Subject – 1st Appeal dtd 20.09.2020 u/s 19(1) of the RTI Act,2005 (RTI ref.no. PGCILL/R/20/M-12, dated the 27.08.2020 by Samir Sardana)

With reference to the 1st Appeal against RTI from Samir Sardana, following are submitted:

The applicant sought detailed Information under various heads like donation, income, FX expenditure, FX revenue, contingent liability, accounts audits, advances confirmations, ageing and litigations for 8 to 10 years. However, these heads are further divided into several sub heads, and under subheads applicant seeks various particulars. For example, under Insurance Costs head information related to insurance cost incurred by POWERGRID Year wise, Nature of Insurance Policy wise, Name of Insurance Company wise, Insurance premium paid, Nature of Claim, Name of insurer, Amount of Claim received, Nature of Loss of Insurance claim, losses recovered from the Self Insurance Reserve etc is sought. (RTI application may be referred for more detail)

From the above, it is evident that information sought in RTI is voluminous in nature and is maintained at various locations and various files across country. As the information is not available in the form it is sought, compilation of voluminous data would require considerable time and resources to be deployed by Powergrid and therefore it would disproportionately divert the resources of POWERGRID.

Further, it is to mention that the information sought in the RTI is also includes third party information. The act specifically provides a mechanism for divulging third party information. However, without any specific detailed identification of a third party for the purpose of making submission would be a futile exercise.

The information sought in the RTI is **not denied** instead if information regarding any specific area and of any specific time is sought the same can be provided with in the provision of RTI Act. However, it is to mention that most of the information sought by applicant is on consolidated basis and are already available under various heads of the annual report of POWERGRID. All the financial figures in the Annual Reports are audited by the statutory auditors and CAG. Annual Reports of last 10 years are already available in the Public domain and can be accessed from the following link:

https://www.powergridindia.com/annual-reports

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