

**JOINT ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
(FOR THE STATE OF GOA AND UNION TERRITORIES)  
GURUGRAM**

**CORAM**

Shri Alok Tandon, Chairperson

**Petition No.: 180/2026**

**Date of Hearing: 06.10.2026**

**Date of Order: 29.10.2026**

**In the matter of:**

Application for Grant of Licence for Transmission of Electricity at Great Nicobar Island under Section 14 and Section 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003, read with the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020.

**And in the matter of:**

NTPC Electric Supply Company Limited  
NTPC Bhawan, Core 7, SCOPE Complex, 7,  
Institutional Area, Lodi Road, New Delhi- 110003

.....Petitioner

**Present: -**

**For the Petitioner**

1. Shri Devendra Goel, CEO, NESCL
2. Shri Md. Ajaz Alam, DGM, NESCL

**ORDER**

1. The NTPC Electricity Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as “the Petitioner or NESCL”), has filed the present Petition for grant of Licence for Transmission of Electricity under Section 14 and 15 of the Electricity Act, 2003 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), read with the JERC (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020 (hereinafter referred to as “the Licensing Regulations”) to establish and operate the following transmission lines and substations inclusive of related infrastructure (hereinafter referred to as “the Project”) as submitted by the Petitioner within the geographical area of the Great Nicobar Island in the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

2. As submitted by the Petitioner the Project comprises element of the following Intra-state Transmission System:

| Sr. No. | Name of the Transmission Elements | Scheduled date of Commissioning |
|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1.      | 132/33 kV SS – 2                  | February 2029                   |
| 2.      | 132/33 kV SS – 4                  | February 2029                   |
| 3.      | 132 kV Interconnecting Cables     | February 2029                   |

3. The Detailed Project Report pertaining to Phase 1 to Phase 4 (beyond 2045) submitted by the Petitioner stipulate the following:

*“The Detailed Project Report (DPR) outlines the development of a 132/33 kV transmission and substation system to evacuate and distribute power generated from the 108 MW LNG-based power plant. The project involves the construction of three 132/33 kV substations—SS-1 (Power Plant Substation), SS-2 (Gandhi Nagar), and SS-4 (Campbell Bay)—under Phase-1 (up to 2035). A fourth substation, SS-3 (Vijay Nagar), is planned for Phase-2 (up to 2040). The system selected here is suitable to cater to peak power demand of 156MW expected to be encountered for GNI development project till the year 2035. The transmission of power from the LNG power plant to downstream substations will be achieved through a 132 kV underground cable system, selected after detailed evaluation of various route alternatives. The cable corridor is designed to run parallel to the newly proposed road alignment, ensuring optimal land utilization and minimal environmental impact. In the hilly and forested stretches, the underground route offers advantages in safety, aesthetics, and reliability, avoiding challenges associated with overhead transmission lines.*

*At the river crossing section, multiple options were assessed—Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD), RCC duct on riverbed, overhead line crossing, and cable laid along the newly constructed bridge. After comparative analysis, laying the 132 kV cable along the new bridge structure has been selected for implementation due to its technical simplicity, cost-effectiveness, and minimal ecological impact.*

*The proposed scheme ensures reliable power evacuation and distribution to major load centers such as the airport, township, and other areas, while providing future scalability.*

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*The project is structured in four distinct phases:*

**Phase 1 (up to 2035):** *Power generated at the plant will be transmitted to Substations 2 and 4 for transformation to 33 kV and onward distribution to load centers.*

**Phase 2 (up to 2041):** Construction and integration of Substation-3 to cater to projected load growth and enhance network reliability.

This phase will also include augmentation of 132 kV cable capacity between the relevant substations to handle the increased power transfer requirements and maintain system performance.

**Phase 3 (up to 2045):** Augmentation of 33 kV distribution feeders at Substations 2, 3, and 4, based on progressive load development in respective service areas.

**Phase 4 (beyond 2045):** Further expansion of 33 kV feeder infrastructure across the substations to accommodate long-term demand growth and emerging distribution requirements.

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4.1 Location of project

| <i>S. No</i> | <i>Name of Substation</i>          | <i>Name of State</i> | <i>Tentative Coordinates</i>                    | <i>Distance from the power plant</i> |
|--------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <i>1</i>     | <i>Substation-2 (Gandhi Nagar)</i> | <i>Great Nicobar</i> | <i>Lat: 6°49'41.95"N<br/>Lon: 93°53'7.24"E</i>  | <i>6.5 km</i>                        |
| <i>2</i>     | <i>Substation-3 (Vijay Nagar)</i>  | <i>Great Nicobar</i> | <i>Lat: 6°54'31.09"N<br/>Lon: 93°53'34.23"E</i> | <i>16.5 km</i>                       |
| <i>3</i>     | <i>Substation-4 (Campbell Bay)</i> | <i>Great Nicobar</i> | <i>Lat: 7° 0'46.52"N<br/>Lon: 93°53'49.03"E</i> | <i>29 km</i>                         |

Table 1: Location of the various substation

*Notes: The coordinates indicated for each station correspond to the approximate centre point of the respective substation location*

