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कृपया 7 और 8 नवंबर, 2024 को होटल रेडिसन ब्लू, गुवाहाटी में आयोजित 27वीं टी.सी.सी और 27वीं एन.ई.आर पावर समिति की बैठकों के कार्यवृत्त अपनी जानकारी और आवश्यक कार्रवाई के लिए प्राप्त करें। यह एन.ई.आर.पी.सी की वेबसाइट: www.nerpc.gov.in पर भी उपलब्ध है।

Sir/Madam,

Please find enclosed herewith the minutes of the 27th TCC and 27th NER Power Committee meetings held on 7th and 8th November, 2024 respectively at Hotel Radisson Blu, Guwahati for your kind information and necessary action. The same is also available on NERPC website: www.nerpc.gov.in.

भवदीय/Yours faithfully,

25/11/24

(K. B. Jagtap)
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North Eastern Regional Power Committee

MINUTES

OF

27TH TCC & NERPC MEETINGS

(UNDER THE AEGIS OF ASSAM)

Venue	**:**	**Radisson Blu Hotel, GUWAHATI**
Date (NERPC)	**:**	**November 7th & 8th ,2024**

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MINUTES OF 27TH TCC & NERPC MEETINGS HELD ON 7TH & 8th Nov'2024 AT 10:30 HRS

1. MEETING SCHEDULE, CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES & ATR

1.1. Meeting Schedule

SN	Meeting	Date	Time	Venue
1	TCC	07.11.2024	10:30hrs	Radisson Blu Hotel, Guwahati
2	NERPC	08.11.2024	10:30hrs	Radisson Blu Hotel, Guwahati

The 27th Meeting of the Technical Coordination Sub-Committee (TCC) and 27th Meeting of NER Power Committee were held on 7th & 8th November 2024 respectively at Guwahati. The meetings were hosted under the aegis of Assam. The list of participants is enclosed at **Annexure – I & II.**

Proceedings of the 27th TCC Meeting

Md. Zakir, CGM(Gen), APGCL, in his welcome address, extended a warm welcome to all esteemed members to the 27th TCC meeting in the beautiful city of Guwahati. He wished all the delegates and participants a pleasant stay and productive deliberations during the meeting.

Shri Bibhu Bhuyan, Chairman, TCC, in his address, welcomed all the dignitaries and officials. He emphasized the importance of the NERPC forum for addressing technical issues in the North Eastern States. He flagged the urgent need for allocation of APM gas to address challenges in gas-based power plants and highlighted the region's dependency on gas-based stations for 31% of its capacity. He underscored the importance of transmission system augmentation, reconductoring key lines like 132kV Tinsukia-Ledo and Tinsukia-Rupai, and restoring the 220 kV Mariani-Samaguri Circuit 1 to ensure reliability and reduce curtailments.

He shared progress on inter-regional transmission capacity, projected to increase by 2027, and highlighted the approval of the technical upgradation of the Karbi-Langpi HEP for reliable operations. Stressing the need for Emergency Restoration Services in the challenging North Eastern terrain, he called for strategically deploying additional units to mitigate disruptions.

In conclusion, he wished for meaningful deliberations in the 27th TCC meeting, aiming to enhance power infrastructure and operational resilience for the North Eastern region.

His full speech is placed at **Annexure – III.**

Sh. K. B. Jagtap, Member Secretary, NERPC welcomed all dignitaries, including Shri Bibhu Bhuyan, Chairman TCC, Shri Amresh Malik, ED NERLDC, Shri Rajesh Gupta, ED NERTS(I/c), Member Secretary NRPC, Chief Engineer, CEA and senior officials from the North Eastern Region. He expressed gratitude to TCC Chairman for his guidance on SCADA Upgradation and resolving other critical issues in NER . He also thanked to team APGCL, AEGCL, and SLDC Assam for hosting the meeting and ensuring a comfortable stay for all esteemed delegate and TCC members. He also appreciated the active participation of all the constituents of North Eastern states and power utilities in sub-committee meetings such as OCC, CCM, PCC, and NETeST, emphasizing their vital role in resolving operational, distribution, communication and other grid-related issues in NER.

He highlighted the achievements made since the last TCC/RPC meeting, including:

1. Restoration of the **132kV Roing-Pasighat line** on permanent towers on 9th October 2024.
2. Restoration of the **400kV Imphal-Thoubal circuit 2** in September 2024.
3. Completion of the **132kV Hastingmari-Ampati ISTS line**, ready for commissioning.

4. Completion of protection audits for six substations in Meghalaya by the NERPC Protection team.
5. Implementation of new **DSM regulations** by NERPC from 16th September 2024.
6. Formation of the **Regional Disaster Management Group (RDMG)** for NER, with the first meeting held on 7th October 2024, assigning roles to state and local disaster management groups.
7. Completion of the **2032 transmission planning workshop** for NER states by CEA's PSPA Division, finalizing the 2032 augmentation plan.
8. Conducting a **resource adequacy workshop** by CEA's IRP Division in Guwahati in September 2024.

He concluded by emphasizing the importance of active participation of all TCC members and coordination to address and resolve all agenda items included in TCC meeting effectively. He wished all the participant a productive and successful TCC meeting.

Proceedings of the 27th NERPC Meeting

Hon'ble Power Minister, Assam and Chairman NERPC Smt. Nandita Gorlosa was unable to attend meeting due to her engagement in by-election and as per Conduct business rule (CBR) 2024 of NERPC as quoted below:

"If the Chairperson is unable to be present at the meeting for any reason, the senior member from the State utilities present in the meeting shall be nominated by Member Secretary to preside over the meeting"

Hence, it was decided to nominate **Shri Jikke Tako, Hon'ble MLA cum Advisor (Power), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh**, the senior NERPC member as Chairman of 27th NERPC meeting with due consent from Hon'ble Power Minister Assam and Chairman NERPC.

