

F. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR/Pt.

भारत सरकार / Government of India

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

ग्रिड सौर ऊर्जा प्रभाग / Grid Solar Power Division

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Dated: 1st May, 2023

To:

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

Sub: Time-extension to Solar PV/ Solar PV-wind hybrid power projects bid out on or after 10.04.2021 and 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,


Reference is invited to MNRE's letter No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR/Pt dated 29.12.2022 wherein inter-alia it was conveyed to Renewable Energy Implementing Agencies (SECI/ NTPC/ NHPC) of the Government of India that they may extend the Scheduled Commissioning Date (SCD) till 31.03.2024 of such Solar PV / Solar PV-wind hybrid power projects wherein the last date of bid submission was on or after 10.04.2021 and whose SCD (including time-extensions already granted, if any) was before 31.03.2024, and who wish to avail such time-extension.

2. Reference is further invited to MNRE's letter No 283/48/2020-GRID SOLAR/Pt dated 25.01.2023 inter-alia conveying that solar PV / solar PV - wind hybrid projects, for which bids were finalized before 9th March, 2021 (i.e. the last date of bid submission was prior to 9th March, 2021), may be given time for completion of projects upto March, 2024.

3. In reference to the above directions, it is made clear that the time-extensions mentioned in MNRE's letter No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR/Pt dated 29.12.2022 and MNRE's letter No. 283/48/2020-GRID SOLAR/Pt dated 25.01.2023, are not general blanket extensions. The REIAs (SECI, NTPC & NHPC) shall diligently examine, on case to case-basis, the requests received by them for seeking extensions on the basis of MNRE's letter No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR/Pt dated 29.12.2022 and MNRE's letter No. 283/48/2020-GRID SOLAR/Pt dated 25.01.2023, and shall grant time-extensions in only such cases where the developer has diligently taken steps to complete the project, but has not been able to complete the project for reasons beyond his control. Where the developer has taken no steps to implement the project but is merely sitting on the award, such projects shall not qualify for extension; and consequence of cancellation of project will follow. This policy will apply to all cases of request for grant of extension - the developer must demonstrate that he has taken all possible measures to implement the project - but has not been able to do so for reasons beyond his control. The questions to be asked in such cases will be - Has the land been acquired? Have Order been placed for modules/BoP/ BoS, etc.

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

Yours faithfully,


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3. The CMD, SJVN Limited for necessary action.

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