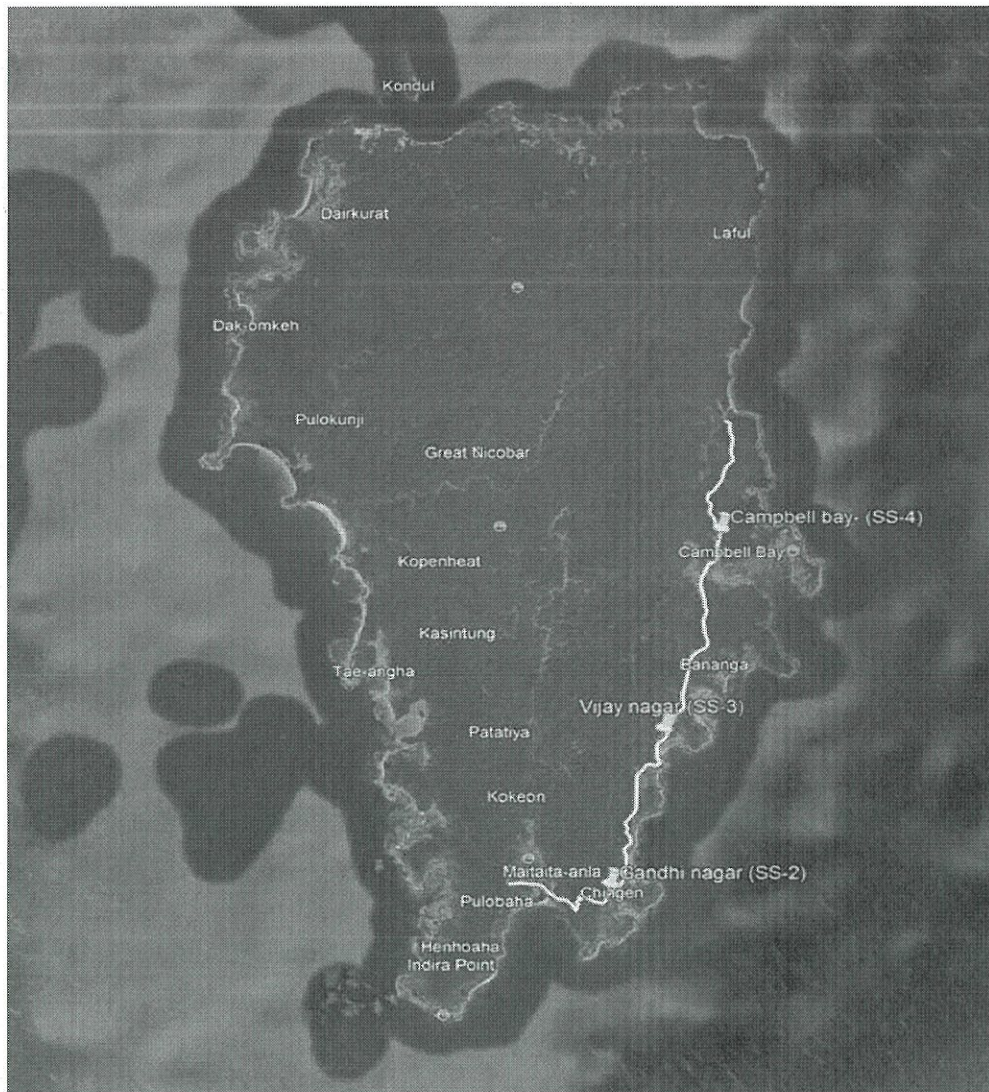


*Figure 1: Substation locations*

| <i>Sl No</i> | <i>Description</i>                | <i>Transmission line Length</i> |
|--------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <i>1</i>     | <i>Subsation-1 to Subsation-2</i> | <i>6.5 km</i>                   |
| <i>2</i>     | <i>Subsation-2 to Subsation-3</i> | <i>10.1 km</i>                  |
| <i>3</i>     | <i>Subsation-3 to Subsation-4</i> | <i>12.6 km</i>                  |
| <i>4</i>     | <i>Subsation-2 to Subsation-4</i> | <i>22.7 km</i>                  |
| <i>5</i>     | <i>Subsation-1 to Subsation-3</i> | <i>16.5 km</i>                  |

*Table 8: Transmission line length*

## 8.2 System description.

*132kV and 33kV GIS shall have double bus configuration with bus coupler and Bus sectionalized*

| <b>Substation-2 (Gandhi Nagar)</b> |                          |             |                |                |                |                |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                    |                          |             | <b>Phase-1</b> | <b>Phase-2</b> | <b>Phase-3</b> | <b>Phase-4</b> |
| <b>132kV Bay</b>                   | <i>Line Bay</i>          | <i>No's</i> | 4              | 6              | 6              | 6              |
|                                    | <i>ICT Bay</i>           | <i>No's</i> | 3              | 3              | 3              | 3              |
|                                    | <i>Bus coupler</i>       | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
|                                    | <i>Bus sectionalizer</i> | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
| <b>33kV bay</b>                    | <i>Line Bay</i>          | <i>No's</i> | 12             | 12             | 12             | 12             |
|                                    | <i>ICT Bay</i>           | <i>No's</i> | 3              | 3              | 3              | 3              |
|                                    | <i>Bus coupler</i>       | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
|                                    | <i>Bus sectionalized</i> | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
| <b>50MVA, 132/33kV transformer</b> |                          | <i>No's</i> | 3              | 3              | 3              | 3              |

Table 11: Bay quantity for Substation-2 in various phases.

| <b>Substation-3 (Vijay Nagar)</b>   |                          |             |                |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                     |                          |             | <b>Phase-1</b> | <b>Phase-2</b> | <b>Phase-3</b> | <b>Phase-4</b> |
| <b>132kV Bay</b>                    | <i>Line Bay</i>          | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 6              | 6              | 6              |
|                                     | <i>ICT Bay</i>           | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 3              | 3              | 3              |
|                                     | <i>Bus coupler</i>       | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
|                                     | <i>Bus sectionalized</i> | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
| <b>33kV bay</b>                     | <i>Line Bay</i>          | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 12             | 12             | 12             |
|                                     | <i>ICT Bay</i>           | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 3              | 3              | 3              |
|                                     | <i>Bus coupler</i>       | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
|                                     | <i>Bus sectionalized</i> | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
| <b>50 MVA, 132/33kV Transformer</b> |                          | <i>No's</i> | 0              | 3              | 3              | 3              |