Shri Bibhu Bhuyan, Chairman, TCC delivered the welcome address, extending a warm welcome to all delegates attending the 27th Meeting of NERPC in the beautiful city of Guwahati. He expressed his hope that all participants are having a comfortable stay at the venue.

Shri Jikke Tako, Hon'ble MLA cum Advisor (Power), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, **& Chairperson, NERPC** addressed the 27th NERPC meeting, expressing gratitude to the organizers (Assam) and the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh for the opportunity to represent the state. He highlighted the following key issues and priorities:

1. **Pasighat-Roing 132 kV Transmission Line**: Emphasized the urgent completion of the Optical Ground Wire (OPGW) stringing to enable real-time data communication and improve protection systems.
2. **Roing-Chapakhuwa 132 kV D/C Line**: Raised concerns about system constraints in power transfer and requested immediate measures, including double-jumpering, Special Protection Schemes, and reconductoring with HTLS conductors. He also stressed timely completion of the Kathalguri-Namsai 220 kV D/C line for enhanced connectivity.
3. **Central Flagship Schemes**:
    - Highlighted delays in the Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening Transmission & Distribution in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim, urging expedited implementation.
    - Appreciated the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) for improving distribution systems and urged its timely execution in Arunachal Pradesh.
    - Suggested specific allocations under the PM-DevINE scheme for bridging critical infrastructure gaps in the power sector.

In conclusion, he expressed optimism for meaningful deliberations and thanked all participants and the Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited for hosting the meeting.

His full speech is placed at **Annexure – IV.**

Shri Hemant Jain, Member (Go&D), CEA, emphasized the need for utilities to expedite the closure of existing PSDF projects for smooth fund disbursement for new schemes. Out of thirty-three (33) approved projects worth ₹868 crore, nineteen (19) projects are completed, while fourteen (14) projects are under implementation. Seven (7) of these projects are yet to submit financial closure, which must be addressed urgently.

He informed that proposals under the DONER scheme and downstream distribution networks from three states have been forwarded to the Ministry. Other states were urged to submit their proposals promptly.

He advised utilities to plan maintenance schedules carefully, avoiding peak demand periods to prevent power crises. He also highlighted Guwahati's smart city DPR under preparation and urged other states to submit their DPRs.

Further, he requested all the Utilities to nominate nodal officers and update requisite data on two portals, which are being maintained by CEA i.e. UPADHI for monitoring consumer rules and DRIPS for disaster resource management. on both platforms.

In conclusion, he thanked all delegates and expressed hope for productive discussions.

Shri A. T. Mondal, Hon'ble Power Minister, Govt. of Meghalaya, could not attend the meeting. However, he has shared his speech which is placed at **Annexure – V.**

Smt. Nandita Gorlosa, Hon'ble Power Minister, Govt. of Assam could not attend the meeting due to her engagement in by-election. However, she has shared the speech which is placed at **Annexure – VI.**

Sh. K. B. Jagtap, Member Secretary, NERPC, extended a warm welcome to all dignitaries and participants at the 27th NERPC Meeting. He appreciated

the Assam State Team for their excellent arrangements and the TCC Chairman for guidance on critical power sector issues.

He highlighted the progress made in NER Region since the last RPC meeting. He informed the forum about achievement in the restoration of the 132kV Roing-Pashighat lines and 400kV Imphal-Thoubal lines, completion of the 132kV Hastingmari-Ampati ISTS line, and completion successful protection audits in important Substation of Meghalaya State.

He noted the implementation of new DSM regulations, formation of the Regional Disaster Management Group, and workshops on transmission planning and resource adequacy by CEA. He discussed the outcomes of the CEA's Golden Jubilee Conclave, emphasizing renewable energy targets and the National Electricity Plan. Focusing on future needs, he stressed the importance of resource adequacy, disaster management preparedness, and strengthening SLDCs with Security Operation Centers (SOC) to counter cyber threats.

He concluded by expressing confidence in the meeting's success through collective effort and cooperation, aiming for meaningful deliberations and resolutions.

His full speech is placed at **Annexure – VII.**

1.2. Confirmation of the minutes of 26th NERPC Meeting

The minutes of the 26th TCC & 26th North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NER Power Committee) meetings held on 4th & 5th July 2024 respectively in Guwahati were circulated vide letter no. NERPC/TCC & NERPC/2024/1510-1588 dated 22nd July'2024.

No comments or observations were received from any constituents.

NER Power Committee confirmed the minutes of 26th TCC & 26th NERPC Meetings.

1.3. Action Taken Report on decisions taken in 26th TCC/NERPC Meetings

Action taken report on decisions taken in 26th TCC & NERPC Meeting is enclosed (**Annexure-1.3**) for kind information.

1.4. Arrangement of Agenda of 27th NERPC Meeting

SN	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY
1	ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION	A
2	ITEMS FOR APPROVAL	B
3	COMMERCIAL ISSUES	C
4	ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/UPDATE	D
5	ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL TO SUB-COMMITTEE	E

2. PART-A: ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

2.1. Upgradation Activities of SCADA-EMS systems at Regional/State level in North-Eastern Region-NERLDC(Grid-India)

Background:

Monitoring Committee, PSDF in its 21st meeting held under Chairmanship of Secretary (Power) on 17th August 2023, agreed for funding of the SCADA/EMS projects (ULDC-Phase III) for the seven NER-SLDCs including AMC for 7 years, amounting to ₹700 crores through PSDF. The estimate of ₹700 crores was based on the quotations received for the States of Western and Northern regions for their SCADA/EMS up-gradation projects.

The major cost of the subject SCADA up-gradation project includes cost of equipment and associated infrastructure (main and back-up control centers) and 7 years AMC charges referred to as Part-A of the Detailed Project Reports (DPRs). The Civil works for establishing the back-up control centers is referred to as Part-B of the DPRs. Further in subsequent meeting NER states also resolved that the cost of the civil works associated with building construction etc. for setting up the back-up control centers should also be met through PSDF fund due to their poor financial conditions as most of them had to create entirely new building infrastructures for the back-up offices at identified location as per disaster management requirements; which entails considerable additional expenditure in most cases.

