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To,

(As per the attached list)

**Subject: Facilitating Broadband expansion by allowing leasing of fiber on OPGW -
regd.**

This has reference to the DO letter dated 11th November 2024 (No. 5-5/NBM-2024/PGCIL-OPGW) addressed to Secretary (MoP) from Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications. Wherein MoP has been requested to consider laying at least 48F (48 Fibres) OPGW (Optical Ground Wire) in future transmission projects making provision for leasing of additional fibers for the use of telecom licensees i.e TSP (Telecom Service Provider)/ ISP (Internet Service Provider)/ IP (Internet Protocol)-1 etc.

During a review meeting of NER (North Eastern Region) Telecom projects, Hon'ble Minister for Communication had directed to facilitate broadband expansion by allowing leasing of fibers on OPGW of POWERGRID in place of leasing of bandwidth, so that rural areas and hinterlands can get good and reliable telecom connectivity.

In view of this, CTU (Central Transmission Utility), POWERGRID, STUs (State Transmission Utilities) and all the TSPs (Transmission Service Providers) are requested to incorporate the necessary provisions in the technical specifications of their future transmission schemes supporting the laying of at least 48F OPGW instead of 24F OPGW for the upcoming TBCB (Tariff based Competitive Bidding)/RTM (Regulated Tariff Mechanism) schemes. It is further advised that the schemes which are presently in bidding stage may also be modified accordingly by the BPCs (Bid Process Coordinators) wherever applicable.

This issues with the approval of Chairperson, CEA.

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