CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of Section 178 and clause (ze) of sub-section (2) of Section 178 read with clause (47) of Section 2, clause (d) of sub-section (2) of Section 38, clause (c) of Section 40 and clause (c) of sub-section (1) of Section 79 of the Electricity Act, 2003 and all other powers enabling it in this behalf and after previous publication, the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission hereby makes the following regulations to amend the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) Regulations, 2022 (hereinafter referred to as "the Principal Regulations") namely:

1. Short Title and Commencement

1.1. These regulations may be called the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026 or 'fourth amendment regulations'.

1.2. These regulations shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. New Definition in Regulation 2.1

2.1. A new clause, namely, clause (b-i) shall be inserted after clause (b) in Regulation 2.1 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"(b-i) "Authority" shall have the same meaning as defined in sub-section 6 of Section 2 of the Act;"

2.2. Four new clauses, namely, clause (w-i), clause (w-ii), clause (w-iii) and clause (w-iv) shall be inserted after clause (w) in Regulation 2.1 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"(w-i) "Land BG" means Bank Guarantee furnished under clause (vii)(c) or clause (xi)(c) of Regulation 5.8 of these regulations;

(w-ii) "Land BG route" means route covered under clause (xi)(c) of Regulation 5.8 of these regulations;

(w-iii) "Land route" means route covered under clause (xi)(b) of Regulation 5.8 of these regulations;

(w-iv) "LoA route" or "PPA route" means route covered under clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 of these regulations;"

3. New Regulation 3.10

3.1. A new Regulation, namely, Regulation 3.10, shall be added after Regulation 3.9 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"3.10 Notwithstanding anything contained in Regulations 3.7 to 3.9 of these Regulations, an entity shall be eligible to seek withdrawal of full Connectivity quantum (no partial withdrawal shall be permitted), subject to the following:

(a) For cases where final grant of Connectivity has been issued and the time period is two years or more;

(i) between the date of intimation of in-principle grant of Connectivity and the date of intimation of the final grant of Connectivity; or

(ii) between 'likely start date of connectivity' intimated in in-principle grant of Connectivity and start date of Connectivity intimated in final grant of Connectivity (tentative or firm);

And

the request for withdrawal is made to the Nodal Agency within a period of 45 days from intimation of final grant of Connectivity.

(b) For cases where final grant of Connectivity has not been issued even after lapse of two years from the date of intimation of in-principle grant of Connectivity, such entity may also seek withdrawal of full quantum of Connectivity under this Regulation, within a period of 45 days from lapse of two years from intimation of in-principle grant of Connectivity.

(c) The withdrawal shall be processed by the Nodal Agency within a period of 15 days from the date of the withdrawal application, with intimation to the Applicant.

(d) In case the withdrawal application is accepted by the Nodal Agency, all BGs (Conn-BGs and Land BG, as applicable) shall be returned.

(e) Application fee shall be forfeited on withdrawal of the Connectivity."

4. Amendment to Regulation 4.1 of the Principal Regulations:

4.1. The words ", with a minimum energy capacity (in MWh) as twice the Power capacity (in MW) or as notified by the Authority as per system requirement." shall be added at the end of clause (c) of Regulation 4.1 of the Principal Regulations.

5. Amendment to Regulation 4.2 of the Principal Regulations:

5.1. The words "and Regulation 5.11 of these regulations" shall be inserted after the words "Regulation 4.1" in Regulation 4.2 of the Principal Regulations.

6. New Regulations 4.7 and 4.8

6.1. New Regulations, namely, Regulation 4.7 and Regulation 4.8, shall be added after Regulation 4.6 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"4.7 An REGS or ESS with an installed capacity of 50 MW and above individually or with an aggregate installed capacity of 50 MW and above through a Lead Generator or a Lead ESS, as the case may be, may seek Connectivity for non-solar hour access at substations other than those covered under Regulation 4.5(a) of these regulations. The application shall be processed as per clause 2A of Annexure-IV of these regulations. CTUIL shall publish a list of such substations along with the margin available for non-solar hours access and shall update the same on a monthly basis.

