

पावर ग्रिड कारपोरेशन ऑफ इंडिया लिमिटेड
POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
 सूचना का अधिकार अधिनियम 2005 के अंतर्गत **आपीलीय अधिकारी**
APPELLATE AUTHORITY UNDER THE RTI ACT, 2005
 केन्द्रीय कार्यालय, 'सौदामिनी', प्लॉट नं. 2, सेक्टर- 29, गुड़गांव, हरियाणा 122001-
CORPORATE CENTRE, 'SAUDAMINI', PLOT No.2, SECTOR-29, GURGAON,
HARYANA- 122001

Ref: C/CP/AA/RTI Act, 2005

Date: 04th March, 2021

Appellant: Ms. Monika Sharma, B-193, NHPC Colony, Nigalpani,
 Baluwakote, Pithoragarh, Pin: 262576

Public Authority: POWERGRID

Respondent: Chief GM (CP) & CPIO, Corporate Centre, POWERGRID,
 Gurgaon.

ORDER**Grounds of Appeal**

The Appellate Authority has received online appeal bearing reference number PGCIL/A/E/21/00006 on 11.02.2021 from Ms. Monika Sharma, B-193, NHPC Colony, Nigalpani, Baluwakote, Pithoragarh, Pin:262576. Earlier, the appellant herein had filed online RTI applications bearing reference number PGCIL/R/E/21/00035 dated 17.01.2021 with the CPIO Corporate Centre, seeking information related to installation of OFC on power transmission lines from Pithoragarh to Dharchula, tariff details for providing OFC and initiative taken by POWERGRID in Uttarakhand in spirit of social corporate responsibility. The instant appeal has been preferred on the ground that the CPIO has not provided the requisite information for point no.2 of her RTI application, citing section 8 (1) (d) of the Act.

Order:

I have examined the RTI filed by the applicant and the reply of CPIO vide his letter dated 10.02.2021. CPIO has provided the requested details regarding installation of OFC on power transmission lines from Pithoragarh to Dharchula and initiatives taken by POWERGRID in Uttarakhand in spirit of corporate social responsibility. In response to the information sought regarding tariff details and copy of the agreement with company/entity/person for providing UGOFC, CPIO had informed that disclosure of rates would affect the POWERGRID's business with existing customers.



This squarely falls within the exception prescribed under section 8 (1) (d) of the Act, which prescribes that information including commercial confidence, trade secrets or intellectual property, the disclosure of which would harm the competitive position of a third party unless the competent authority is satisfied that larger public interest warrants the disclosure of such information. As informed by the CPIO if information is disclosed it would harm the competitive position of POWERGRID with existing customers, hence the information sought falls within the realm of the exception.

As far as appellant's contention regarding concerns the life and liberty, I do not find any merit considering the nature of information

In view of the foregoing, the appeal is disposed of.



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ED (TD) & Appellate Authority

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