Table 12: Bay quantity for Substation-3 in various phases

| <b>Substation-4 (Campbell Bay)</b>  |                          |             |                |                |                |                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                     |                          |             | <b>Phase-1</b> | <b>Phase-2</b> | <b>Phase-3</b> | <b>Phase-4</b> |
| <b>132kV Bay</b>                    | <i>Line Bay</i>          | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
|                                     | <i>ICT Bay</i>           | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 4              | 4              |
|                                     | <i>Bus coupler</i>       | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
|                                     | <i>Bus sectionalized</i> | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
| <b>33kV bay</b>                     | <i>Line Bay</i>          | <i>No's</i> | 8              | 8              | 12             | 12             |
|                                     | <i>ICT Bay</i>           | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 4              | 4              |
|                                     | <i>Bus coupler</i>       | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
|                                     | <i>Bus sectionalized</i> | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 2              | 2              |
| <b>50 MVA, 132/33kV Transformer</b> |                          | <i>No's</i> | 2              | 2              | 4              | 4              |

Table 13: Bay quantity for Substation-4 in various phases

**Note:** sufficient space is made available for extension of Two no. 132kV and 33kV GIS Bay for future.

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The Project as submitted by the Petitioner in the Detailed Project Report (DPR) is summarised as below:

| Sr. No. | Name of the Transmission Elements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Implementation Phase      |
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| 4.      | <p><b>(a)</b> Establishment of 3x50 MVA, 132/33 kV GIS Substation-2 (Gandhi Nagar) with following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 132/33 kV, 3x50 MVA, ICTs Bay – 3 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, ICTs Bay – 3 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, Line Bay – 4 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, Bus Coupler – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 132 kV, Bus Sectionalizer – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, ICTs Bay – 3 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Line Bay – 12 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Bus Coupler – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Bus Sectionalizer – 2 nos.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Space Provisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 132kV, Line Bay – 2 nos.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                        | Phase - 1<br>(up to 2035) |
|         | <p><b>(b)</b> Establishment of 2x50 MVA, 132/33 kV GIS Substation-4 (Campbell Bay) with following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 132/33 kV, 2x50 MVA, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, Line Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, Bus Coupler – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 132 kV, Bus Sectionalizer – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Line Bay – 8 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Bus Coupler – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Bus Sectionalizer – 2 nos.</li> </ul> <p><b>Future Space Provisions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 132/33 kV, 2x50 MVA, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Line Bay – 4 nos.</li> </ul> |                           |
|         | <p><b>(c)</b> Establishment of underground transmission line with capacity of 156 MW peak power demand evacuation from Substation-1 (Power Plant) to Substation-2 (Gandhi Nagar) a length of 6.5 km and inter-connect Substation-2 (Gandhi Nagar) to Substation-4 (Campbell Bay) a length of 22.7 km alongside compliance of (N-1) contingency as per the CEA transmission planning critria.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                           |

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| 5. | <p><b>(a)</b> Establishment of 3x50 MVA, 132/33 kV GIS Substation-3 (Vijay Nagar) with following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 132/33 kV, 3x50 MVA, ICTs Bay – 3 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, ICTs Bay – 3 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, Line Bay – 6 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, Bus Coupler – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 132 kV, Bus Sectionalizer – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, ICTs Bay – 3 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Line Bay – 12 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Bus Coupler – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Bus Sectionalizer – 2 nos.</li> </ul> | Phase - 2<br>(up to 2041)  |
|    | <p><b>(b)</b> Augmentation of 132kV, Line Bay at Substation-2 (Gandhi Nagar) to cater the increased power transfer requirement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 132kV, Line Bay – 2 nos.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                            |
|    | <p><b>(c)</b> Establishment of underground transmission line for evacuation of power from Substation-1 (Power Plant) to Substation-3 (Vijay Nagar) a length of 16.5 km, inter-connect Substation-2 (Gandhi Nagar) to Substation-3 (Vijay Nagar) a length of 10.1 km and inter-connect Substation-3 (Vijay Nagar) to Substation-4 (Campbell Bay) a length of 12.6 km alongside compliance of (N-1) contingency as per the CEA transmission planning criteria, for catering the increased power transfer requirement.</p>           |                            |
| 6. | <p><b>(a)</b> Augmentation of Substation-4 (Campbell Bay) by 2x50 MVA, 132/33 kV GIS with following components:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 132/33 kV, 2x50 MVA, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 132kV, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, ICTs Bay – 2 nos.</li> <li>• 33kV, Line Bay – 4 nos.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Phase - 3<br>(up to 2045)  |
|    | <p><b>(b)</b> augmentation of 132 kV cable capacity between the relevant substations to handle the increased power transfer requirements and maintain system performance</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                            |
| 7. | Expansion of 33 kV feeder infrastructure across the substations to accommodate long-term demand growth and emerging distribution requirements.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Phase - 4<br>(beyond 2045) |

4. The Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry, under the power conferred on it by the Section 86(1) (d)

read with the Section 14 of the Act may grant licence(s) to persons seeking to act as transmission licensee, distribution licensee and electricity trader with respect to the State of Goa and the Union Territories of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu, Lakshadweep, and Puducherry. Since, the NTPC Electricity Supply Company Limited has applied for grant of Transmission Licence within the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands, this Commission is the Appropriate Commission for this case. Accordingly, this Commission has admitted the Petition and decides the same through this Order.

### **Brief Background**

5. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as “ANIIDCO”) is a government-owned public sector undertaking established on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 1988, under the Companies Act with the main objective to develop and commercially exploit the natural resources for the balanced and environment friendly development of the UT of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The ANIIDCO proposed the holistic development of Great Nicobar Island before the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change for the Environmental and CRZ Clearance for the Integrated development of International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT)- 14.2 Million TEU, Township & Area development and 450 MVA Gas and Solar based power plant in 16610 ha. in Great Nicobar Island vide proposal number IA/AN/NCP/260108/2021 dated 07.03.2022. Accordingly, The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has granted the clearance vide EC Identification No.: EC22A033AN125767 dated 11.11.2022 as follows:

*“44. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the proposal based on the recommendations of the Expert Appraisal Committee (Infrastructure, CRZ and other Miscellaneous projects and other co-opted members of Infra-2 EAC, members of Thermal EAC and NDS Committee) and hereby decided to grant Environmental Clearance and CRZ Clearance for the “Integrated development of International Container Transshipment Terminal (ICTT)-14.2 Million TEU, Township & Area development and 450 MVA Gas and Solar based power plant in 16610 ha. Great Nicobar Islands, Nicobar District by M/s Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation Ltd” under the EIA Notification, 2006 and ICRZ Notification,*