4.8 An application for grant of Connectivity with full day access under Regulation 4.1 of these regulations, may be converted to an application for 'solar hours access' or 'non-solar hours access' under these regulations based on the availability of margin declared during the consultation meeting. In such cases, once the applicant furnishes its written consent, the Nodal Agency shall process such application in terms of the applicable provisions for grant of Connectivity with solar hour access or non-solar hour access, as the case may be. The vice versa shall also be applicable."

7. Amendment to Regulation 5.1 of the Principal Regulations:

7.1. A new proviso shall be added after the second proviso to Regulation 5.1 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"Provided also that the capacity for meeting technical compliances at the Point of Injection (POI) (as confirmed by the Nodal Agency after studies) shall not be counted under installed capacity for the purpose of seeking Connectivity at ISTS."

8. Amendment to Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations:

8.1. The words "(along with application fees *of* Rs. 5 lakh for the capacity 50MW and above, and Rs. 1 lakh for the capacity less than 50MW, with

applicable taxes)" shall be inserted after the words "shall make an application" in clause (a) of Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations.

8.2. The words "(in case of Land BG, it may be furnished by the existing Connectivity grantee or the entity installing the additional capacity)" shall be added at the end of clause (h) of Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations.

8.3. Four new clauses, namely, clause (l), clause (m), clause (n) and clause (o), shall be added after clause (k) under Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"(l) In case additional capacity is an ESS, such ESS may install REGS for the purpose of charging such ESS only. The installed capacity of such REGS shall be indicated in the application and the requirement of documents under Regulation 5.8 or Regulation 11A for Land or Financial Closure shall not be applicable for such REGS.

(m) In case the existing Connectivity Grantee relinquishes the Connectivity or its Connectivity is revoked, for the full quantum of Connectivity, the connectivity of capacity under Regulation 5.2 of these regulations shall also stand relinquished or revoked. However, if the existing Connectivity grantee relinquishes a part quantum of Connectivity or its partial Connectivity is revoked, the Connectivity of capacity under Regulation 5.2 of these regulations shall be restricted to the balance Connectivity quantum and the remaining quantum, if any, shall be revoked.

(n) In case additional capacity is for meeting technical compliance clauses (e), (g), (h), (i) of this Regulation shall not be applicable for such capacity.

(o) In case the additional capacity which is not covered under clause (n) of this Regulation and which does not result in additional solar hour access or non-solar hour access, clauses (e), (h) and (i) of this Regulation shall not be applicable for such capacity:

Provided that clause (i) shall be applicable to the extent of achieving the CoD of such additional capacity in terms of Regulation 24 of these regulations."

9. Amendment to Regulation 5.6 of the Principal Regulations:

9.1. The words "[application under Regulation 4.1(e)]" in the main paragraph of Regulation 5.6 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.

10. Amendment to Regulation 5.8 of the Principal Regulations:

10.1. The words "or sub-lease documents (where lease permits sub-lease)," shall be inserted after the words "land use rights", and the following proviso shall be added after the first proviso, in sub-clause (b) of clause (vii) of Regulation 5.8 of the Principal Regulations:

"Provided further that such sub-lease documents shall be permitted only (i) between Parent and subsidiary(ies) and vice versa or between subsidiary(ies) of the same Parent or (ii) in the case where leased Government land is sub-leased to other entity under Government policy."

10.2. Proviso (ii) and (iii) to clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

"(ii) In case of the Applicant being multi-located REGS, where single LOA or PPA provides for establishment of projects at multiple locations, the applicant shall be eligible to obtain Connectivity based on such LoA or PPA, at one or more locations, upto the quantum for which LoA has been awarded or PPA has been executed or Installed capacity provided in the LOA or PPA at such location, whichever is lower. In case Connectivity is sought using part quantum of LOA or PPA and part quantum of Land or Land BG at any of the locations (under sub-clause (iii) of this Proviso), the quantum of LOA or PPA to be used at such location shall be exhausted first upto the Connectivity quantum, before the balance quantum of LoA or PPA, if any, can be utilised for another location. For the balance capacity, if any, at any such location where the balance quantum of LOA or PPA falls short of the installed capacity at such location and for capacity at other locations provided in the LOA or PPA, the applicant shall be eligible to seek the additional Connectivity under Regulation 5.8(xi)(b) or Regulation 5.8(xi)(c) of these regulations.

