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Dated: 15th April, 2020

To:

**The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana,
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Sub: Solar Power Projects in Haryana-reg.

Sir,

This is in reference to Connect Solar's letter dated 14.02.2020 address to Hon'ble Minister (Power & NRE) regarding crisis situation in State of Haryana for the renewable energy generators.

2. Vide aforesaid letter, Connect Solar has represented that, continuously from last two years RE developers are being asked to invest and develop solar projects in Haryana, and then their investments and projects are imposed with newer conditions and are cancelled, making huge loss to them.

3. The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the aforesaid letter of Connect Solar and to convey that, all agreements/ contracts once signed, should be sacrosanct and honoured unless a case of malafide or corruption has been proved.

4. This issues in line with approval from Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power).

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,



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Date: 14.02.2020

Sub: Crisis Situation in the State of Haryana for the Renewable Energy Generators – Reg.

Respected Sir,

Through this letter in *distress* we are writing you the ordeal and betrayal faced by the renewable energy generators and developers who are about to lose their *already invested 1000's of crores* in the development of the solar power projects in the state of Haryana under the policy and regulations of the state and the approvals provided by the Government of Haryana, through the state transmission utility and seek your appointment to represent in detail and get your support in resolution of the same.

Due to creating regulatory hurdles by the State Distribution Utility time and again and the helplessness of the state government and power and renewable ministry of the state the investors and developers are going to lose this entire investment for no fault of theirs against the allocations and approvals provided by the government of Haryana only.

The matter has been represented at all levels of the state ministry and government however could not get any relief. Neither the ministry, bureaucracy is willing to inform, discuss nor listen to the developers and taking arbitrary decisions in isolation and imposing on the developers.

Initially in the name of wrongly anticipated technical and economic impact of renewable on system and state, later on by changing the entire definitions, interpretations and with daily new ways and reasons the final connectivity's and connections are being denied after making developers to make such massive investments in the state in land and solar plant infrastructure who have made all payments, charges of the departments & authorities, acquiring such large volume of land, repayment of the loans of the land owners, employment of significant manpower and installation of plant and machinery.

Solar and consumption of power from renewable energy sources has been one of the prime programme of government of India and the present Sh. Modi ji's government under which the state chief minister himself exercising his special powers under section 108 of the Electricity Act made and released the policy and now denial of the erected plants and investment for connection is highly unlawful.

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Since this crisis is also going to take the similar shape as that of *Andhra Pradesh* we are resorted to seek your help in this regard. The denial of this connection, to operate these plants and creating regulatory hurdles, which has huge investments from some of the leading national and internal financial institutions and company will lead to a major setback to the investment policy of the state and country specially in the renewable energy sector.

These investments have been backed by some of the leading investment firms like PETRONAS, UK Climate Investments LLP-UK, Warburg Pincus LLC- USA, IFC, ADB, French Development Agency-PROPARCO, Dutch Finance Development Company FMO, LGT Lightstone Aspada-UK and Indian financial institutions like, IREDA, Tata Clean Tech Capital etc.

These developers are the same developers who have actively participated in all large, small and distributed generation programmes of ministry of new and renewable energy and added a significant capacity of more than 3 GW in the country and is constantly contributing in the capacity building of RE in the nation to meet the 175 GW target of RE of India.

Looking forward for your intervention in the resolution of the matter and providing relief to the investors and developers of solar power plants in the state of Haryana.

We seek your valuable time to meet and make a formal representation in this regard.

With Warm Regards

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Annexure 1: Sequence of Developments in matter of Solar Projects in Haryana

Year 2016

14.03.2016: Government of Haryana issued Haryana Solar Policy inviting developers to set up solar pv power projects and solar parks under open access in the state

18.07.2016: The government of Haryana under its power under section 108 of the EA 2003 issued directions for the solar power projects under open access in the state of Haryana to promote development of RE in the state.

Year 2017

03.10.2017: The Haryana Electricity Regulatory Commission did the hearing to incorporate the policy provisions and issue the regulations in this regard.

Year 2018

30-06.2018: The HERC pronounced the order and issued the way to develop the solar plants in the state by issuing HERC (Terms and Conditions for determination of Tariff from Renewable Energy Sources, Renewable Purchase Obligation and Renewable Energy Certificate) Regulations, 2017.

01-07-2018: HAREDA issued its final guidelines for the projects and park and started accepting application and issuance of the approval for the development of solar projects and solar parks.

Developers were asked to acquire land, submit application fee, submit the Bank Guarantee and banks financial closure letter.

06.11.2018: HAREDA issued a notice stating that their final guidelines under which projects / parks were allocated are to be treated as provisional and again a stake holders meeting will be organised.

14.12.2018: HAREDA again issues a notice to all applicants to collect their DDs and BGs submitted back and wait for the guidelines are finalized by the Chief Minister.

HAREDA cancels all the allocations and made them null and void.

Year 2019

08.03.2019: HVPNL came into picture and issues the final guidelines with changes in the policy and regulatory provisions.

Again, fresh applications were sought and submitted along with desired fee and charges to obtain feasibility from the substation in which the power was to be evacuated.

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06.05.2019: HVPNL issued the in-principle feasibility for the solar power projects / Parks after all technical and load flow studies of the transmission system.

Developers were asked to acquire full land, get the bank finance and submit the bank guarantee.

18.10.2019: The HVPNL issues the final connectivity of the projects to qualified developers as per which the project was to be completed in 12 months.

The Developers started work at the site in full swing investing more than 100 crores each.

18.10.2019: HVPNL approved transmission line and bay construction to start the construction work at the plant site.

12.12.2019: HVPNL raises the demand note for the submission of supervision charges and associated fee for the supervision of the work and material at site.

IN BETWEEN:

02.12.2019: The DISCOM objected the connection agreement on the grounds of anticipated technical and financial reasons and presented to the CM demanding for cancelling and stay on the development of solar projects in the state. (matter remained between HVPNL, DISCOM and CM office).

02.12.2019: the HVPNL and ACS Power objected the remarks of DISCOM stating them anti renewable.

20.12.2019: The same was agreed to be heard and discussed on 26.12.2019 with the CM of Haryana.

27.12.2019: With a delay of 1 day the meeting was done with the Chief Minister of Haryana along with the Energy and RE minister and it was decided to continue the hold on the process and final decision whether to continue with the policy allocations and connectivity or not will be taken later. (matter remained between HVPNL, DISCOMs, CM office and MoP & RE).

The HVPNL and ACS power presented that the DISCOMs are anti renewable and has failed in all the efforts they have taken to procure or develop renewable energy projects in the state.

Further the ACS Power submitted that all matters related to technical and financial issues due to renewable energy in the state are meaningless and baseless with facts and figures based on merits.