Meanwhile, GRID-INDIA had sought budgetary quotations for Part A from five qualified vendors and response was received only from two vendors; wherein the enhanced estimated amounts of ₹832.1 crore for Part A due to several additional challenges in the Northeast Region (NER) which drive up project costs, such as higher transportation expenses, law and order issues, manpower deployment difficulties, and the region's hilly terrain. For Part B, each of the NER States have taken individual quotations and the

amount adds up to ₹65 crores, based on which the revised Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been prepared by the states and re-submitted to PSDF. In the 26th TCC/NERPC Board Meeting, held on 4th and 5th July 2024, approval was accorded for the additional expenditures of ₹132.1 crore for Part A and ₹65 crore for Part B. Thus, the total approval of the project stands at ₹832.1 crore and ₹65 crore for Part A and Part B respectively.

The Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Part A (Cost of Equipment including Upgradation of Hardware, Software and associated systems & infrastructure) for SCADA/EMS project at main as well as backup control centers and Part B (Civil Works) for setting up of backup control center of SCADA-EMS for the Load Despatch Centers of the North Eastern Region (NER), for each of the seven NER states, were submitted to PSDF Committee for approval on 16th August 2024. The reply of PSDF committee had not received yet.

The extended AMC period for existing (ULDC-Phase II) of the SCADA-EMS Project for SLDC-Assam State ends on 11th November 2024, and for SLDC-Meghalaya on 31st March 2025. Moreover, NER states are already facing financial difficulties in paying the AMC charges for the ongoing SCADA projects, which is hindering the proper service delivery by the vendor, M/s GE T&D India Limited. M/s GE T&D, India is quoting AMC amounts that are three (3) times higher than previous rates for further extension, exacerbating the financial strain.

Additionally, the existing SCADA-EMS systems are facing cybersecurity risks due to outdated critical devices(firewall) and the aging servers are unable to support new operating systems due to hardware limitations.

Since the project has already been approved, it was requested to approve the additional fund of ₹132.1 crore for Part A and ₹65 crore for Part B. It is also requested to expedite the approval process for ensuring the early commencement of the upgradation works. This would help mitigate further delays and financial losses while addressing the pressing cybersecurity and

hardware concerns. The SCADA-EMS upgradation in other regions is moving forward rapidly, and it is imperative that NER should also follows the suit.

Meanwhile on 22nd October 2024, 86th TSEG committee has taken review meeting on the above SCADA/EMS project wherein it was advised by the committee to review the BoQ and revise the budgetary offer as per LoA in Northern Region. Further it was also informed that as per extant PSDF guidelines fund sought for civil construction (Rs 65 Cr.) for backup SLDCs not covered under PSDF.

Sequence of events is attached at **Annexure-2.1**

Members may discuss.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Member Secretary, NERPC, briefly explained the agenda, noting the 86th TESG Committee's recent recommendation that Grid India may review and revise the Bill of Quantities (BoQ), which is currently in progress.

Further it was decided that all the NER states will submit the queries raised by the PSDF Committee to NERPC/NERLDC within a week. NERPC Secretariat will forward the same to PSDF Secretariat.

TCC Chairperson proposed to explore existing NERPSIP buildings or state substation buildings to provide space for backup SCADA of SLDCs . He emphasized the project's critical nature, recommending in-principle approval to expedite the tendering process, which may take around a year. During this period, the issue of space of backup SCADA of SLDCs could be finalized.

GM, TPTL, apprised the forum that the existing NERPSIP building layout may be inadequate for setting up a backup SCADA of SLDC. He recommended including the civil construction funding requirement as an agenda item in the upcoming Power Minister's meeting to secure necessary funding. He also suggested that the tendering may be divided into two parts: Part 1 for the main SCADA/EMS system upgrade and Part 2 for the backup SCADA/EMS of SLDC. He emphasized that the tendering for the main SCADA system

upgradation should be proceed independently and not be delayed due to pending approval for the backup SCADA, ensuring that urgent needs are addressed without unnecessary holdups.

NER SLDCs have requested GRID-INDIA to do the tendering of main control centre and back up control centre of SCADA systems in two different stages so that provision of backup control centre could be reviewed subsequently.

ED NERLDC suggested that tendering shall be done in the same manner and we are having nearly six months' time prior to closure of pre-bid discussion with the vendor wherein provision of setting up the backup control centre of SCADA system could be deleted from the scope of the contract.

After detailed deliberation, the following has been agreed:

(i) **Plan-A:** It has emerged during the discussion that Power Ministers and Power Secretaries Conference is scheduled on 12th November 2024, so all NER States are advised to submit the proposal for funding of establishment of civil infrastructure at their backup locations as per detail submitted to PSDF (DPR part-B).

(ii) **Plan-B:** Parallelly NER SLDCs shall explore the possibilities of setting up of Backup control centre at NERPSIP building constructed by PGCIL or else any other suitable location. Proper communication link must be available at the identified location.

(iii) **Plan-C:** If Plan A and Plan B is not feasible then NER SLDCs have to explore the possibility of setting up of backup control centre at their own resources.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

Member Secretary, NERPC, highlighted the critical need for the SCADA Upgradation project in NER, urging in-principle approval to expedite the tendering process, with funding proposals to be finalized during the upcoming Power Ministers' meeting.

After detail deliberation, following decided as below:

i. *NERPC forum granted in-principle approval to initiate SCADA-EMS tendering by segregating tender in two part (Part A –Main SCADA at SLDC and Part B- Back up SCADA at identified S/S).*

ii. *Further NER states will seek funding for backup SLDC civil infrastructure at the Power Ministers' Conference (Power Minister conference has scheduled on 12.11.2024 at Delhi) else explore funding from PSDF for civil infrastructure through resolution.*

iii. *NER SLDCs will also explore using existing NERPSIP / Comprehensive buildings. In case of no option feasible within six-month time frame, NER State will make arrangement through own fund for civil portion of backup SLDC setup.*

2.2. Implementation of Remote Access System (RAS) and Automatic Fault Analysis System (AFAS)-NERPC

Implementation of the Remote Access System (RAS) and Automatic Fault Analysis System (AFAS) is critical for enhancing grid reliability, ensuring quick fault detection, and improving operational efficiency.

