

**Minutes of Meeting held with Secretary, MNRE
with Solar Power Developers
Date: November 4, 2020**

S.No.	Issue	Description	To be presented by	Status
1	State DISCOMs still not opened LC	In August 2019, MNRE notified that power dispatch will not happen if LC is not opened. Some State like Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka not yet opened LC	Sunil Sharma Ketan Mehta	Details to be sent for each state with pending issues to MNRE.
2	Revision of quantity of tracker for solar projects.	Quantity of tracker for solar projects needs to be revised upwards as current norm of 43 MT/MW AC side is not sufficient and it should be 43 MT/MW on DC side.	Manish Khanna	
3	Request MNRE to publish schedule of future bids		Sunil Jain	
4	MNRE to postpone the Implementation of ALMM		Sunil Jain	
5	NGT order on CTU substations in Fatehgarh area, Rajasthan will impact readiness of evacuation		Kishor Nair	6000 MW connected to Fatehgarh region, requested to take issue with MoEFFC

	system and commissioning schedule			NGT order along with the letter to be sent to MNRE to pursue with MoP- Done.
6	Payment of SGD to custom authority without interest.	Customs Authority should accept SGD paid by SPDs without interest, as CERC not yet approved carrying cost and matter still sub-judice.	Kishor Nair	
7	Minimum Land requirement to be reduced for New Technology	As per RfS the land requirement is 1.5 Hectare per MW but with advancement in technologies especially with Mono PERC the land requirement has come down significantly. Therefore, MNRE to advise SECI for lowering down land as a compliance condition at the time of financial closure.	Deepak Gupta	MNRE to examine the request. Representation letter sent to MNRE date-

Past Issues: Status requested from MNRE

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1	Update on the awaited-on MOP's notification pertaining to PGCIL related extensions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LTA Start Date/ commissioning timelines should be aligned to the extended PPA SCDs. Extension of Stage-II Connectivity (24 month) timelines should also be in line with the extended PPA SCD given under PPA by the intermediary/ end procurer 	
2	Expedite member (law) appointment in CERC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SGD and GST refund process due to this are still at standstill. To find an interim path, it is requested to disburse 50% of payment pending decision. Appointment of member law on urgent basis as all matters are stuck with CERC no functioning. 	
3	Outstanding dues and long pending monthly bills by Telangana DISCOMs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to delay in release of outstanding payments by Telangana state DISCOMs, developers are grappling with severe financial crisis and facing hardships in debt servicing, O&M and even the payment of salaries. Telangana state DISCOMs to be advised to issue GOI announced special economic financial package of INR 90,000 crores specifically meant for addressing the issue of delayed payments. 	<p>Representation sent to MNRE to pursue the pending payment issues of Solar & Wind developers with the State Govt. of Andhra, Karnataka, Telangana, UP, Gujarat, Rajasthan etc.)</p> <p>Issues were consolidated pf all pending matters State wise and followed up with MNRE</p>
4	Transfer of connectivity in transmission regulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 51% shareholding to be allowed in transmission regulation in line with RFS/PPA and transfer of connectivity to SPV from holding company immediately after signing of PPA. 	

5	Extension to be allowed on large number of PSA that are pending for approval by state DISCOMs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss with state Discoms to expedite the matter • Request expediting Power Purchase approval and PSA to clear PPA signing • Auctioned projects of around 16 GW capacity currently do not have signed PPA due to delay in Power Procurement Approval /PSA approval. • Pooled tariff not adopted by regulators is not adopted by state DISCOMs, coming up with guidelines could help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSA has been extended. • No funds (by R. Sir)
6	Amendment in the BOM approval procedure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of BOM by MNRE for CCDC requires possession of 100% land. As SBG guideline have been relaxed for land documentation, BOM approval procedure should be changed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficult to be implemented as this matters affects not only MNRE but also MoF. • Letter to be sent to MNRE. (By Shipra)
7	Grandfathering of Safeguard Duty and proposed BCD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPDA has suggested a formula for refund of SGD/ BCD under 'Change in law'. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MNRE has already taken up the issue with MoF and a letter has been sent to MNRE for the State of Gujarat.
8	Andhra Pradesh: Deduction in payments and other issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AP is deducting money from monthly bills w.r.t. DC overloading capacity. Request MNRE to resolve the issue and expedite payment from AP Discoms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested MNRE to expedite early hearing and resolve pending payment issues with Hon'ble APHC. (by S.A) • Rep letter has been sent.
9	Andhra Pradesh: Kadappa Solar Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delay in land allotment in Kadapa Solar park to successful bidders (in SECI bid). Land amount already paid to Solar Park Developer. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representation letter has been taken up with MNRE

10	Tariff Discount on energy billing by Punjab DISCOM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% Tariff deduction in the energy invoices for April-May 2020 and PSPCL has not recorded meter readings for the 1st week of April 2020. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested MNRE to pursue the resolution of payment dues by PSPCL with Govt of Punjab. For clearance of pending dues for the month of April-March-May 2020 if not resolved as per PPA then the only remedy is court.
11	Rs. 90,000 Cr Discom relief package	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We understand that the PFC / REC has released the amount against the package. Clarification on payment mechanism of pending bills of RE developers 	
12	Land tax of Rajasthan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand notice issued by state for land tax @ INR 2/ sq. m. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested MNRE to pursue with Chief Secretary. This is ongoing.
13	Lack of clarity/visibility reg. available of connectivity and proposed locations of new sub stations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a need to have firm commissioning schedule of transmission system to meet the bidding plan. While there has been significant improvement in the SECI-PGCIL coordination and information dissemination, yet some issues there remains some lag in certain critical pieces like – Available Connectivity at 220 kV level at Fatehgarh-III. Standing Committee meeting to be held on monthly basis. 	

14	Amendment in BOM Procedure to enable C&I projects for RPO obligated entities to access ISTS connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connectivity Procedure allows only LOAs issued by SECI/NTPC/REIAs. PPAs signed with RPO obligated entities C&I developers should be allowed. • Request for reduction in LTA relinquishment charges. 	
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NOTE:

1. **SPDA provides a list of international Solar power developers to RE-invest India.**
2. **SPDA to be a member of the committee for Unified bidding guideline - shall be placed on MNRE website shortly.**
3. **MNRE planning to shortage of solar glass in the country – Importing is not a restriction from MNRE, anti-dumping duty is imposed on solar glass, only one manufacturing in India. 2-2.5 GW glass manufacturing in India, 16 GW module manufacturing in India**
4. **400 MW RTC tender – any energy generation beyond capacity is allowed to be sold to third party or any other source. In such a case, there should be any issue with connectivity capacity more than the contracted capacity.**

Payment of penalty – 6 months, extension of 5 months given due to COVID should also be extended to payment of penalty period

Grant of loan for open access projects from PFC, REC – IREDA has already been funding such projects

Approval of PPA, allocation of land – state issues not letting commission project on time

SECI – Tranche 4 solar – Azure, ReNew, Mytrah 2000 MW stuck in MP

Reduce timeline in solar and wind hybrid projects

Non-approval of PSA on pooled tariff –

Payment pending with southern states – Karnataka, Telangana – Representation to be send again to MNRE – Maheshwari Mining

Signing land lease agreement, Gujarat govt GPCL delaying