Note: Multi-located REGS shall mean REGS located in one or more States, and connected at different substations.

Illustration:

An entity got an LOA for 1000 MW contracted capacity with the following configuration:

Location Number	Installed Capacity and source	Location	Eligibility	Remarks
1.	600 MW Solar	Rajasthan	600 MW connectivity can be taken at location no. 1 using LOA	Entity shall not be eligible to seek Connectivity for <600 MW using LOA in case it wishes to seek connectivity for a total of

				600 MW at this location using land or land BG for part quantum
2	500 MW Wind	AP	400 MW connectivity can be taken using LOA, and for 100 MW, land or Land BG to be furnished	Entity shall not be eligible to seek Connectivity for <400 MW (LOA quantum – connectivity sought at Location No.1) using LOA in case it wishes to seek connectivity for a total of 400 MW or above at this location using land or land BG for part quantum
3.	200 MW Solar	Telangana	Land or Land BG	

(iii) For an Applicant covered under sub-clauses (i) and (ii) of this clause, where LOA or PPA quantum is less than Installed capacity mentioned in the LoA at the location at which Connectivity has been sought based on such LoA and the entity wishes to seek Connectivity for a quantum more than LOA or PPA quantum at such location, it may apply through a single application with LOA or PPA for part quantum and with documents based on clause (b) or clause (c) of Regulation 5.8(xi) of these regulations for the balance quantum of Connectivity for such location. The Nodal Agency shall process the grant of such Connectivity at such location, treating the full quantum of Connectivity sought as a single generating station, where SCOD for such generating station shall be considered based on LOA or PPA at such location. The compliance of the land documents under Regulation 11A of these regulations shall be met for the quantum of Connectivity covered under clauses (b) or (c) of Regulation 5.8(xi). The SCOD for such a generating station at any such location, for the purpose of Regulation 24.6(1)(a) of these regulations shall be that of LOA or PPA."

10.3. The words "or sub-lease documents (where lease permits sub-lease)," shall be inserted after the words "land use rights", and the following proviso shall be added after the first proviso in sub-clause (b) of clause (xi) of Regulation 5.8 of the Principal Regulations:

"Provided further that such sub-lease documents shall be permitted only (i) between Parent and subsidiary(ies) and vice versa or subsidiary(ies) of the same Parent or (ii) in the case where leased Government land is sub-leased to other entity under Government policy."

10.4. A new proviso shall be added to clause (xi)(c) of Regulation 5.8 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"Provided that in case the Applicant is an ESS (excluding Pumped Storage Plant (PSP)), the Bank Guarantee shall be Rs. 5 lakh/MW."

10.5. The words "or Renewable Power Park Developer," shall be inserted after the words "ESS (excluding Pumped Storage Plant (PSP))" in the main paragraph of clause (xii) of Regulation 5.8 of the Principal Regulations.

11. Amendment to Regulation 5.10 of the Principal Regulations:

11.1. A proviso shall be added in clause (f) of regulation 5.10 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"Provided that a second change of land parcels shall be permitted in terms of Regulation 9.3.5 of these regulations."

12. Amendment to Regulation 5.11 of the Principal Regulations:

12.1. The words "(400MWh)" shall be inserted after the words "ESS- 200MW" in Example, and following proviso shall be added under clause (c) of Regulation 5.11 of the Principal Regulations:

"Provided that ESS with such REGS shall have minimum energy capacity (in MWh) as twice of its Power capacity (in MW) or as notified by the Authority as per system requirement, failing which such REGS shall not have injection scheduling rights under GNA for ESS during non-solar hours."

13. Amendment to Regulation 6.3 of the Principal Regulations:

13.1. Regulation 6.3 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

"6.3 The Nodal Agency shall close the application(s) and return all the Bank Guarantees furnished, if any, along with full application fee in the following conditions:

(a) Nodal Agency is unable to carry out the interconnection study to identify the requirement of augmentation to the existing ISTS, if any, on account of Load Generation Balance or other associated issues for enabling transfer of power over ISTS under General Network Access.

