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सेवा में,

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विषय / Subject- Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Member (Power Systems) on 4th December 2024 on the issues raised by RE developers w.r.t. Bikaner-III - Neemrana-II 765 kV D/c transmission lines

Ref- 1. MoM of 1st meeting held on 24th Oct 2024 issued vide letter No. CEA-PS-13-17(23)/14/2024-PSPM Division dated 4th November 2024.

महोदय / Sir,

Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Member (Power Systems) on 4th December 2024 in CEA on the issues raised by RE developers w.r.t. transmission lines, 'Bikaner-III - Neemrana-II 765 kV D/c line (1st & 2nd)' being constructed by M/s POWERGRID and M/s Tata Power Ltd are attached at **Annexure-I** for your kind information and necessary action please.

Encl: As above

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17/12/24

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Minutes of the meeting held under the chairmanship of Member (Power Systems), CEA on 4th December 2024 on the issues raised by RE developers w.r.t. transmission lines, ‘Bikaner-III - Neemrana-II 765 kV D/c line (1st & 2nd)’ being constructed by POWERGRID and M/s Tata Power Ltd.

List of participants is attached as **Annexure-II**.

1. Member (Power System), CEA welcomed the participants and advised CE (PSPM) to describe the issue and proceed with the discussions.
2. Giving the background of the meeting, CE (PSPM) remarked that two transmission lines, ‘Bikaner-III - Neemrana-II 765 kV D/c line - 1st & 2nd’ are being developed separately by POWERGRID and M/s Tata Power. Both these lines are passing over the land owned by RE developers, M/s Sunsure and M/s NTPC Renewable Energy Ltd. (NREL). While M/s Tata Power have been granted authorization under section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for their transmission line, the application of POWERGRID is still pending due to objections raised on their Gazette notification dated 15.06.2024 and POWERGRID has not furnished the reply to the observations raised by CEA.
3. CE (PSPM) highlighted that in the 1st meeting held on the issues of RE developers w.r.t. M/s POWERGRID line on 24th October 2024. It was decided that all parties shall jointly visit the site and will arrive at on adopting a fitting route for the transmission lines. While the meetings have taken place at site on 28th and 29th October 2024, the stakeholders have not been able to conclude the issue.
4. Member (Power Systems) highlighted that RE developers and Transmission Service Providers (TSPs) should try to resolve the issues amicably by holding mutual discussion. He further advised representatives from CTUIL to consider developing a permanent solution / way out to the problem of transmission lines passing over RE developers’ land probably through more detailed surveys/ design of the RfPs. Representatives from CTUIL agreed that a more permanent way –out in the form of guideline etc is needed as such situations are likely to be more frequent in the future with the development of more transmission schemes in the region.
5. Member (Power Systems) asked the RE developers and TSPs to present their case sequentially.
(The presentation of M/s Sunsure, M/s NREL, POWERGRID and M/s TATA Power are attached as Annexures III, IV, V and VI respectively.)
6. M/s Sunsure presented their issue stating that their land acquisition had started in January 2023 and they have raised their objections on the POWERGRID line on 24th June 2024 within the stipulated two months period of Gazette Notification. Further, considering the small size of their land parcel, their representation may be considered favorably and the alternate route suggested by them which is passing on the top side of their land may be adopted.

7. M/s TATA Power highlighted that they are in discussion with M/s Sunsire and they have already agreed over shifting the route towards the top of M/s Sunsire's land parcel. In the next meeting, they would finalise the line route and tower location mutually. After discussions, POWERGRID also agreed with the proposed route for the part of transmission line near M/s Sunsire's land.
8. NREL presented their case and stated that large piece of their land is getting affected because of POWERGRID's line.. Although, another shorter V-shaped alternate route has been suggested by them that avoids double passing of Bikaner IV transmission line, avoids RE developer ACME's land and has less impact on their land with POWERGRID, the route has not been agreed by POWERGRID so far. The new route would still impact about 150 acres of their land.
9. M/s TATA Power proposed another alternate route that cuts the NREL plot slightly below the NREL's proposed route which would reduce extent of diversion of transmission line further. While NREL agreed on the TPCL's suggestion, POWERGRID assured to take it into consideration.
10. Both POWERGRID and TPCL expressed concern over increase in line length due to route diversion. CTUIL raised concern regarding overall impact on the technical feasibility of the power evacuation system due to increase in line length beyond 350 km. He suggested that route length should not increase beyond 350 km.
11. Member (Power Systems) advised that NREL, TPCL & POWERGRID may come to a mutual agreement on a route that has minimum impact on the infrastructure of all parties involved. He opined that other RE developers may also be consulted in case the new route is passing through their land(s).
12. Issue was raised by RE developers that POWERGRID has not stopped the construction activity at site even after it was decided in the last meeting. Member (Power Systems) directed POWERGRID not to proceed with further construction activity on the objected land until the issue is resolved.
13. After detailed deliberations during the meeting, following was concluded:
 - a) The stakeholders would convene a meeting at the site by 6th December 2024 and come to a mutual agreement.
 - b) The transmission corridor may be finalized such that the same can be used for construction of both the lines (by TATA and POWERGRID) in order to minimize the overall RoW requirements and impact of shadows.
 - c) Care may be taken that the agreed transmission line(s) are passing through only those villages which have been notified in their respective gazette notification.
 - d) Other RE developers (e.g. ACME, SAIMA etc) may be consulted in case their land is falling under the changed route.
 - e) After completion of the above consultation and reaching an agreement, M/s POWERGRID and M/s TATA Power shall submit the report to CEA on the resolution

- agreed by all stakeholders. The report may be submitted to CEA by 20th December 2024.
- f) After the submission of above report, POWERGRID would submit a point-wise reply to CEA letter dated 4th Oct 2024 for further processing of their application for authorization under section 164 of the Electricity Act, 2003.

The meeting ended with thanks to the chair.

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