

117/32/2019-Wind-Part(1)
Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Wind Energy Division
Block 14, CGO Complex, Lodi Road, New Delhi- 110003

Dated: 17th March, 2022

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Time-extension in Scheduled Commissioning Date of Wind Energy Projects considering disruption due to post-COVID supply chain and monsoon related disruptions – Regarding.

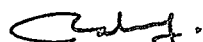
Ref.: (i) MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 12.05.2021
(ii) MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 29.06.2021
(iii) MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 15.09.2021
(iv) MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 03.11.2021

Reference is invited to MNRE's O.M.s referred at (i) & (ii) above on the issue of time extension to renewable energy projects on account of second surge of COVID-19 and clarifications on this issue referred at (iii) & (iv) above.

2. The undersigned is directed to refer to this Ministry's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 29.06.2021, vide which, in order to facilitate the ease of doing business and as a measure of relief to RE projects so that they can deal with difficulties arising out of the restrictions imposed on account of the second COVID-19 surge, it was conveyed that MNRE has decided that the entire period of disruption i.e. 1st April, 2021 to 15th June, 2021 (both dates inclusive) can be allowed as time-extension to RE projects, being implemented through Implementing agencies designated by MNRE or under various schemes of MNRE, following the process stated in MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 12.05.2021. Clarifications issued vide MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 15.09.2021 and MNRE's O.M. No. 283/18/2020-GRID SOLAR dated 03.11.2021 may also be referred.

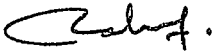
3. In this regard, the Ministry received various representations from wind industry requesting additional time extension for wind power projects as special case, considering supply chain disruption due to second COVID-19 surge followed by monsoon related disruptions. Manufacturing of wind turbine requires large number of components. Also installation of wind turbine requires transportation of heavy/ large components such as nacelle, tower, blades, etc as well as movement of construction machinery at the site. The broad disruption period considered by MNRE during second COVID-19 surge ended on 15th June 2021. This immediately was followed by monsoon season in various parts of the country, during which the movement of heavy machinery required for installation of wind turbines became a constraint.

4. In order to provide relief to wind power project developers on account of supply chain disruption due to second COVID-19 surge, it has been decided that for wind power projects for which the PPA was signed and orders for WTGs placed before 15th



June, 2021, the implementing agencies can allow an additional time extension (in addition to extension mention at para 1 above) up to 3 (three) months in the Scheduled Commissioning Date. The extension may be considered on a case to case basis after due diligence and careful consideration of the specific circumstances of the case.

5. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister for New & Renewable Energy and Power.


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To,

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

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1. Addl. Chief Secretaries / Pr. Secretaries / Secretaries of Power / Energy / Renewable Energy Departments of State Governments/ UT Govts./ Administrations for considering to issue similar instructions for wind energy projects under them, based on their specific circumstances.
2. NIC, MNRE, for uploading on MNRE website for dissemination of information.

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1. PS to Hon'ble Minister (NRE & Power)
2. Sr. PPS to Secretary, MNRE
3. PPS to JS (Wind)