No.12/4/2002-PG Government of India Ministry of Power

New Delhi, the 24th December, 2002.

To

The Chairman & Managing Director, **POWERGRID** New Delhi.

Sub: Unified Load Despatch and Communication Scheme for Western Region.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to POWERGRID's letter No. C/CP/ULDCdated 15.11.2002 on the above subject and to say that the matter has been examined in this Ministry. It is observed that as against the approved commissioning schedule of February, 2005, the project is now expected to be completed by March, 2006. The cost of the project is now estimated to be Rs. 234.67 crore (based on 3rd Quarter, 2002 price level) as against the approved estimated cost of Rs. 262.18 crore.

In accordance with the instructions issued by Ministry of Finance vide their OM No. 1(3)/PF.II/2001 dated 18.2.2002, criteria for appraisal forum and level of authority for approval of Revised Cost Estimate will be cost over-run and not time over-run. Since there is a reduction in the estimated cost of the project, approval of the Government is not required for the Revised Cost Estimate.

Yours faithfully,

Under Secretary to the Govt. of India

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