(b) The identified augmentation (with or without ATS) is not approved by the authority competent to approve such augmentation.

(c) The closure of the application shall be in accordance with the Detailed Procedure to be formulated by the Nodal Agency in consultation with the relevant stakeholders."

14. Amendment to Regulation 7.2 of the Principal Regulations:

14.1. The words ", or within 30 days from the approval of the identified augmentation by the authority competent to approve such augmentation, whichever is later" shall be added at the end of the main paragraph of Regulation 7.2 of the Principal Regulations.

15. Amendment to Regulation 9.3 of the Principal Regulations:

15.1. The words "or 18 months prior to the firm start date of Connectivity" shall be substituted with the words "6 months prior to the firm start date of Connectivity" in sub Regulation 9.3.1 of Regulation 9.3 of the Principal Regulations.

15.2. The following provisos shall be added under sub Regulation 9.3.5 of Regulation 9.3 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"Provided that a second source change shall be permitted with a fee of Rs 20,000/MW (for the gross change of capacity of source) or Rs. 10 lakhs per application, whichever is higher:

Provided further that in case the second source change requires change of land parcel and one change of land parcel (as permitted in terms of Regulation 5.10) is already exhausted, the second change in land parcels shall be permitted with a combined fee of Rs. 25,000/MW (for the gross change of capacity of source) or Rs. 10 lakhs per application, whichever is higher:

Provided also that the applicable fee shall be intimated by the Nodal Agency along with the permission for source change, which shall be furnished by the entity within fifteen (15) days of the date of such intimation, failing which permission for change of source shall stand revoked.

Illustration: Suppose an entity has been granted Connectivity for 400 MW under clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 and has the Installed capacity as 300 MW: Solar, 300 MW: Wind.

Suppose the entity seeks a first source change as 400 MW: Solar, 200MW: Wind and 50MW: ESS. After the first source change, the entity shall have connectivity of 400MW with injection scheduling right for 400MW in solar hours and for 250MW during non-solar hours (considering 200 MW Wind and 50 MW ESS).

Case-1: Suppose the second change of source is sought as: Installed Capacity: 500 MW Solar, 100 MW Wind and ESS 100 MW. In such case the, gross change in source is 200 MW (|400-500| + |200-100| = 200 MW) and, the applicable fee shall be Rs 40 lakhs (200 X Rs 20000) for such change. In case solar hour access shall be 400 MW and non- solar access shall be 200 MW, considering addition of 50 MW ESS

Case-2 : Where both, i.e., land parcels change and source change, are required-

In the above example, the applicable fee shall be Rs 50 lakhs (200 X Rs 25000) for such a change.

Note: Approval of land parcel changes and source change shall be processed in terms of Regulation 5.10 and Regulation 9.3, respectively."

16. Amendment to Regulations 11A of the Principal Regulations:

16.1. The words "in-principle grant of Connectivity or" shall be inserted before the words "final grant of connectivity has been intimated at an ISTS substation" in the first proviso to clause (1) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations.

16.2. A new Clause, namely, clause (1A) shall be inserted after Clause (1) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"(1A) A Connectivity Grantee which is REGS (other than Hydro generating station) or ESS (excluding PSP) covered under clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 shall submit documents for land in terms of sub-clause (b) of clause (xi) of Regulation 5.8 of these regulations, within 60 days of the effective date of GNA, if not furnished already in terms of sub-clause (iv) of clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 of these regulations."

16.3. Clause (2) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

"(2) A Connectivity Grantee which is REGS (other than Hydro generating station), ESS (excluding PSP) or Renewable power park developer shall furnish the financial closure documents (copy of loan sanction letter or proof of first disbursal of loan amount or copy of Board resolution, if internal funding is planned for 100% of the project cost, along with net worth and other details as per the Detailed Procedure to be issued by the Nodal Agency) for the capacity of such Connectivity, within 30 days of the effective date of GNA:

Provided that if the entity has already achieved the CoD of the full capacity as on the last date of furnishing financial closure documents in terms of this Clause, such entity shall not be required to furnish the financial closure documents."