Need for Implementation:

1. **Enhanced Grid Security**: The Remote Access System (RAS) provides operators real-time access to grid data and control systems remotely, ensuring faster decision-making in emergencies and minimizing operational delays.

2. **Automatic Fault Detection**: The Automatic Fault Analysis System (AFAS) enables instant fault detection, isolation, and analysis, helping reduce downtime and improving the overall response time during grid failures or malfunctions.

3. **Operational Efficiency**: By implementing both systems, NERPC can streamline grid monitoring and troubleshooting processes, reducing manual intervention and preventing prolonged outages, thus ensuring uninterrupted power supply to beneficiaries.

4. **Compliance with Modern Standards**: These systems are aligned with modern grid management practices, helping NER states comply with extant standards for grid operation and fault management.

Implementing RAS and AFAS will not only ensure a more secure and reliable power system but also enhance the resilience of the NER grid against potential disturbances. In 70th PCC Meeting of NERPC, the forum noted the importance of the RAS and AFAS and requested the utilities to deliberate internally and consider implementing the same in their system. MS NERPC stated that PSDF funding may be considered for RAS and AFAS implementation in NER and the matter may be further discussed in upcoming RPC meeting.

Members may discuss.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Member Secretary, NERPC, highlighted the importance of setting up the Remote Access System (RAS) and Automatic Fault Analysis System (AFAS) to improve grid reliability, speed up fault detection, and make operations more efficient. He mentioned that this topic was previously discussed in the 70th PCC Meeting, where it was agreed that these systems are valuable for improving grid management and that utilities should consider implementing them.

Further, Powergrid was advised to share the technical specifications and details for RAS and AFAS with all the NER states. This will help the states prepare their Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for the project. By providing this information, each state can plan how best to implement these systems according to its own needs.

It was also agreed that funding for the RAS and AFAS projects would be sought from PSDF.

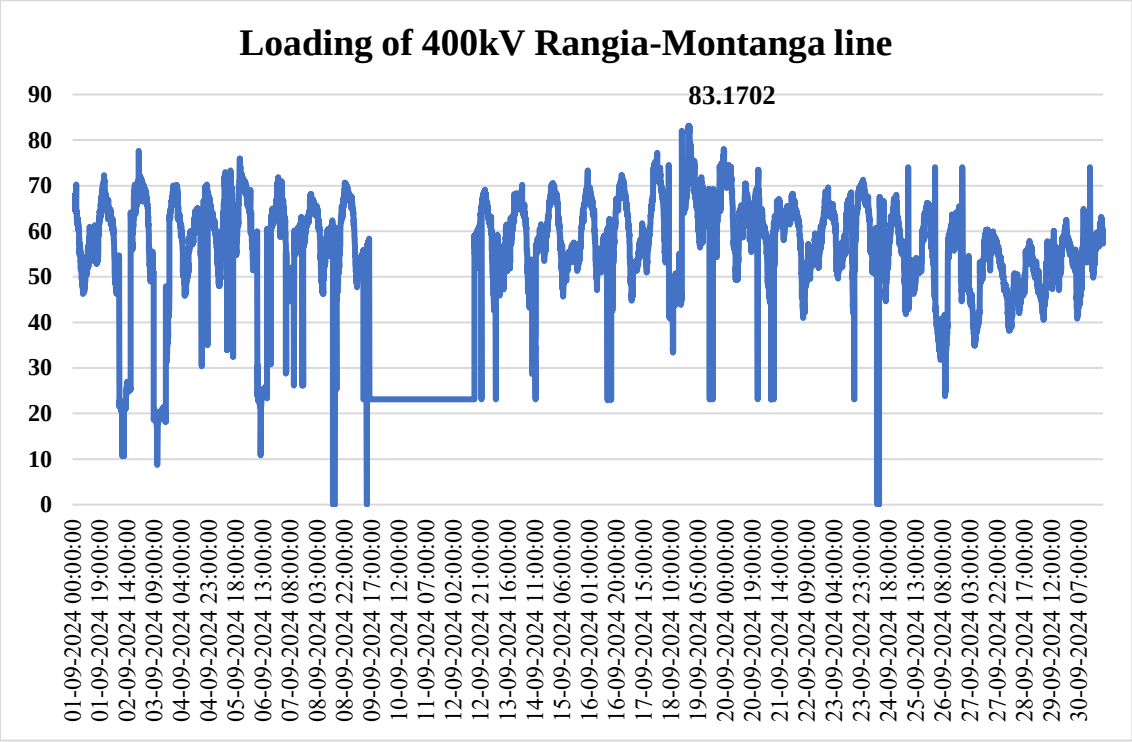
Deliberation of the NERPC:

After detail deliberation, NERPC forum in principle agreed for Remote Access System (RAS) and Automatic Fault Analysis System (AFAS) in NER State Transmission system to improve grid reliability and quick fault detection and

analysis. Powergrid(NERTS) will provide technical specifications to aid NER states in preparing their DPRs. NER State will seek PSDF funding for the project.

2.3. High loading in 132 kV Rangia - Montanga international line- NERPC

A high loading 84 MW is being observed in 132 kV Rangia-Montanga line which is close to its thermal limit as per CEA planning criteria. The existing metering CT rated at 300/1 is prone to saturation under high loading conditions. Therefore, to ensure accurate measurement and avoid saturation, it is suggested to upgrade the ACSR panther conductor of 132 kV Rangia - Montanga line with HTLS and replace the current transformer (CT) at Rangia with a CTR 600/1 for smooth operation of the grid



In 219th OCC Meeting, PGCIL submitted that the ownership of 132 kV Rangia-Motanga international line belongs to PTC. PGCIL is responsible only for maintenance of the line as per bilateral contract with PTC. As such, the scope

for reconductoring comes under the purview of PTC. The forum noted and agreed to discuss the matter in upcoming TCC & NERPC meeting.