*2019 as amended, subject to strict compliance of the following specific conditions, in addition to all standard conditions applicable for such projects.”*

6. The Ministry of Power, vide Office Memorandum No.: 4/4/2017-Th-I(Part-V) [247871], dated 06.08.2024 has nominated the NTPC Limited as an implementing agency for complete development of power infrastructure of Power generation and Transmission Project in Great Nicobar Island.
7. The NTPC Limited vide their letter dated 03.03.2026 has nominated NESCL (a wholly owned subsidiaries of NTPC Ltd) to execute the work related to establish the Transmission System.
8. Further, the NESCL in its 111<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at Item No. 111.2.1, has passed the resolution for In Principle Approval for entering the Business of setting up Transmission System at Great Nicobar Island and authorising Chief Executive Officer, NESCL to make application in this regard for Transmission Licence to the JERC.

#### **Brief about the Petitioner**

9. The Petitioner has further stated that NESCL was incorporated under the Companies Act 1956 dated 21.08.2002 with CIN No. U40108DL2002GOI116635 having its registered office at NTPC Bhawan Core-7, Scope Complex, Intuitional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003. The main objective of the NESCL is as follows:

*“To acquire, establish, construct, erect, lay, operate, run, manage, repair, maintain, enlarge, alter, renovate, modernize works and use in India or abroad, electrical lines for the purposes of distribution and/or supply of electrical energy and associated sub-stations, including distribution centres, cables, wires, accumulators, plants, motors, meters, apparatus, computers, systems, network, information technology, and materials connected with distribution and/or supply of electrical energy, communication and telemetering equipments, and to light cities, towns, streets, docks, railways, markets theater, airport, bus terminal building and places, both public and private and to develop and operate business of information technology including cable television and telecom.*

*To construct, establish, operate, manage all types of Power Stations, including power generation through Non-Conventional/ Renewable Energy sources whether nuclear, steam, hydro, tidal, wind, solar, hydrocarbon fuel or any other form, kind or description, Boiler Houses, Steam Turbines, Switch Yards, Transformer Yards, Sub-stations, Transmission*

*Lines, Accumulators, Workshops and all such works necessary for Generating, Accumulating, Distributing and Supply of Electricity. To Construct, Laydown, Establish, Fix, Erect, Equip and Maintain Power Generating Machinery and all other types of Plant and Machinery, Electrical Equipment and Cables, Computer and Control Equipment, Transmission Lines, Accumulators, Fittings and Apparatus in the capacity of Principals, Contractors or otherwise.”*

10. The NESCL has been actively contributing to rural electrification and infrastructure development. The company successfully completed many rural electrification projects under the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Vidyutikaran Yojana (RGGVY) on a deposit work basis. Additionally, NESCL undertook turnkey execution jobs for setting up electrical distribution networks within 5 km of NTPC stations. These achievements reflect NESCL's commitment to enhancing power accessibility and supporting national electrification goals.
11. NESCL's strength lies in its association with a strong promoter NTPC Limited having a formidable track record in power project, engineering, construction, commissioning, operation and maintenance for the last 50 years. NTPC's formidable network, rapport and credibility with customer utilities, Discoms, its downstream power market and trading arm are added advantages to NESCL. The professional manpower from NTPC Ltd., on secondment at NESCL, has been able to leverage the knowledge gained from power project engineering and execution to any other section in the power infrastructure.

#### **Submission of the Application by the Petitioner**

12. The Petitioner has submitted the Application dated 21.01.2026 (as per Appendix – 1) as prescribed in the Regulation 3.3 of the Licensing Regulations for grant of a transmission licence within the geographical area of the Great Nicobar Island in the Nicobar District of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands to establish and operate for the Intra-state Transmission System.
13. The Commission conducted the admission hearing dated 24.02.2026. Upon scrutiny of the application and during course of proceeding, it was observed that the petitioner did not comply certain provisions of Regulations 3.7 and 4 of the Licensing Regulations. Accordingly, the Commission had granted one week's time to comply with the requirements under the relevant Regulations and file additional affidavit vide Interim Order dated 24.02.2026.

14. Further, the Petitioner submitted the compliance affidavit dated 16.03.2026. The Petitioner provided the following in the terms of the Regulations 3.7 and 4 of the Licensing Regulations:

| Reference of the Licensing Regulations                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Details submitted by the Petitioner                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| <p><b><u>Regulation 3.7 (b):</u></b><br/>Three (3) copies, each signed by the applicant, of maps of the proposed service area and, in the case of supply of the streets or roads in which the supply of electricity is to be made, which shall be so marked or coloured as to define any portions of such area and streets or roads which are under the administrative control of any local authority and shall be on a scale:</p> <p>i. Maps of the proposed area of licence on a scale of not less than 10 cm to a km; or</p> <p>ii. if no such maps are available, of not less than that of the largest scale ordinance maps available; or</p> <p>iii. such other scale as may be approved by the Commission in a specific case.</p> | <p>3 copies map on the scale of 10 cm to a km as Annexure-20. The map is indicated the location of the upcoming power plant &amp; substations and provided the route of the transmission lines which is passed through underground with side of the upcoming new construction of the road under the holistic development of the Great Nicobar project.</p>      |
| <p><b><u>Regulation 3.7 (f):</u></b><br/>An approximate statement describing any land which the Applicant proposes to acquire for the purpose of the Licensed Business and the means of such acquisition;</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>A copy of letter dated 26.02.2026 submitted which is written to the ANIIDCO. It is requested to confirm intent to allocate the ROW 3 meter wide transmission corridor along the planned road, as well as 7 acres of land for each of the three proposed substations as agreed and incorporated in the proposed Master Plan of the Great Nicobar Islands.</p> |
| <p><b><u>Regulation 3.7 (n):</u></b><br/>A copy of letter seeking consent from local authority or consent letter;</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>A copy of the letter seeking consent from local authorities (Panchayath Samiti Campbell Bay, Campbell Bay Gram Panchayat, Govind Nagar Gram Panchayat, Laxmi Nagar Gram Panchayat) has been submitted as Annexure - 22</p>                                                                                                                                   |
| <p><b><u>Regulation 3.7 (n):</u></b><br/>A copy of letter seeking consent from the Central Government as per Section 15(2)(ii) of the Act, if applicable;</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>A copy of letter dated 12.03.2026 written to the Ministry of Power for</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | coordinating with concerned Ministry for issuance of the No Objection Certificate under Section 15(2)(ii) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for NESCL's transmission licence application for Great Nicobar Island. |
| <b><u>Regulation 3.7 (s):</u></b><br>Such other documents or information as the Commission may seek; (During the course proceeding, it asked for the authorisation letter to NESCL form the NTPC execution of the work)                                            | A letter dated 03.03.2026, in-principle consent of the NTPC Ltd for undertaking the work of establishing Transmission system at Great Nicobar Island through NESCL. (Annexure – 24)                           |
| <b><u>Regulation 4.1:</u></b><br>The Transmission Licensee applicant shall immediately on making application in manner specified above, forward a copy of the application along with all the enclosures to the State Transmission Utility for its recommendations. | A copy of letter dated 05.01.2026 from NESCL to the Electricity Department, Andaman & Nicobar Administration forwarding application and its annexures.                                                        |