16.4. The main paragraph of clause (4) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

"(4) An entity, which has applied for Connectivity under clause (xi)(b) or clause (xi)(c) of Regulation 5.8 and has been issued in-principle or final grant of Connectivity, furnishes a PPA, as eligible under clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8, (entered into by itself or its subsidiary company or its Parent company or any other subsidiary of the Parent company of such entity, as the case may be), either for part capacity or full capacity, may apply to the Nodal Agency for conversion of its Connectivity under clause (xi)(b) or clause (xi)(c) of Regulation 5.8 to clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8, subject to the following:"

16.5. The words "LOA or" in the main paragraph of sub-clause (a) of clause (4) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.

16.6. A new sub-clause (v) shall be added after sub-clause (iv) under clause (4)(c) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"(v) If Connectivity quantum remaining under Land route or Land BG route after conversion to PPA route is less than 50 MW, such remaining quantum shall be treated as relinquished with return of Conn-BG3 and Land BG, if any, for such relinquished quantum and Conn-BG1 and Conn-BG2, as applicable, shall be retained against the converted quantum of Connectivity."

16.7. Two new sub-clauses, namely, sub-clause (h) and sub-clause (i) shall be inserted after sub-clause (g) under clause (4) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"(h) The conversion from Land route or Land BG route, to PPA route, shall be in accordance with the provisions of clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 including the provisions under clauses (i) to (iii) of the proviso to clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 of these regulations.

(i) An entity may seek conversion of route of multiple applications under Land BG route or Land route (including enhancement application) as an application under PPA route, where such multiple applications have been granted at the same terminal bay or same substation. Such conversion shall be in terms of clause (ii) of Proviso to clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 and clause (4) of Regulation 11A of these regulations."

16.8. Clause (5) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

"(5) The conditions subsequent to the intimation of in-principle grant of Connectivity or final grant of Connectivity, required to be completed under Regulation 11A and achieving COD shall be met, either by the entity to which the in-principle or final grant of Connectivity is issued, or by its Parent company or its subsidiary company(ies) or by any other subsidiary company(ies) of the Parent company of such entity, as the case may be. All the responsibilities under these regulations shall continue to be with the entity to which in-principle or final grant of Connectivity is issued, including submission of documents inter-alia for PPA or Land or Financial closure as applicable. The documents required to be submitted to the Nodal Agency shall include an authorisation issued by the entity in whose name the documents of PPA or Land or Financial Closure or COD are furnished, enabling the entity which is issued in-principle or final grant of Connectivity to furnish the same to the Nodal Agency."

16.9. Following words shall be inserted after the words "Clause (1) of Regulation 11A of these regulations," in Clause (1) of Regulation 11B of the Principal Regulations:

"or an entity covered under clause (xi(a)) of Regulation 5.8, fails to submit the documents in accordance with clause (1A) of Regulation 11A of these regulations,"

17. Amendment to Regulations 15.1 of the Principal Regulations:

17.1. The words "and 15.3" shall be substituted with the words "to 15.5" in the main paragraph of Regulation 15.1 of the Principal Regulations.

18. Amendment to Regulations 15.3 of the Principal Regulations:

18.1. The words "implementing the REGS (whose documents were furnished by the Connectivity Grantee for meeting compliance of Financial Closure and COD under Regulation 11A(5) of these regulations)" shall be substituted with the words "achieving the CoD" in the main paragraph of Regulation 15.3 of the Principal Regulations.

19. New Regulations 15.4 and 15.5

19.1. Two new Regulations, namely, Regulation 15.4 and Regulation 15.5 shall be added after Regulation 15.3 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"15.4 The Regulations 15.1 to 15.3 of these regulations shall be subject to the permitted change in control under clause (6) of Regulation 11A of these regulations.

15.5 If the generating station or ESS which has achieved COD is transferred to or acquired by another entity, the Connectivity for such generating station or ESS which has achieved COD shall also be transferred to the entity to whom the generating station or ESS has been transferred to or acquired by. In case Conn-BGs are subsisting, the generating station or ESS may substitute Conn-BGs in the name of the entity to whom such generating station or ESS has been transferred to or acquired by. The Nodal Agency shall carry out consequential changes in the Connectivity Agreement to incorporate such transfer."

