### Grid Connectivity, MTOA, LTA -Procedure and Issues

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#### **Present Scenario**



Act and Regulatory Provisions

- Generation was de-licensed in the Electricity Act 2003
- Evacuation of power ensured through CERC notification of Long term open access in Jan 2004
- Utilization of ISTS for generation projects was granted by CTU under the regulatory framework

#### **Energy Resources Map**

#### Energy resources (coal, water etc.) unevenly distributed





#### **Transmission Corridors for IPPs**

SI. No.	Cluster/Corridor	No. of IPPs	Installed Capacity (MW)	LTOA Granted (MW)
1	Orissa	7	10090	6080
2.	Jharkhand	5	4540	4084
3,	Sikkim	9	2358	2358
4	Bilaspur+MP	6	4370	4160
5.	Chattisagrh	13	15485	15185
6.	Krishnapatnam	4	4600	3072
7.	Tuticorin	2	2600	2045
8.	Srikakulam	2	3960	3760
9.	Cuddlore/Nagapattinam	3	3570	2987
10.	Vemagiri	4	5400	5150
11.	Common Transmission system for SR IPP			
	Total	55	56973	48881

### **High Capacity Transmission Corridor**



#### CERC approval for implementation

- Regulatory approval was sought for implementation of the transmission system
- Based on grant of Open access
- Generation developers signing the BPTA
- Submission of bank guarantee

The transmission scheme is under various stages of implementation

Above was developed based on CERC notification, Jan 2004

## Regulatory frame work - August 2009

- Who can apply
  - Connectivity
    - Generating station incl captive with installed capacity 250 MW & above (Modified in Sept 2010 to 50MW above for hydro/renewables)
    - Bulk Consumer 100 MW and above
  - Medium Term Open Access (MTOA) and Ling Term Access (LTA)
    - a generating station including captive,
    - a consumer
    - an Electricity Trader or
    - a distribution licensee

Changes in Regulatory frame frame work ...

- Generating station including captive cannot seek LTA or MTOA without first seeking connectivity to ISTS.
- The grant of connectivity shall not entitle an applicant to interchange any power with the grid unless it obtains LTA, MTOA or STOA.

#### Non-refundable Application Fees

SI. No	Quantum of Power to be injected/offtaken into/from ISTS	Connectivity	LTA	ΜΤΟΑ
1	Upto 100 MW	2	2	1
2	More Than 100 MW less than 500 MW	3	3	2
3	More Than 500 MW less than 1000 MW	6	6	3
4	More than 1000 MW	9	9	4

#### Processing Time

Nature of Application	Time Limit beginning last day of month in which application was received
Connectivity	60 days
LTA	<b>120 days</b> - where no augmentation is required
	<b>180 days</b> - where augmentation of system is required
МТОА	40 days

**Grid Connect** 

### Applicability -

- Period of applicability
  - LTA 12 years or more ; upto 25 years
  - MTOA 3 months to 3 years
- Applications for LTA or MTOA to be processed on first-come-first-served basis

### **Grid Connectivity**

- Construction of Dedicated lines not required for large sized power plants (Thermal 500 MW and 50 MW hydro/renewable)
- Applications to contain details such as
  - geographical location of the applicant
  - quantum of power to be interchanged (injected/drawn)
  - any other details as prescribed by CTU
- Any material change in the location of the applicant or change, by more than 100 MW, in the quantum of power to be interchanged shall require filing of fresh application.
- CTU to process the application and carry out the necessary interconnection study
- While granting Connectivity, CTU has to specify
  - name of pooling station/substation where connectivity is to be made
  - name of line to be looped in and looped out
- A generating station granted connectivity to the grid shall be allowed to inject infirm power into the grid for testing -after obtaining permission of the concerned Regional Load Despatch Centre.

# Long Term Access

- Application for LTA to contain details such as
  - Name of entities & quantum of power
  - Applicant may indicate initially target region(s) and quantum, however, exact destination of power or source of supply has to be firmed up and notified to CTU atleast 3 years prior to the intended date of availing LTA for augmentation of transmission system.
  - Fresh application shall be made, in cases where there is
    - any material change in location of the applicant or
    - change by more than 100 MW in the quantum of power to be interchanged using the inter-State transmission system or
    - change in the region from which electricity is to be procured or to which supplied
  - The applicant shall submit any other information sought by CTU to plan ISTS in a holistic manner.

### Long Term Access ... Continued

- The application to be accompanied with BG of Rs. 10,000/- per MW of total power to be transmitted.
  - BG to be kept valid till execution of BPTA when system augmentation is required or till operationalization of LTA when augmentation is not required.
  - BG may be encashed if application is withdrawn by applicant or LTA is relinquished prior to operationalisation of LTA when system augmentation is not required
  - BG shall be discharged when the applicant submit construction stage BG

#### **Medium Term Open Access**

- MTOA shall be granted if existing / Under construction transmission have margins to accommodate the resultant power flows. No augmentation shall be carried out to the transmission system for the sole purpose of granting medium-term open access.
- Application for MTOA to contain
  - Point of injection & drawl (beneficiary should be known)
  - Quantum of power
  - Any other details

### Issues

- Ensuring commitment of either parties (Jan 2004 regulation)
- ✓ BPTA was signed and BG was submitted

In the new regulation (Aug 2009) :

Readiness of the generation is more critically monitored for aspects like land under possession, water , coal , environmental

- Developers should realistically bring out the factual position so that an adequate transmission proposal can be evolved and taken further after examination from various aspects.
- Any under-provision or over-provision of transmission network leads to Grid operational problems like congestion, over-voltage situation Ultimately causing constraints in generation or ensuring power availability to consumer.
- As per IEGC ; Generation developers have apply for signing of connection agreement also ensureapproval under Sec 68 of Act from Govt of India is obtained