15. The Electricity Department Andaman & Nicobar Administration (herein after referred as “ED A&N”) has submitted its comments vide letter No.: EL/PL/15-9(c)/2026/5967 dated 27.03.2026 in terms of the Regulation 4.3 of the Licensing Regulations. The relevant portion of the said letter is extracted as under:

*“This has reference to letter dated 31.12.2025 vide which NTPC Electric Supply Company Ltd. (NESCL) had submitted its application before JERC for grant of transmission license for Great Nicobar Island Project. In this regard NESCL has forwarded the Transmission License Application vide letter dated 05.01.2026 to the Electricity Department in accordance to clause 4.1 of JERC (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020 for recommendation.*

*Accordingly, the comments of Electricity Department as per Clause 4.3 of the JERC (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020 covering aspects (a) to (f) of are submitted as below:*

| Sl. No. | Clause 4.3 of the JERC Regulations, 2020                                                                                       | Comment of Electricity Department                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| (a)     | Whether the assets mentioned in the application form for Transmission License form part of the Intra-State Transmission System | The generation transmission & distribution in A&N Island are in standalone mode and not connected to the National grid. The proposed assets pertain to a Greenfield project for Great Nicobar Island and do not form part of the existing Intra-State Transmission System. |

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| (b) | <i>Whether the assets mentioned in the application form are part of the transmission plan</i>                                                    | <i>Being the Island scenario as mentioned in point no. 1 the assets are not part of any finalized transmission plan and are being developed specifically under the Greenfield project for Great Nicobar Island.</i>                                                    |
| (c) | <i>Whether the completion schedule mentioned in the application is feasible and synchronizes with the expansion of other parts of the system</i> | <i>The proposed completion schedule is aligned with the timelines indicated in the DPR submitted by NESCL and targets communicated by MHA, with commissioning envisaged by 2029- 2030.</i>                                                                             |
| (d) | <i>Technical suitability of the assets</i>                                                                                                       | <i>As this is Greenfield project, it will be ensured that the assets are designed by NESCL in line with CEA specifications, JERC regulations and other latest standards.</i>                                                                                           |
| (e) | <i>Justifiability of the estimated cost of completion indicated in the application</i>                                                           | <i>The estimated cost is based on the DPR submitted by NESCL (subsidiary of NTPC), considering the remoteness and logistical challenges of the project location. The final cost to be discovered by NESCL through competitive bidding.</i>                             |
| (f) | <i>Any other relevant information considered necessary</i>                                                                                       | <i>NTPC Limited has conveyed it's no objection to the grant of Transmission Licence to NTPC Electric Supply Company Ltd. (NESCL - subsidiary of NTPC) for execution of the transmission system in Great Nicobar Island as mentioned in the DPR submitted by NESCL.</i> |

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16. Considering the material on record, the Commission, prima-facie, is of the view that the Petitioner has complied the relevant provisions of the Licensing Regulations and admitted the Petition vide Interim Order dated 05.05.2026. The Petitioner was also directed to issue the public notice of the Application in terms of Regulation 12 of the Licensing Regulations and comply with the said Regulation.

17. The Petitioner published the public notices in the following newspaper in terms of the Regulations 12 of the Licensing Regulations for seeking Objections/ Comments (if any) on the application from public with the given timeline of 30 days of the publication.

| Sr. No. | Newspaper Name                 | Language | Place of circulation     | Publication date |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|------------------|
| 1       | Andaman Nicobar Dweep Samachar | Hindi    | Andaman & Nicobar Island | 14.05.2026       |
| 2       | The Daily Telegram             | English  | Andaman & Nicobar Island | 16.05.2026       |

18. The Regulation 13 of the Licensing Regulations provides that the copies of the application and all the documents be made available at its own office and the office/s of its agents (if any) for purpose of the Public Inspection of Application and Documents. Accordingly, the Petitioner has made available the copies of the application and all the documents with following offices and the same was uploaded on its official website along with public notice.

| Head Office Address                                                                                                                                                                     | Local Address                                                                                                                      |
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| Chief Executive Officer,<br>NTPC Electric Supply Company Limited<br>NTPC Engineering Office Complex, 5th floor,<br>Cabin no.2, Plot No.-A-8A,<br>Sector-24, Noida, Uttar Pradesh-201301 | Head of Project (GNI),<br>NTPC Limited<br>5 MW Solar Plant, Garacharma,<br>Sri Vijayapuram,<br>Andaman and Nicobar Islands- 744105 |

19. The Petitioner submitted the copies of the aforesaid publications, evidencing compliance with the publication requirement and uploading the application and all the documents on its official website along with public notice vide affidavit on 23.06.2026.

