

**Agenda for the monthly meeting of Solar Power Developers with  
Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**

<b>Date</b>	<b>28.04.2021</b>
<b>Time</b>	<b>12.00 pm</b>

<b>Part-I: Critical Issues</b>		
<b>S.No</b>	<b>Issue Description</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Impact on RE projects due to the second COVID wave.</b></p> <p>The second wave of COVID-19 with consequent lockdowns in more than 10 States has resulted again in restriction in movement, shortage of labour, unavailability of human resources in Government offices resulting in delay in approvals, etc. SPDA request MNRE to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Blanket extension in timelines for SCOD and FC by three months for projects.</li> <li>- MNRE may consider extension in new bid submission for some time.</li> </ul>	<p>Vneet S Jaain</p> <p>CEO, Adani Green Energy</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Delay in readiness of PGCIL evacuation infrastructure : GIB potential areas.</b></p> <p>As per the Hon'ble Supreme Court order 19.04.2021, a Committee being set up to evaluate the feasibility of deployment of underground high voltage transmission lines in potential GIB areas. Until the committee submits its report to the SC, a considerable delay is expected in the construction of evacuation infrastructure by PGCIL/ STU.</p> <p>SPDs seek clarity and necessary action to avoid delay in under-construction projects in GIB potential areas. Way forward for new bids until the committee presents a report.</p> <p>Request to consider suitable extension in granting ISTS waiver for transmission &amp; connectivity.</p>	<p>Rajat Seksaria</p> <p>CEO, Acme Group</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Recommendation to Power Ministry for reinstatement of a clause for allowing waiver of ISTS access charges for RPO obligated entities.</b></p> <p>The MoP order, while approving extension of ISTS charges waiver for RE projects till June 30, 2023, has excluded the extension of this waiver for entities having a Renewable Purchase Obligation (RPO) which in contrast to the previous order dated August 5, 2020.</p> <p>SPDs requests Ministry to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Restore ISTS access charges and losses waiver for entities having RPO Obligations, irrespective of whether this power is within RPO or not, in line with the previous MOP order dated August 5, 2020.</li> <li>- Provide clarity on the applicability of the exemption to both ISTS access charges <b>and losses.</b></li> </ul>	<p>Manish Agarwal</p> <p>CEO, Sterlite Power</p>

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4.	<p><b>Clarification reg. applicability of the ALMM Order – amended ALMM list at time of SCOD shall be applicable</b></p> <p>The PPAs specify the ALMM list at COD, while MNRE March 2021 notice suggests applicability to bids post-April 10, 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- ALMM list to be applied on projects till date of commissioning for new projects only that shall be bid out.</li> <li>- MNRE to explicitly state that ALMM list shall not apply on projects already bid out, under construction or at the verge of commissioning.</li> <li>- Clarity on enlistment of foreign manufacturers.</li> </ul>	Tanya Singhal, Founder and Director, SolarArise
5.	<p><b>Time Extension in FC and SCD for projects due to power procurement approval and delay in tariff adoption from Regulatory Commission.</b></p> <p>Suitable time extension should be provided from the date of adopting tariff or procurement approval, whichever is later.</p>	Ranjit Gupta CEO, Azure Power
6.	<p><b>GST on Corporate Guarantees issued by Holding/Ultimate holding companies of SPDs in favor of lenders of SPDs.</b></p> <p>This GST liability @ 18% on deemed CG commission will have a significant cost increase impact on SPDs that SPDs would recover under ‘change in law’ from their power off-takers.</p>	Kishor Nair COO, Avaada Energy
7.	<p><b>Alignment of LTA operationalization with SCD of the project</b></p> <p>MOP vide its order dated 15.01.21 had directed to CERC to issue necessary changes for alignment of LTA with SCOD of project. It has been pending for some time from CERC and request MNRE to expedite issuance of such notification .</p>	Parag Sharma CEO, O2 Power

Part-II: Request MNRE to give their remarks/ status update on following issues	
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1.a	<p><b>Way forward to clear of PSA backlog with SECI and NTPC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MNRE may like to postpone new bids till past PPA/PSA backlogs are cleared.</li> </ul>
1.b.	<p><b>Issuance of LOA s to successful bidders in 1200 MW NTPC bid, concluded in Aug’ 20</b></p> <p>Request to take up with NTPC for expeditious issuance of LOA under the earlier concluded bid and to execute the PPA/ PSA at the earliest. It is also expected that NTPC should first conclude the bid of Aug, 2020 thereafter sign PSAs for Nokh Solar Park.</p>
2.	<p><b>GST rate on Solar power Generating Systems (SPGS) for period 01.07.2017 to 31.12.2018</b></p> <p>Under GST Regime, a concessional rate of 5% was prescribed on Solar Power Generating System (SPGS). <i>Request MNRE to take up with MOF to issue clarification on GST Rate to remove ambiguity on applicability of GST rate on Supply of SPGS. Many Notices are issued to SPDs by GST Authorities.</i></p>

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<b>3</b>	<b>Clarification regarding Safeguard Duty (SGD) reimbursement for additional DC capacity.</b> SPDs request for issuance of clarification on additional DC capacity installed to meet CUF declared in PPA irrespective of import of modules before/ after the COD.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Delay in Payments by Various DISCOMS (Telangana, AP, Karnataka, UP, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu &amp; Punjab)</b>