

PUNJAB STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION
SITE NO. 3, BLOCK B, SECTOR 18-A MADHYA MARG, CHANDIGARH

Petition No. 36 of 2024
Date of Hearing: 23.04.2025
Date of Order: 30.04.2025

Submission of Petition with Hon'ble PSERC for extension of the time period upto 31.08.2026 for release of new Railway traction connection at Bahawal Bassi under Sub-Division no. 3, Abohar, under DS Division Abohar, Sanction Load 4500 KW, CD 5000 KVA (RID No. 5904).

And

In the matter of: Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, The Mall, Patiala-147001

...Petitioner

Northern Railways, Sr. Divisional Electrical Engineer (TRD), DRM office Ambala Cantt.

Respondent.

Commission: Sh. Viswajeet Khanna, Chairperson
Sh. Paramjeet Singh, Member

PSPCL: Sh. Jashandeep Singh Gill, Advocate
Sh. Harjeet Singh, ASE/TR-5
Sh. Sandeep Sokhal, Addl.SE

Northern
Railway: Ms. Puja Priyadarshini, Advocate
Sh. Rishab Bhardwaj, Advocate

PSTCL: None

ORDER

The petition was taken up for hearing. Vide order dated 19.02.2025, PSTCL was impleaded as a respondent and was directed to file its reply within 2 weeks. However, neither has anybody appeared on behalf of PSTCL nor any reply has been filed. The Commission notes that the PSTCL's memo no. 912/17 dated 13.03.2025 enclosed with the affidavit filed by the Northern Railway records that the confirmation of the Northern Railway to provide the land at nominal cost has been referred to the FCC for confirmation. The Commission is constrained to observe that this is an unfortunate delaying tactic being adopted by PSTCL since the recommendation of the FCC already records that the land should be provided by the Railway free or at a nominal cost. As the Northern Railway had already agreed to provide the land on lease for 35 years at nominal rent of Rs.1/sq.m. per annum for construction of the switching station, the Commission fails to understand why it has been referred to the FCC again. In light of this and to

avoid any further delay PSTCL is directed to take possession of the land within 15 days and to submit the compliance report to the Commission. The timelines for completing the infrastructure for providing the connection should also be submitted alongwith the compliance report.

The petition shall be taken up for hearing on 28.05.2025 at 11.30 AM.

Sd/-
(Paramjeet Singh)
Member

Sd/-
(Viswajeet Khanna)
Chairperson

Chandigarh
Dated: **30.04.2025**