20. Amendment to Regulations 16.2 of the Principal Regulations:

20.1. The words "in five equal parts over five years corresponding to the generation" shall be substituted with the words "within one week after expiry of one year from the declaration of COD of the corresponding" in Regulation 16.2 of the Principal Regulations.

21. Amendment to Regulation 17.1 of the Principal Regulations:

21.1. Clause (iv) under Regulation 17.1 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.

22. New Regulation 17.5 of the Principal Regulations:

22.1. A new Regulation, namely, Regulation 17.5, shall be added after Regulation 17.4 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"17.5 Dual Connection for drawee entities: to the ISTS and intra-state transmission system or distribution system

(1) A drawee entity having connectivity to an intra-State transmission system or distribution system may seek to connect to ISTS directly as an applicant under Regulation 17.1(iii), for part quantum (not less than 50MW) or full quantum of the drawal capacity for which it is already having Connectivity to an intra-state transmission system or distribution system along with consent of the concerned STU and Distribution Licensee, as applicable, clearly specifying the quantum of Connectivity to STU or Distribution system, as the case may be. Such an entity shall continue to pay the applicable charges under the Act and regulations framed therein for both the connections. Such applicable charges may include Cross Subsidy Surcharge (CSS), additional surcharge, transmission charges, wheeling charges, standby charges, or

any other charges approved by the Appropriate Commission. The concerned STU and Distribution Licensee may process the application for consent in a time-bound manner such that open access is facilitated.

(2) A GNA grantee covered under Regulation 17.1(iii) of these regulations may get connected to the intra-state transmission system or the distribution system for part quantum or full quantum of GNA granted under Regulation 17.1(iii) of these regulations, in terms of the concerned State Regulations, after obtaining consent of the Nodal Agency that such a connection is technically feasible and subject to payment of applicable charges under the Act and regulations framed therein for both the connections. Such entity shall confirm the quantum of Connectivity to STU or the Distribution system, as the case may be, to the nodal agency.

(3) The provisions under clauses (1) and (2) of this Regulation shall not be applicable to entities having GNA_{RE} unless GNA_{RE} is converted to GNA."

23. Amendment to Regulation 20.2 of the Principal Regulations:

23.1. Regulation 20.2 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.

24. Amendment to Regulation 22.2 of the Principal Regulations:

24.1. The words "Regulation 16" shall be substituted with the words "Regulations 16.1 to 16.4" in clause (b-ii) of Regulation 22.2 of the Principal Regulations.

24.2. Clause (c) of Regulation 22.2 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.

24.3. Main paragraph of clause (d) of Regulation 22.2 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

"(d) Entities covered under Regulation 4.1 and clause (iii) of Regulation 17.1 of these regulations shall furnish one-time GNA charge of Rs. One lakh per MW for the quantum of GNA within 15 days of the effective date of the GNA. In case such charges are not furnished by the entity within the specified timeline, the same shall be recovered by encashment of Conn-BG1, Conn-BG2 and Conn-BG3 as required. In case no Conn-BGs are subsisting, and the entity does not furnish the required charges, such entity shall not be eligible for carrying out any transactions with the Grid till the charges are furnished by the entity. The proceeds of such one-time GNA charge shall be used for reducing Monthly Transmission Charges under the Sharing Regulations:"

25. Amendment to Regulation 22.4 of the Principal Regulations:

25.1. A new proviso shall be added after the second proviso to clause (a) of Regulation 22.4 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"Provided also that in case an element of augmentation or terminal bay is executed under Regulated Tariff Mechanism mode, and the licensee implementing such element has approached CTU for completion certificate under Regulation 27(1)(c) of the Grid Code, for purpose of deemed COD, the Nodal Agency shall consider the date of issuance of certificate of completion by CTU under the Grid Code for such element for the purpose of date of effectiveness of the GNA, which shall be subject to revision as decided while approving such deemed COD by the Commission."

