## CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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No. L-1/257/2020/(PMR-2)/CERC

## PUBLIC NOTICE

## Subject: Draft Guidelines for Virtual Power Purchase Agreements- reg.

The Commission has notified the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Power Market Regulations) 2021 (hereafter referred as PMR 2021) on 15th February, 2021 that came into effect from 15th August, 2021. Ministry of Power, vide its communication dated 03.03.2025, has requested CERC to devise a suitable regulatory framework for Virtual Power Purchase Agreements.

- 2. Part-8 of the PMR 2021 specifies the provisions relating to matters that have not been otherwise listed in the Regulations. As per the clause (3) of Regulation 54 of PMR 2021, the Commission can exercise its inherent powers to deal with such matters as deemed fit. The relevant provision reads as under:
  - "54 (3) Nothing in these regulations shall bar the Commission to deal with any matter or exercise any power under the Act for which no provisions have been made in these regulations, and the Commission may deal with such matters, powers and functions in a manner it deems fit."
- 3. Accordingly, the Draft Guidelines for Virtual Power Purchase Agreements have been prepared and posted on the website of the Commission (<a href="https://cercind.gov.in">https://cercind.gov.in</a>).
- 4. Notice is hereby given for inviting comments/ suggestions/ objections from the stakeholders and interested persons on the above Draft Guidelines.
- 5. The comments/ suggestions/ objections may be sent to the undersigned on and before 20th June, 2025 at the email addresses <a href="mailto:secy@cercind.gov.in">secy@cercind.gov.in</a> and <a href="mailto:chiefeco@cercind.gov.in">chiefeco@cercind.gov.in</a>. The comments/ suggestions/ objections received after the stipulated date may not be considered while finalizing these Draft Guidelines.

Sd/-(Harpreet Singh Pruthi) Secretary

Dated: 22.05.2025