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC informed the forum about the issue of high loading on the 132 kV Rangia-Montanga line, which is approaching its thermal limit as outlined in CEA planning criteria. He explained that the current metering CT, rated at 300/1, is likely to saturate under high loading conditions. To ensure accurate measurement and prevent saturation, it was suggested to upgrade the ACSR panther conductor to HTLS and replace the CT at Rangia with a CTR 600/1 for reliable grid operation.

PTC representative stated that the ownership of the 132 kV Rangia-Montanga international line belongs to Govt of India and apprised the forum that it would be handed over to Powergrid as per CERC petition. Considering the line's importance, it was agreed that reconductoring and other necessary upgrades are essential. To expedite the process, NERPC Secretariat will write a letter to CEA and NLDC, with copies to Powergrid, PTC, and CTU, requesting swift action to initiate the work.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

a) *PTC representative stated that, as per the CERC order, the 132 kV Rangia-Montanga line is to be handed over to Powergrid for Indian portion.*
b) *Representative of Powergrid intimated that they are prepared to take over the line and will initiate the necessary actions for the handover process.*
c) *NERPC forum approved the recommendation to upgrade the 132 kV Rangia-Montanga line by replacing the ACSR panther conductor with HTLS and upgrading the CT at Rangia to CTR 600/1. NERPC Secretariat will send a letter to CEA, NLDC, Powergrid, PTC, and CTU to expedite the required upgrades.*

NERPC forum noted as above.

2.4. Establishment of redundant fibre path between NERLDC, Shillong, Khelieriat and NEHU for reliability of power system communication link till NERLDC-NERLDC(Grid-India)

Following was decided in 26th NERPC and TCC meeting:

a. **From T-25 to NERLDC on 132 kV NEHU-Mawlydep line:** NERPC approved the scheme in 26th NERPC/TCC meeting. POWERGRID-ULDC to lay and maintain the underground 48F cable under the ongoing reliable communication scheme out of which 24F will be connected to NEHU and the balance 24F to be connected with Mawlyndep.
b. Replacement of 12F OPGW with 48F OPGW from NEHU to Khliehriat on 132 kV NEHU-NEIGRIMS-Khliehriat line: Representative of Meghalaya apprised the forum that they require board approval for the said link.

Meghalaya is requested to update the status of the board approval as these links are imperative and critical for NERLDC functionality.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Representative from NERLDC (Grid India) explained the importance of this agenda, emphasizing that having a single fibre path poses a risk, as any failure would lead to a complete data blackout at NERLDC Shillong. For this reason, a redundant communication path is deemed necessary to ensure grid security and operational stability.

Representative from Meghalaya informed the forum that they have approached their board for approval; however, the board has decided to wait for the CEA Committee's guidelines on OPGW sharing before proceeding.

CTU representative stated that no commercial arrangement may be necessary when the ISTS network is used by the state or vice versa. A commercial arrangement would only be relevant if a third party were involved.

After detailed deliberation, TCC forum reached the following decisions:

1. Recognizing the critical importance of the redundant path for grid safety and security, in-principle approval maybe granted for the project.
2. Out of the 48F fibes, 24 fibers will be allocated for state use and 24 fibers for ISTS purposes subject to the CEA Committee guidelines of OPGW sharing

Meghalaya and Assam will take their Board approval accordingly.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

After detailed deliberation, NERPC forum granted in-principle approval for the redundant fibre path to enhance grid security, with 24 fibres allocated for state use and 24 for ISTS use, subject to CEA guidelines for OPGW sharing. Meghalaya and Assam will provide the board approval accordingly to CTU/NERPC.

NERPC forum noted as above.

2.5. Connectivity of NERLDC Guwahati with Sarusajai and Umiam bypassing Kahilipara for its redundancy-NERLDC(Grid-India)

Following was decided in 26th NERPC and TCC meeting:

a. Two 24-core fibre optic cables from NERLDC Guwahati to Gantry of Kahilipara. At Gantry, a Joint Box would be installed, facilitating the connection of one cable from NERLDC to the Sarusajai direction and the other cable to the NEHU direction. (2 x 1 KMs): Deliberation in 26th TCC and RPC:

POWERGRID informed the forum that for the work as stated above, the cost estimate would be Rs. 10 lacs and this work may be clubbed with the scheme "OPGW replacement on 132 kV Kahilipara - Umiam Stg. III - Umiam Stg. I – NEHU link and OPGW laying on 132kV Sarusujai to Umtru line for back up NERLDC connectivity" and combined scheme may be put up to NCT for approval.

b. POWERGRID to lay 48F-OPGW on 132 kV Sarusajai – Umtru line (Approximately 37 kms): *Meghalaya representative requested the forum that they will take their board approval for the scheme in a month's time.*

c. The replacement of 12F to 48F OPGW on 132 kV Kahilipara – Umtru - Umiam Stg. III – Umiam Stg. I- Umiam – NEHU line by POWERGRID (Approximately 151 kms):

Meghalaya representative requested the forum that they will take their board approval for the scheme in a month's time.

Meghalaya is requested to update the status of the board approval as these links are imperative and critical for NERLDC functionality.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Representative from NERLDC (Grid India) explained the importance of this agenda, emphasizing that having a single fibre path poses a risk, as any failure would lead to a complete data blackout at NERLDC Shillong. For this reason, a redundant communication path is deemed necessary to ensure grid security and operational stability.

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2. Out of the 48F fibes, 24 fibers will be allocated for state use and 24 fibers for ISTS purposes subject to the CEA Committee guidelines of OPGW sharing.

