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नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

ग्रिड सौर ऊर्जा प्रभाग / Grid Solar Power Division

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Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

To

1. The Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), 6th Floor, Plate-B, NBCC Office Block Tower-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023
2. The Chairman & Managing Director, NTPC Ltd., NTPC Bhawan, Scope Complex, 7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
3. The Chairman & Managing Director, NHPC Limited, N.H.P.C Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad – 121003, Haryana

**Sub: Time-extension to under-implementation solar PV/ solar PV-wind hybrid power projects wherein last date of bid submission was prior to 09.03.2021 – reg.**

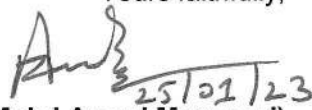
Madam / Sir,

It was announced on 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 that from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 any import of solar PV modules would attract Basic Customs Duty (BCD) of 40% and import of solar PV cells would attract BCD of 25%. There are several projects for which bids were finalized by agencies of the Government (SECI/ NTPC / NHPC) before the said announcement. Normally, these projects would have been completed before the imposition of customs duty; however, because of COVID and the resultant supply chain disruption, these projects could not be completed before the customs duty took effect. While a decision on bids which were finalized before the announcement of customs duty is pending, in the mean-time, the extended completion dates of many projects have expired.

2. It has therefore been decided that solar PV / solar PV - wind hybrid projects, for which bids were finalized before 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 (i.e. the last date of bid submission was prior to 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2021), may be given time for completion of projects upto March, 2024.

3. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (Power and New & Renewable Energy).

Yours faithfully,

  
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