26. New Regulation 23A

26.1. A new Regulation, namely, Regulation 23A, shall be added after Regulation 23.3 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"**23A Transfer of GNA**

(a) An entity, may seek transfer of GNA, which has been granted GNA under clauses (ii) to (v) of Regulation 17.1 of these regulations, for drawal at a single point for identified load (specified in the GNA grant), where such load is connected to the intrastate transmission system or distribution system or ISTS, and where such load is itself transferred to or acquired by another entity. The GNA shall be transferred to such new entity owning the load, subject to the condition that such transfer shall be permitted only after the GNA is effective.

(b) In case STU has been granted GNA under clause (i) of Regulation 17.1 of these regulations on behalf of an entity, for drawal at a single point for identified load (specified in the GNA grant), and where such load is itself transferred to or acquired by another entity, such entity, through STU, may seek transfer of GNA to the new entity owning such load, after GNA is effective.

(c) An entity, may seek transfer of GNA, which has been granted GNA under clause (vi) of Regulation 17.1 of these regulations, and where such generating station or ESS is transferred to or acquired by another entity. The GNA shall be transferred to such new entity owning the generating station or ESS, subject to the condition that such transfer shall be permitted only after the generating station or ESS has declared commercial operation and the GNA is effective.

(d) Such transfer shall be processed after clearing all dues, if any, by the entity to whom GNA was granted.

(e) Conn-BGs shall be substituted in the name of the entity to whom such GNA is sought to be transferred.

(f) The Nodal Agency shall carry out consequential changes in the GNA Agreement to incorporate such transfer, as applicable."

27. Amendment to Regulation 26.1 of the Principal Regulations:

27.1. Clause (b) of Regulation 26.1 of the Principal Regulations shall be substituted as under:

"(b) Trading licensee on behalf of (i) buyer(s) covered under clause (a) of this Regulation, or (ii) an injecting entity or ESS connected to an intra-State transmission system or distribution system for the purpose of injection into ISTS, or (iii) an entity covered under clause (e) of this Regulation."

27.2. The words ", or (iii) an injecting entity or ESS connected to an intra-State transmission system or distribution system for the purpose of injection into ISTS, or (iv) an entity covered under clause (e) of this Regulation" shall be added at the end of clause (c) of Regulation 26.1 of the Principal Regulations.

27.3. The words "Regulation 5.11" shall be substituted with the words "Regulation 4.7 or Regulation 5.11" in the main paragraph of clause (e) of Regulation 26.1 of the Principal Regulations.

28. Amendment to Regulation 28.5 of the Principal Regulations:

28.1. The proviso to sub-clause (iv) of clause (a) of Regulation 28.5 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.

29. Amendment to Regulation 37.6 of the Principal Regulations:

29.1. The words "in five equal parts over the next five years starting from the year when such GNA becomes effective" shall be substituted with the words "within one week after expiry of one year from the date of effectiveness of GNA" in the main paragraph of subclauses (a) and (b) of clause (1) and in the main paragraph of clause (2) of Regulation 37.6 of the Principal Regulations.

30. Amendment to Regulation 37.10 of the Principal Regulations:

30.1. The word "Connection Agreement" shall be substituted with the word "Connectivity Agreement" in sub-clauses (i), (ii) and (iii) of clause (b) of Regulation 37.10 of the Principal Regulations.

31. New Regulation 37.11

31.1. A new Regulation, namely, Regulation 37.11, shall be added after Regulation 37.10 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"37.11 Transition provisions in respect of the fourth amendment regulations:

(a) For cases covered under Regulation 3.10, where such 45days from the date of intimation of final grant of Connectivity (covered under Regulation 3.10(a) or 30 days after lapse of two years from the date of intimation of in-principle grant of Connectivity (covered under Regulation 3.10(c)), have already elapsed, such entities shall be eligible to seek full withdrawal of Connectivity quantum within a period of 30 days from the date of effectiveness of the fourth amendment.

(b) For the cases where one year from the declaration of CoD is over as on the date of effectiveness of the fourth amendment to these regulations, the Nodal Agency, within one month of effectiveness of this Regulation, shall return the subsisting Conn-BG2 and Conn-BG3 for the corresponding generation capacity which has been declared under commercial operation, subject to clearing the dues of transmission charges, in terms of the Sharing Regulations, if any.