Meghalaya and Assam will provide the Board approval accordingly to CTU/NERPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

2.6. Funding of proposals for strengthening of Intra State Transmission System of Meghalaya approved by CEA and CTU up To 2032 timeframe-MePTCL

Subsequent to a series of meetings under the aegis of CEA, the proposals of Meghalaya pertaining to intra state transmission requirements up to 2032 timeframe have been finally approved during a meeting held between CEA, CTUIL and North Eastern States on the 23rd and 24th August 2024 at NERPC, Shillong. The proposals which are appended as Annexure A include the following:

(i) Construction of new substations with new transmission lines
(ii) Evacuation of power from generation projects
(iii) Augmentation of substations
(iv) Reconductoring with HTLS conductor of transmission lines.

While proposals for HTLS reconductoring are being pursued for funding under PSDF, MePTCL would like to request the forum for assistance in seeking funding for priority projects from the above list given the acute financial constraints being faced by Meghalaya.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Representative from Meghalaya emphasized the importance of timely execution of the approved intra-state transmission projects, considering their criticality for the state's power infrastructure. They expressed concern over potential delays and requested the forum's assistance in securing funding for priority projects, given the significant financial constraints faced by MePTCL.

A resolution in this regard would be sent to MoP requesting to consider funding the projects on priority basis.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

After detailed deliberation, NERPC forum acknowledged the importance of Meghalaya's intra-state transmission projects and agreed to support the state's request for priority funding assistance considering MePTCL and other NER state financial constraints. A resolution in this regard will be sent to the Ministry of Power with request for prioritized funding for such important project in NER including Meghalaya.

3. PART-B: ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

3.1. Setting up of Guest House/Transit Camp at Guwahati for NERPC Members-NERPC

One of the primary roles of the NERPC Secretariat involves organizing various meetings, conducting audits and facilitating communication among the North Eastern Region's power sector stakeholders. These meetings, often held in Guwahati, require the presence of NERPC Secretariat officers and representatives from all constituent members. Currently, they are required to stay in hotels, which can be inconvenient at times.

Guwahati serves as a central hub for the North Eastern Region, offering excellent connectivity to other states. For officials traveling to various locations for official duties, Guwahati often becomes a necessary transit point. Having a dedicated guest house or transit camp in Guwahati for the NERPC constituents would significantly improve convenience for all concerned.

Therefore, it is proposed to set up a transit camp in Guwahati at a suitable location. This can be achieved by renting or leasing a property and converting it into a transit camp. The proposed facility would have around 10-15 rooms, with an estimated monthly rent of ₹1.5 lakhs. **The expenditure of the same will be borne from "NERPC Board Fund".** This would provide comfortable accommodations for NERPC members and officers during their stays in Guwahati for official purposes.

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC briefly explained the importance of establishing a dedicated guest house or transit camp in Guwahati to enhance convenience for NERPC Constituent members and NERPC officers for attending various meetings and official duties. The proposal involves renting a facility with around 10-15 rooms, with one time cost and O&M costs to be covered by the "NERPC Board Fund."

Representative from Arunachal Pradesh suggested to increase the number of rooms to accommodate more visitors. In response to a query from Tripura, MS NERPC clarified that this guest house would be accessible to all NERPC constituents.

TCC forum in-principle agreed for the proposal and recommended the proposal to NERPC for further approval.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.2. VOIP Communication system for Grid-Operation for all Five Regions NR, NER, SR, WR, ER as PAN India-CTU

1. Hot Line Speech Communication System (VOIP based PABX system) was implemented in 2016 by POWERGRID in all five regions after grid disturbance in 2012 where grid operators faced problem of fast communication due to unavailability of dedicated speech communication **PAN India** between NLDC, RLDCs, SLDCs, important state and ISTS substations and generators. The said PABX was implemented by M/s Orange through Alcatel Lucent as OEM. The lead region for the existing VoIP system is Northern Region of POWERGRID. After execution of the project cost of the same booked under regional communication schemes. As per CERC tariff regulations useful life of system is 15 years.
2. In the 67th NRPC meeting dtd. 30.06.2023, POWERGRID representative stated that the scheme executed by M/s ORANGE was with a provision of AMC of 7 years as part of the contract and the same is expiring in July' 2023 for most of the sites.
3. AMC of the same was extended and approved in the 67th NRPC for further 2 years upto July'25 with financial implication and shall be booked under ULDC O&M charges as per the CERC norms. After July'25 there is no support shall be extended by Alcatel (OEM). POWERGRID stated they are not able to maintain the system beyond

that AMC expiration. MS-NRPC advised CTU to plan upgradation/ new system in view of expiration of AMC in July'25.

4. Grid-India in 23rd NRPC- TeST meeting (held on dtd. 21.09.2023) stated that VOIP system is utmost requirement of Grid-Operation and shall be planned by CTU in advance as there is no support of OEM after July'25.
5. During 24th TeST Meeting of NRPC held on 09.02.24, it was agreed in Forum that Hot Line exchange should be considered as part of communication system and CTU shall take up scheme in all RPCs for approval and then in the NCT.
6. In this regards CTU discussed the requirements with utilities & various VOIP system suppliers/OEMs and acquired inputs from the utilities in the various meetings of CPM, COM/ TeST/SCADA of all five regions (reference are given in the scheme). For the utilities those have provided inputs we have considered the same in the cost estimate purpose. Further a combined CPM (Communication planning meeting) of all five region was also held on 12.06.2024 to obtain uniformity of features and functions of the VoIP system among all regions. After incorporating the comments of all utilities MoM is issued same is attached at **Annexure-3.2.1**
7. It is to mention that the tentative cost estimate is based on the budgetary quotation/s obtained from three nos. of prospective OEMs.
8. It is proposed that being a Nationwide PAN India project, the total cost of five regions including NLDC and international Exchange (Cross border links) VoIP system shall be put up in all five regions for RPC/s review followed by NCT approval as single Scheme and package PAN India Basis for seamless integration.
9. Tentative Region-wise cost breakup of the scheme is given below:

Cost Breakup Between Regions and Central Sector and State Sector

Region	Central Sector (ISTS) (in Crs.)	State Sector (in Crs.)	Total (in Crs.)
NR	₹18.54	₹15.92	₹ 34.46
SR	₹15.3	₹ 12.68	₹ 27.98
WR	₹14.61	₹ 11.74	₹ 26.35
ER	₹12.32	₹ 7.44	₹ 19.76
NER	₹16.91	₹5.45	₹ 22.36
National Portion (NLDC Ex, International exchange and Cyber audit)	₹ 6.55	₹ 0	₹ 6.55
	Grand Total	₹ 137.46 (excluding GST/TAXES)	

10. There are three types of cost involved, Regional Central Sector, National Central Sector, State Sector. The sharing of cost shall be done as per following mechanism between constituents:

(i) Regional Central Sector Cost to be shared by respective region DICs as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020 under Regional Component.

