through the 132 kV Balipara-Khupi Single Circuit Transmission Line.
5. The Petitioner stated that the said bays are physically located within POWERGRID's premises and connected to its installations, and in view of operational safety, efficiency, and availability of technical resources, the Petitioner has requested POWERGRID to undertake Operation & Maintenance (O&M) of the said bays on its behalf.
6. POWERGRID has consented to carry out the O&M of the said bays under a structured agreement defining the scope of services, asset responsibility, spares management, charges based on CERC Tariff norms, and terms of coordination. The proposed Draft Agreement outlines the technical and financial obligations of both parties and ensures compliance with relevant standards and protocols.
7. The Petitioner has requested the Honourable Commission to approve the draft agreement and permit execution of the said agreement and O&M charges as aligned with prevailing regulatory norms and practice.
8. The Petitioner has further prayed before the Honourable Commission to grant any further relief it deems just and proper in the interest of facilitating inter-utility coordination, safety of assets and smooth system operation.

Commissions Observation and Analysis

9. The Commission observes that an O&M agreement for the maintenance of transmission assets does not ordinarily require its vetting from the Commission. However, since the same has been directed by the Law Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, the Commission has undertaken the exercise, as it falls within the purview of Section 86(2)(iv) of the Electricity Act, 2003, as highlighted below:


Secretary(i/c), APSERC

“Section 86. (Functions of State Commission)

.....
(2) *The State Commission shall advise the State Government on all or any of the following matters, namely: -*

.....
iv) matters concerning generation, transmission, distribution and trading of electricity or any other matter referred to the State Commission by that Government.....”.

10. The petition submitted by the Petitioner was scheduled for admission hearing on 8th December 2025. The Commission, however, observed that the petition fee was submitted in accordance with the earlier regulation and not as per the prevalent APERC (Payment of Fee) Regulations, 2025. For this instance, the Commission granted an exemption.
11. The Commission noted that the agreement is to be executed between STU, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and Power Grid Corporation of India Limited for the maintenance of one 132 kV bus coupler bay and one 132 kV Khupi line bay owned by STU, GoAP, located within the premises of the Power Grid Balipara Sub-station.
12. However, during the course of the hearing, the Commission observed that although the agreement is to be executed for the O&M of two bays, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited will levy O&M charges only for one bay. Since the maintenance cost of the other bay is marginal, the same has been reflected in the table provided in the following paragraph.
13. The Commission further observed that the maintenance of the bays shall be carried out by Power Grid for a period of five years, in accordance with the O&M charges stipulated under the CERC Tariff Regulations, 2024–29. The Commission reviewed the charges mentioned in the agreement and found them to be consistent with the O&M charges specified in the CERC Tariff Regulations, 2024–29, as highlighted below:

O&M charges for CERC Tariff block FY24-29	Year	Rate per bay(Rs.in Lakhs)	No. of bays	Total for the year(Rs.in lakhs)
Annual O&M cost for 01 No.AIS bays (bay no..) of 132kV Khuppi Main and Bus Coupler Bays S/s	2024-25	15.78	1	15.78
	2025-26	16.61	1	16.61
	2025-27	17.48	1	17.48
	2027-28	18.40	1	18.40
	2028-29	19.35	1	19.35
Total for FY(2024-29) (Rs.in Lakhs)				87.62

14. The Commission has reviewed the agreement and is of the view that it may be executed by both parties, as they have mutually agreed upon the terms and conditions stipulated therein.
15. However, the Commission would like to emphasize that any amendments to the agreement shall be subject to prior approval of the Commission.
16. With the above observations the petition is disposed of accordingly.

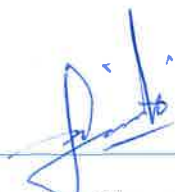
Date: 10/12/2025

Place: Itanagar

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Shri Nich Rika,
Member (Law)**



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Shri R. K. Joshi
Chairperson**


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