(c) If the additional GNA has been granted under clauses (1)(a) and (1)(b) of Regulation 37.6 of these regulations, and one year from the date of effectiveness of the GNA is over as on the date of effectiveness of the fourth amendment regulations, the Nodal Agency, within one month of effectiveness of this Regulation, shall return the subsisting Conn-BG2 and Conn-BG3, as the case may be, subject to clearing the dues of transmission charges in terms of the Sharing Regulations, if any.

(d) For the cases, where the application for grant of Connectivity have been submitted to the Nodal Agency prior to the effectiveness of the fourth amendment regulations and the same are covered under clause (a) of Regulation 6.3 of these regulations, such application(s) shall be treated in terms of the Detailed Procedure notified under clause (c) of Regulation 6.3 of these regulations.

(e) For the cases where the entity has been issued in-principle or final grant of connectivity prior to the effectiveness of the fourth amendment regulations and the same are covered under clause (b) of Regulation 6.3 of these regulations, such application(s) shall be treated in terms of Detailed Procedure notified under clause (c) of Regulation 6.3 of these regulations.

(f) For the case where the entity is covered under clause (xi)(a) of Regulation 5.8 of these regulations and where the last date of furnishing of Financial Closure Documents under clause (2) of Regulation 11A of these regulations falls within two months of the date of effectiveness of the fourth amendment to these regulations but the duration of 6 months prior to the SCOD as per LoA or SCOD or extended SCOD as per PPA falls beyond these two months, such entity shall be given additional two months beyond the last date as per clause (2) of Regulation 11A of these regulations for furnishing of the Financial Closure Documents."

32. Amendment to Regulation 39.1 of the Principal Regulations:

32.1. The following new proviso shall be added in Regulation 39.1 of the Principal Regulation:

"Provided that the Nodal Agency shall submit the detailed procedure in respect of Regulation 24.6 of these regulations including for entities covered in clause (m) of Regulation 5.2 and covering the aspect of the change in the Installed Capacity and energy source of the project (along with the submission of a reasonable fee in case of change in Installed capacity), for the treatment of Connectivity, solar hour access and non-solar hour access, Conn-BGs, etc in case of revocation or relinquishment part quantum of Connectivity, after stakeholders' consultation within 60 days of notification of the fourth amendment regulations for approval of the Commission:

Provided that the Nodal Agency shall issue the appropriate revision in the Detailed Procedure in light of the fourth amendment regulations, within 60 days of notification of these regulations, after stakeholders' consultation and shall submit the same for the information of the Commission."

33. Amendment to Annexure-IV of the Principal Regulations:

33.1. A new clause, namely, clause (2A) shall be added after clause (2) in Annexure-IV of the Principal Regulations, as under:

"(2A) Connectivity for an entity covered under Regulation 4.7 of these regulations:

(a) Such applications shall be processed to grant non-solar hours access within margins, and no augmentation to ISTS shall be carried out for processing such applications.

(b) Entity covered under Regulation 4.7 of these regulations shall enter into an agreement with entity covered under Regulation 4.1 of these regulations (which has originally been allocated the bay), for sharing of the dedicated transmission system including payment of charges towards using the dedicated

transmission system in proportion to the quantum of Connectivity granted to each of such entities which shall be mutually agreed between the parties. The sharing agreement shall be executed and submitted to the Nodal Agency within 6 months of the final grant of Connectivity.

(c) Provisions under sub clauses (b) to (e), (g) to (h) and (k) to (m) of clause (1) of this Annexure shall be applicable ipso facto.

(d) Entity covered under Regulation 4.7 of these regulations shall be liable for submission of Conn-BGs and one time GNA charges as per the provisions of Regulation 40 of these regulations."

Sd/-

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Note:

(i) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) Regulations, 2022, were published on 19.07.2022 in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) No. 364.

(ii) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) (First Amendment) Regulations, 2023 were published on 06.04.2023 in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) No. 229.

(iii) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2023 were published on 01.07.2024 in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) No. 469.

(iv) The Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2025 were published on 09.09.2025 in Part III, Section 4 of the Gazette of India (Extraordinary) No. 622.