(ii) National Central Sector Cost to be shared by all regional DICs as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020 under National Component.

(iii) State Sector Cost shall be shared by respective state/s for their portion as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020.

(iv) AMC for State Sector shall be shared by respective states for their portion as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020.

Details of proposed scheme is given at **Annexure-3.2.2**.

Deliberation of the TCC:

CTU informed the forum that a special meeting with all NER states was held on 30.10.2024, during which feedback was received for revising the Bill of Quantities (BoQ). Based on this input, the BoQ has been revised, and the total estimated cost now stands at ₹18.96 crore, with ₹13.28 crore allocated to the central sector and ₹5.68 crore to the state sector. It was clarified that the central sector cost includes expenses for servers and firewalls for all states.

During the meeting, representative from Tripura requested that the VoIP system may be extended to include the 66 kV level and above.

PGCIL requested to consider the execution time of the project as 18 months instead of 9 months.

After a detailed discussion, TCC reached the following decisions:

1. NERPC Secretariat will conduct a special meeting with CTU and all the states to further revise the BoQ as needed.
2. Recognizing the essential nature of the VoIP system for grid communication, in-principle approval for the project was accorded.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

After detailed deliberation, NERPC forum accorded in-principle approval for the VoIP Scheme subject to finalization of BoQ. A special meeting would be convened by NERPC Secretariat to finalize the BoQ. The cost estimate of NER constituents shall be adjusted as per BoQ finalized in the special meeting.

3.3. Capacity building for NER constituents on emerging technologies of Power Sector to be funded through PSDF or any other funds- NERPC

North Eastern Regional Power Committee is responsible for ensuring the stability, efficiency, and smooth operation of the power grid in the North-Eastern region. Its key functions include:

- Ensuring stability and efficient operation of the regional power grid.

- Facilitating inter-state and intra-state power transmission planning.
- Coordinating maintenance of generating units and transmission systems.
- Planning transmission system outages and conduct grid protection studies.
- Reviewing reactive power compensation and maintain grid voltage stability.
- Preparing energy accounts and transmission deviation charges.
- Ensuring compliance with grid operation standards and cyber security guidelines.

Capacity building programs are crucial as they help personnel understand and implement advanced grid operations, planning, and regulatory frameworks, ensuring efficient management and integration of power systems, especially learning from successful European models.

Executing Agency: The programme is to be executed by the North-Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC) in consultation with partner M/s PTC.

No of Programs and Participants: A total of 4 programs (2-weeks) are proposed to be conducted over one year. The batch having 20 participants from NERPC constituents would include officers from the SLDCs, transmission utilities/distribution companies, Generators, etc., in the North-Eastern Region and NERPC Secretariat. One representative from MoP/CEA and one representative from POSOCO will be invited for each capacity-building programme. Details of participants will be obtained at the appropriate time.

Course Content/Training Modules: The tentative topics to be covered are placed below:

1. To understand the factors that contributed to the success of the power market liberalization in the Nordic region.

2. Introduction to the European Power Market (Bidding Zones, Day Ahead Market, Intraday Market, Balancing Market, Imbalance settlement).
3. Pumped Storage Hydropower and its features.
4. EV (Electrical Vehicle) and charging.
5. Vehicle to Grid (V2G).
6. Physical Energy Market Operator (NEMO/ Power Exchange) (Norway).
    - Market Coupling: Challenges and Benefits.
    - Physical power market products and the use of AI.
    - Market Surveillance and Market Rules.
7. Financial Power Markets Operator (NASDAQ commodities) (Norway, Sweden).
    - Products traded at Hedge future prices.
    - Market Surveillance and Market Rules.
    - Carbon Markets.
    - EI certificates.
8. Green marketplace: GO (Guarantees of Origin) across Europe.
9. PPA (Power Purchase Agreements).
10. Wholesale market participants.
11. Flexibility market (New markets being developed now or in live testing).
12. Energy companies to visit:
    - Hydrogen company (green/blue/grey hydrogen).
    - Energy transition for a utility.

- Hydro Power plant (Pump Storage & Europe's biggest hydro reservoirs).
- Nuclear Power plant (Finland, Sweden).
- Wind Power Plant – onshore (Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Norway).
- Wind Power Plant – offshore, both bottom fixed & floating (Denmark, Norway).
- Thermal Power Plant – gas, coal, biofuels (Denmark, Sweden, Finland).
- CHP (Combined Heat & Power) (Denmark).
- Solar Power (PV).
- Virtual Power Plant (VPP) (Norway).
- Geothermal Power Plant (Iceland).

13. Any other emerging technology in Power Sector

DPR was submitted to PSDF Secretariat vide letter dated 19.02.2024. However, it was returned by PSDF Committee by stating shortage of fund for 1 year. DPR may be resubmitted to PSDF Secretariat for consideration.

Members may discuss.

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC informed the forum about the proposed capacity-building program aimed at enhancing knowledge and skills in advanced grid operations, planning, and regulatory practices by learning from European models. He highlighted that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this program was submitted to the PSDF Secretariat on 19.02.2024. However, the PSDF Committee returned the proposal due to a shortage of funds.