20. The Commission conducted the hearing dated 09.07.2026 and the affidavit filed on 23.06.2026 by the Petitioner taken on record. It was observed that no objection/ suggestion received by the Commission and in the terms of the Regulation 15 of the Licensing Regulations within the timeline of 30 days issuance of the public notice. During course of proceeding, the Petitioner also submitted that no any objection/ suggestion has been received by the Petitioner within the timeline of 30 days issuance of the public notice. Accordingly, the Petitioner was directed to submit an affidavit informing the Commission that no any objection/suggestion has been received by the Petitioner from any person.

21. Upon consideration of the material available on record, the Commission was prima facie satisfied that the Petitioner is eligible for grant of a transmission licence under Section 14 of the Act and vide Interim Order dated 09.07.2026 directed to Secretary, JERC for publishing of notice in two local newspapers as well as uploading the Application form of the Petitioner/Applicant on the Commission's website as stipulated under Section 15(5) of the Electricity Act, 2003 and Regulation 17.3 of the JERC (Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2020.

22. The Commission published the public notice in the following newspapers in the terms of the Section 15(5) of the Act and Regulation 17.3 of the Licensing Regulations, stating name and address of the Petitioner and relevant information for inviting the objections/ comments (if any) to the Commission by email/post or attend the final disposal hearing on 12.08.2026

at 11:00 AM at the Commission's courtroom. The Commission also uploaded the public notice along with the Portioner's application and all the documents on its official website.

| <b>Sr. No.</b> | <b>Newspaper Name</b> | <b>Language</b> | <b>Area of circulation</b> | <b>Publication date</b> |
|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1              | The Echo of India     | Hindi           | Andaman & Nicobar Islands  | 21.07.2026              |
| 2              | Sanmarg               | English         | Andaman & Nicobar Islands  | 21.07.2026              |
| 3              | Arthik Lipi           | Bangla          | Andaman & Nicobar Islands  | 21.07.2026              |

23. The Petitioner submitted vide an affidavit dated 14.07.2026 that in pursuant of the public notice, no person had approached or sought inspection of the documents maintained at the addresses mentioned and no objection or comments had been received by the Petitioner or its authorised representative at the addresses mentioned in the public notice.
24. It was noted that no person has submitted any comments or objection till date of the hearing to the Commission and no person other than Petitioner had attended the hearing dated 12.08.2026 which was scheduled and invite via public notice. Further, the affidavit dated 14.07.2026 filed by the Petitioner was taken on record.
25. In the said affidavit dated 14.07.2026, the Petitioner further submitted that Ministry of Power vide letter DO No. 4/4/20217-Th-1 dated 06.05.2026 had requested to the Ministry of Defence for issuance of 'No Objection Certificate' under Section 15 (2) (ii) of the Act for Transmission Licence application of NTPC Electric Supply Company Limited (NESCL). During the course of proceeding, the Petitioner submitted that no communication has been received from Ministry of Defence till date and sought further time to submit NOC. Accordingly, the Petitioner was granted three weeks' time to submit the 'No objection Certificate' from Ministry of Defence vide Interim Order dated 12.08.2026.
26. The Commission conducted the hearing dated 06.10.2026. The Petitioner submitted an affidavit dated 05.10.2026 enclosing the Office Memorandum (OM) No. 20(24)/D(N-II)/DoD/2026 dated 25.09.2026 issued by the Ministry of Defence, Government of India for grant of NOC. The Commission took on record, the said affidavit along with said OM dated 25.09.2026 and reserved the Order vide Interim Order dated 25.09.2026.

## **Analysis and Decision**

27. The Commission has considered the Application submitted along with various submission by the Petitioner for grant of Transmission Licence under Section 14 and 15 of the Act, read with the Licensing Regulations to establish and operate the transmission lines and substations inclusive of related infrastructure as provided in the Petition, within the geographical area of the Great Nicobar Island in the Nicobar District of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
28. Section 14 of the Act provides that the Appropriate Commission may, on an application made under Section 15 of the Act, grant a licence to any person to transmit electricity as a transmission licensee in any area as may be specified in the licence. The word “person” has been defined in Section 2(49) of the Act to include any company or body corporate or association or body of individuals, whether incorporated or not, or artificial juridical person.
29. Section 15 (1) of the Act provides that every application under Section 14 of the Act shall be made in such form and such manner as may be specified by the Appropriate Commission and shall be accompanied by such fees as may be prescribed. The Commission has specified the Licensing Regulations in this regard.
30. The Petitioner has submitted the Application as specified in the Licensing Regulations accompanied with determined fee in accordance with the Regulation 3.4 of the Licensing Regulations and the JERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009 and its amendments thereof in the absence of the rule framed under Section 180 (2) (e) of the Act by the UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Upon scrutiny of the Application, few found deficiencies found in the Petition. Thereafter, considering the submission of the Petitioner and after curing the deficiencies as directed by the Commission, the Commission, prima-facie, was of the view that the Petitioner complied with the relevant provisions of the Licensing Regulations. The petition was admitted vide Interim Order dated 05.05.2026.
31. Section 15 (2) (i) of the Act read with the Regulation 12 of the Licensing Regulations provides that the Petitioner shall publish a notice of his application by public advertisement in one English and one Local daily newspapers having wide circulation in the area of Transmission within seven (7) days from date of admission of the application. Accordingly, the Petitioner has published public notice in the Andaman Nicobar Dweep Samachar (Hindi)

on 14.05.2026 and Daily Telegram (English) on 16.05.2026 as well as uploaded the public notice along with the Petition and all documents on its website. The Petitioner has also made available, the Petition for public inspection of the Application and documents in the authorised local and head office in terms of the Regulation 13 of the Licensing Regulations.

