

Ref. No. SECI/PS/600MW BESS/CTUIL/2025/77184

10-10-2025

To,

Shri Ajay Dahiya,
Deputy General Manager,
Central Transmission of Utility of India Limited,
Floors No. 5th-10th, IRCON International Tower,
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Sub: Connectivity Start Date at Kurnool-III PSS for 600 MW/1200 MWh BESS under Tranche-2 of VGF Scheme of Ministry of Power- reg.

Ref:

- (1) SECI's Application ID: 2200002277 dated 29.07.2025 & 06.08.2025 for 600 MW BESS Project at Kurnool-III PS
- (2) Agenda for 40th CMETS Meeting held on 20.08.2025
- (3) M/s CTUIL's email dated 01.10.2025 regarding optimization of connectivity and transmission system across Ananthapuram and Kurnool complexes
- (4) Minutes of Meeting of CMETS dated 08.10.2025

Sir,

This has reference to SECI's application no. 2200002277 dated 29.07.2025 & 06.08.2025 for connectivity at Kurnool-III Pooling Station (PS) for 600 MW capacity, with proposed start date of connectivity as 31.01.2027. The application was discussed in the 40th CMETS meeting held on 20.08.2025, wherein grant of connectivity was agreed (**Annexure-I**).

The above connectivity is sought for implementation of Standalone 600 MW / 1200 MWh Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project at Kolimigundla, Nandyal District, Andhra Pradesh. The project is allocated under Tranche-2 of the Market Component of the Central Sector Scheme for Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for development of BESS. The Scheme, launched by the Government of India in 2023, targets installation of 30 GWh standalone BESS capacity by 2028.

In accordance with the "Operational Guidelines for Tranche-2 of Market Component of Scheme for Viability Gap Funding for development of Battery Energy Storage Systems" issued vide F. No. 26/02/2023-RCM/NRE dated 23.01.2025 by Ministry of Power (MoP) and subsequent letter dated 02.06.2025, SECI is required to award the project by 22.10.2025. Failure to adhere to this deadline will result in withdrawal of the allocated capacity by the Ministry (**Annexure-II**).

Accordingly, SECI floated tenders in August 2025 for selection of EPC Contractor for Award of Works. All bid-related activities are scheduled to conclude before 22.10.2025, with the commencement of operations within 14 months.

Subsequently, SECI received CTUIL's email dated 01.10.2025 seeking inputs from applicants regarding optimization of connectivity and transmission system and MoM of CMETS held on 20.08.2025. The

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CMET minutes indicates the tentative start date of Connectivity at Kurnool-III PS as 31.12.2027 (Annexure-III).

It may be highlighted that the Project is being designed under the Market Component of VGF Scheme for BESS issued by the Ministry of Power, primarily to meet the Peak Demands (up to 2 charge-discharge cycles a day), beginning March, 2027. The BESS is to be charged/discharged through Power Exchange.

In view of the above, M/s CTUIL is requested to kindly consider granting connectivity start date with effect from 31.01.2027 for connectivity at Kurnool-III PS. We request your kind consideration and necessary action in this regard.

Thanking you,

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Yours' sincerely,

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