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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) 257/2024 & I.A. 7103/2024

DEEPAK CABLES (INDIA) LIMITED Petitioner

Through: Mr. Aditya Verma, Mr. K. Rigved
Prasad and Mr. Samar Singh,
Advocates.

versus

POWER GRID CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED

..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Pranay Kishore Mishra, Advocate
via video-conferencing.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI

ORDER

28.03.2024

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By way of the present petition filed under section 29A(5) of the Arbitration & Conciliation Act 1996, the petitioner seeks extension of the mandate of the learned Sole Arbitrator, who is seized of the disputes between the parties since 2018, for a further period of 01 year.

2. The record shows that the learned Arbitrator was appointed by the parties on 28.01.2018; whereafter the mandate of the learned Arbitrator has been extended thrice by this court *vide* order dated 13.04.2021 made in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) No. 534/2019; *vide* order dated 25.03.2022 made in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) No.41/2022; and lastly, *vide* order dated 25.04.2023 made in O.M.P.(MISC.)(COMM.) No. 121/2023, which last extension was for a period of 01 year, which ends on 13.04.2023.



3. Mr. Aditya Verma, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the arbitral proceedings have remained pending *inter-alia* since proceedings in O.M.P.(T)(COMM) No. 125/2021, pertaining to the fee fixed by the learned Arbitrator were pending before this court; which proceedings were finally decided *vide* judgment dated 29.11.2022 made by this court, against which, special leave to appeal was declined by the Supreme Court *vide* order dated 03.03.2023 made in SLP(C) No. 3978/2023.
4. Mr. Verma submits, that the matter is now at the stage of final arguments and has been scheduled for hearing on 11.04.2024, 12.04.2024, 20.04.2024 and 21.04.2024.
5. Issue notice.
6. Mr. Pranay Kishore Mishra, learned counsel appears for the respondent *via* video-conferencing on advance copy; accepts notice; and does not oppose the extension sought.
7. In view of the above, the petition is allowed, thereby extending the mandate of the learned Sole Arbitrator, as prayed-for, by 01 year with effect from 14.04.2024, with a request to learned Arbitrator to conclude the proceedings by that time.
8. The petition stands disposed-of in the above terms.
9. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed-of.

ANUP JAIRAM BHAMBHANI, J

MARCH 28, 2024/ak