32. Section 15 (3) of the Act read with the Regulation 4.1 of the Licensing Regulations provides that the Petitioner shall, immediately on making the application, forward a copy of such application along with all the enclosures to the State Transmission Utility for its recommendations. Accordingly, the Petitioner has forwarded the copy of the Petition along with all annexures to the ED A&N on 05.01.2026. Since, the ED A&N being an Integrated Utility, is responsible for the function of the planning and co-ordination relating to the intra-State transmission system in terms of the Section 39 (2) of the Act within the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, in lieu of the State Transmission Utility (STU). Hence, it is considered that the Petitioner has complied the provision of the Section 15 (3) of the Act.
33. Section 39 (1) of the Act provides that the State Government may notify the Board or a Government company as the State Transmission Utility. However, the UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has not yet notified to the Board or any Government company as the State Transmission Utility till date of this Order.
34. It is observed that the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands is a cluster of islands scattered in the Bay of Bengal. These islands are separated from the rest of India by more than 1000 kms. The ED A&N is a government department of the UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands and solely responsible for power supply in the terms of the Transmission and Distribution in the entire geographical area of the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Accordingly, the ED A&N has submitted its recommendation dated 27.03.2026 detailed outlined above para 15 in the terms of the Regulation 4 of the Licensing Regulations and it is considered appropriate to the Section 15 (4) of the Act as reproduced below:

***“(4) The Central Transmission Utility or the State Transmission Utility, as the case may be, shall, within thirty days after the receipt of the copy of the application referred to in sub-section (3), send its recommendations, if any, to the Appropriate Commission:***

***Provided that such recommendations shall not be binding on the Commission.”***

35. The ED A&N submitted that the Project proposed in the Petition are in the standalone mode and not connected to the National Grid and not a part of the existing Intra-State Transmission System. The proposed Project are not a part of the transmission plan of the ED A&N and are being developed specifically under the Greenfield project for Great Nicobar Island. Further, the ED A&N has not submitted any objection in terms of the feasibility and planning of the Project. The Commission has considered the recommendation of the ED A&N. Therefore, it is considered appropriate to the compliance of the Section 15 (5) (b) of the Act and No Objection from the ED A&N for issuance of the Transmission Licence to the Petitioner.

36. The Section 15 (5) of the Act provides that:

*“(5) Before granting a licence under section 14, the Appropriate Commission shall –*

*(a) publish a notice in two such daily newspapers, as that Commission may consider necessary, stating the name and address of the person to whom it proposes to issue the licence;*

*(b) consider all suggestions or objections and the recommendations, if any, of the Central Transmission Utility or State Transmission Utility, as the case may be.”*

37. Accordingly, the Commission has published the notice in the three newspapers i.e. the Echo of India (English) on 21.07.2026, Sanmarg (Hindi) on 21.07.2026 and Arthik Lipi (Bangla) on 21.07.2026 within the area of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, stating name and address of the Petitioner to issue the transmission licence as well as uploaded the public notice along with the Petition and all documents to the Commission’s website, for inviting the objections/ suggestions from public within the timeline of 21 days of issuance of the notice.

38. It is noted that no objection/ suggestion has been received by the Petitioner and the Commission from any person after issuance of the public notices within the specified timeline. In this regard, Section 15 (2) of the Act provides that:

*“(2) Any person who has made an application for grant of licence shall, within seven days after making such application, publish a notice of his application with such particulars and in such manner as may be specified and a licence shall not be granted –*

*(i) until the objections, if any, received by the Appropriate Commission in response to publication of the application have been considered by it:*

***Provided that no objection shall be so considered unless it is received before the expiration of thirty days from the date of the publication of the notice as aforesaid;”***

In view of the aforesaid provisions of the Act, the Commission has considered that there is ‘No Objection’ to issue of the Transmission Licence to the NESCL/Petitioner.

39. It is noted that the NESCL/Petitioner is a wholly owned subsidiary company of the NTPC Ltd. The NTPC Limited, a Maharatna Company under the Government of India (GoI), is the country's largest power producer. Currently, the Government of India holds a 51.10% stake in NTPC, with the remaining shares owned by institutional investors and the public.

The NESCL has not availed any borrowal facilities and no outstanding loans or credit facilities with any bank or financial institution. Since, the NESCL has no instance of default or classified as a wilful defaulter by the Reserve Bank of India or any other regulatory authority. The Petitioner has submitted the assurance letter dated 14.11.2025 issued by the NTPC Limited for equity participation by NTPC Limited for Transmission System Project at Great Nicobar Island. The Petitioner has also submitted the Expression of Interest for Credit limit of Rs. 500 Crore issued by the HDFC Bank Limited dated 17.11.2025 for financing the Project.

In view of the above, the Petitioner has strong promoters, creditworthiness and capital adequacy for the Transmission Business.

40. It is noted that the Ministry of Power, Government of India, vide Office Memorandum No.: 4/4/2017-Th-I(Part-V) [247871], dated 06.08.2024 has nominated the NTPC Limited as an implementing agency for complete development of power infrastructure in the Great Nicobar Island.
41. Further, the NTPC Limited vide letter dated 03.03.2026 confirms that the Company in its board meeting held on 26.09.2025, at item no. 559.2.6, has accorded In-Principle consent to NTPC Electric Supply Company Limited (NESCL) for undertaking the work of establishing transmission infrastructure at Great Nicobar Island as part of the holistic development plan of Government of India. Therefore, the Petitioner has been selected by the Central Government through its authorised agency to establishing transmission infrastructure at

Great Nicobar Island as part of the holistic development plan of the Government of India, under the regulated tariff mechanism in terms of the Section 62 of the Act.

42. Further, Section 15 (2) of the Act states that:

***“(2) Any person who has made an application for grant of licence shall, within seven days after making such application, publish a notice of his application with such particulars and in such manner as may be specified and a licence shall not be granted –***

***(i) until the objections, if any, received by the Appropriate Commission in response to publication of the application have been considered by it:***

*Provided that no objection shall be so considered unless it is received before the expiration of thirty days from the date of the publication of the notice as aforesaid;*

***(ii) until, in the case of an application for a licence for an area including the whole or any part of any cantonment, aerodrome, fortress, arsenal, dockyard or camp or of any building or place in the occupation of the Government for defence purposes, the Appropriate Commission has ascertained that there is no objection to the grant of the licence on the part of the Central Government.”***

Accordingly, vide Interim Order dated 12.08.2026, the Petitioner was granted three weeks' time to submit the 'No Objection Certificate' from the Ministry of Defence. Subsequently, the Petitioner has submitted vide affidavit dated 05.10.2026 the Office Memorandum (OM) No. 20(24)/D(N-II)/DoD/2026 dated 25.09.2026 issued by the Ministry of Defence, Government of India. The said OM subject to Grant of NOC under Section 15(2)(ii) of the Electricity Act, 2003 for Transmission Licence Application of NESCL for Great Nicobar Island and extract of the OM as follows:

***“The undersigned is directed to refer to Ministry of Power's D.O. letter No. 4/4/2017-Th-1 dated 06<sup>th</sup> May, 2026 on the above mentioned subject and to convey that this Ministry has no objection from Naval Security point of view to accord clearance for setting up energy infrastructure at Great Nicobar Island. This clearance is subject to approval by the other concerned agencies.”***

Therefore, the Commission has ascertained that there is no objection to the grant of the licence to the Petitioner on the part of the Central Government in the terms of the Section 15 (2) (ii) of the Act.

43. In view of the above, and based on all the materials placed on records, and in consideration of recommendation of the ED A&N, the Commission finds that the Petitioner meets the requirements of the Act and the Licensing Regulations, for the grant of a Transmission Licence for the subject to Intra-state Transmission System mentioned in paragraph 1 of this order.
44. The Commission, therefore, in exercise of the power vested in the Commission under Section 14 and 15 of the Act, grants Transmission Licence to the Petitioner to establish and operate Intra-state Transmission System mentioned in the Petition within the geographical area of the Great Nicobar Island in the Nicobar District of the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The grant of the transmission licence to the Petitioner (hereinafter referred to as “the licensee”) is subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions throughout the period of the licence:
- (a) The transmission licence shall, unless revoked earlier, remain in force for a period of 25 years from the date of issue;
  - (b) The licensee shall comply with the provisions of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Transmission and Distribution Licensing) Regulations, 2020 or any subsequent enactment thereof during the period of subsistence of the licence;
  - (c) The licensee may make an application, one year before the expiry of the licence period, for the grant of the transmission licence for renewal of transmission licence in accordance with law;
  - (d) The licensee shall not enter into any contract for or otherwise engage in the business of trading in electricity during the period of subsistence of the transmission licence;
  - (e) The licensee shall have the liability to pay the licence fee in accordance with the provisions of the Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009, as amended from time to time or any subsequent enactment thereof;
  - (f) The licensee shall provide the non-discriminatory open access to its Transmission System for use by any other licensee, including a distribution licensee or an electricity trader, or generating company or any other person in accordance with the Act; Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission for the State of Goa and Union Territories (Connectivity and Open Access in Intra-State Transmission and Distribution) Regulations, 2017; Joint Electricity Regulatory Commission (State Grid Code)

Regulations, 2010, as amended from time to time or any subsequent reenactments thereof;

- (g) The licensee shall comply with the directions of the National Load Despatch Centre, the Regional Load Despatch Centre, State Load Despatch Centre and State Transmission Utility accordance with the Act, as may be issued from time to time;
- (h) The licensee shall remain bound by the provisions of the Act, the Rules and Regulations framed thereunder, in particular the Licensing Regulations, the Grid Code, the Standards specified by the Central Electricity Authority, orders and directions of the Commission issued from time to time;
- (i) The licensee shall ensure the execution of the Project as per the Technical Standards and Grid Standards of the Central Electricity Authority;
- (j) The licensee shall submit all such reports or information as may be required under Licensing Regulations, or any other regulation of the Commission or as per the directions of the Commission as may be issued from time to time.
- (k) The licence is not transferable.
- (l) The grant of Transmission Licence to the Licensee shall not in any way manner or restrict the right of the Commission to grant a Transmission Licence to any other person within the same area for the transmission system other than the Project described in the Petition. The Transmission Licensee shall not claim any exclusivity.

**45.** Accordingly, the Petitioner is directed to file its Business Plan for approval by the Commission in accordance with the JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024, within six (6) months from the date of issuance of the Transmission Licence.

Further, the Petitioner is also directed to file the Tariff Petition for determination of Tariff under Section 61 and 62 of the Act and in accordance with the JERC (Generation, Transmission and Distribution Multi Year Tariff) Regulations, 2024 as amended from time to time, and any other applicable Rules, Regulations, or statutory enactments. Such petition shall be filed at least six (6) months prior to the Scheduled Commercial Operation Date (SCOD) of the Project or any part thereof.

46. The Commission directs the Secretary, JERC to issue the Transmission Licence to NESCL in accordance with Regulation 17.4 and 17.6 of the Licensing Regulations. The Petitioner shall deposit the initial licence fee of Rs. Ten Lakh within 07 days upon grant of licence in accordance with Sl. No. 2(i) of Schedule of Fees & Charges of the JERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009 and its amendment thereof. The NESCL shall upload a copy of the Transmission Licence on its website immediately upon its issuance. Thereafter, the licensee is required to pay annual licence fee as prescribed in the JERC (Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2009 and its amendment thereof for the current year and the licensee shall pay pro-rata of annual licence fee within 30 days of grant of the licence and thereafter shall pay annual licence fee as prescribed in the said regulations.

47. The Commission directs the Secretary, JERC that a copy of the Transmission Licence, once issued, be forwarded to the Central Government, Central Electricity Authority, NTPC Ltd., UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Island, ED A&N, ANIIDCO, all Electricity Generation Companies and in the UT of Andaman & Nicobar Islands, the concerned Airport authorities, Port authorities, Defence authorities, Local authorities in the Great Nicobar Island, and a copy be uploaded on the website of the Commission.

Ordered accordingly.

Sd/-  
(Alok Tandon)  
Chairperson

(Certified True Copy)

  
29/10/26  
(Rajesh Dangi)  
Secretary (I/c)

Place: Gurugram, Haryana  
Date: 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2026