MS NERPC further stated that the DPR would be resubmitted to the PSDF Secretariat, requesting funding to support the capacity building program for NER Stakeholders.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

After deliberation, NERPC forum agreed for resubmission of the Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the PSDF Secretariat, seeking funding support for a comprehensive capacity-building program for NER constituents to enhance skills in emerging technologies such as Green Hydrogen, Battery storage and Pumped storage Projects along with advanced grid operations and regulatory practices from European models at abroad.

NERPC forum noted as above.

3.4. Procurement of 2 nos. of UPS and 2 nos. of battery bank for PDMS server of NERPC-NERPC

The PDMS (Protection Database Management System) server of NERPC was set up in 2019 and consists of 1 no. of UPS and 1 no. of battery bank for operational support. Recently, the PDMS server has gone offline and on inspection of the problem it has been found that there is problem with the UPS and battery bank. Both of the items are beyond their OEM warranty period and requires immediate replacement.

PDMS forms an integral part for protection data base and relay setting calculations of NER grid. As such continuous functioning of the server is essential for grid security. In light of the above circumstances, it is proposed to procure 2 nos. of UPS and 2 nos. of battery bank for PDMS server of NERPC The financial implication for the above-mentioned works shall be borne out of NERPC Establishment Fund.

Members may discuss/approve.

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC highlighted the importance of the PDMS (Protection Database Management System) server for maintaining the protection database and relay settings crucial to NER grid security. It was noted that the server recently went offline due to issues with the UPS and battery bank, both of which are beyond their warranty period and require urgent replacement.

To ensure uninterrupted operation of the PDMS server, it is proposed to procure 2 new UPS units and 2 battery banks, with costs covered by the NERPC Establishment Fund.

TCC agreed to the proposal and referred it to NERPC for approval.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.5. Realignment/Alteration of existing 33kV Power supply to NERPC/PGCIL/NERLDC-NERPC

The existing 33kV transmission line which supply power to NERPC, PowerGrid and NERLDC needs to converted to 33kV underground cable as the pole is passing through private land owner premises. PowerGrid will look into possibility of providing cable for the same. Based on availability of cable, MePDCL will prepare estimate with detailed sketch/diagram of the scheme. Meanwhile PowerGrid informed that they do not have 33kV power cable available with them. Now, It is observed that these poles are at vulnerable position due to land slide and also on 20th August 2024, a boundary wall(portion) adjacent to the NERPC Type-III quarter collapsed due to heavy rain and ingress of water due to construction adjacent to boundary wall, putting the dedicated 33kV line, which supplies power to NERPC, NERLDC, and PowerGrid, at risk. Any damage to this line could result in a power supply cut to these critical institutions, potentially causing significant problems for the NER grid, which is undesirable. Therefore, immediate action is required to safeguard the power flow through this 33 kV transmission line and a

redundant path to be available through 33kV underground cable in case of failure of power supply due to vulnerable position of poles.

MePDCL, NERPC and PGCIL conducted a site survey at the NERPC campus on 27th August'2024. The shortest possible distance from the pole, from where the underground cable will be laid, to the gantry at the NERPC campus is around 130 meters. The total underground cable length required will be 130m * 4 = 520 meters (3 + 1 spare).

Member Secretary, NERPC stated that this is very important transmission line which cater the power supply to NERPC, Grid India (NERLDC) & PowerGrid. In case of pole collapse, all these important institutions will be in dark which will affect entire North Eastern region power supply.

Considering the importance and urgency of task, Forum decided that MePDCL will execute the work on priority and on deposit basis (including supply material along with execution). The expenditure for the work would be shared among NERPC, Powergrid, and NERLDC on contracted capacity basis.

The details of contracted capacity and percentage cost-sharing calculated as below:

- **NERPC: 71 kVA / 571 kVA = 12.43%**
- **NERLDC: 167 kVA / 571 kVA = 29.26%**
- **Powergrid: 333 kVA / 571 kVA = 58.31%**

In this regard the total cost quoated by MePDCL and percentage cost-share i.r.o. NERPC for above mentioned work is tabulated below:

Total cost quoted by MePDCL(copy attached as **Annexure-3.5**)	Rs. 37,55,512/-only
Percentage cost-share i.r.o. NERPC (12.43%)	Rs 3755512*12.43/100=Rs. 4,66,810/-only

Therefore, for the above-mentioned work total financial implication i.r.o. NERPC will be Rs. 4,66,810/-only.

Expenditure will be booked under "NERPC Establishment Fund".

In 53rd CCM, CC forum in principle approved the proposal of NERPC and recommended to place the matter before next RPC for Board's approval and information.

Further, CPWD vide letter 23(NERPC)/MGCB/2024-25/1325 dated 19.09.2024 has quoted a preliminary estimate of Rs 12.42 lakhs for repair of collapsed boundary wall at residential premises of NERPC Complex. The expenditure will be booked under "NERPC Establishment Fund".

Members may approve.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.6. Revision for the scheme "Installation of line differential relay on the 3rd circuit of 132kV Imphal(PG)-Imphal(State) transmission line-MSPCL

As per the deliberation in the sub-committee meeting of PCC held on the 24th October, 2016, Line Differential Protection relays are to be installed on all short lines. The criterion for identification of short lines is as follow:

a) All 132kV transmission lines of length < 5Km
b) All 220kV transmission lines of length < 10Km
c) All 400kV transmission lines of length < 50Km
d) All 132kV & above dedicated transmission lines of Generators.

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PGCIL, as a part of transmission system protection, had already taken up the work for the installation of Differential Protection Relays in all the identified short lines of MSPCL except the 3rd circuit of Imphal (PG) to Imphal (State) 132kV transmission line. Hence DPR for "Installation of line differential relay

on the 3rd circuit of 132kV Imphal (PG)-Imphal (State) transmission line" was prepared and submitted by MSPCL in **2019**

The approval for the sanction of grant towards the project "Installation of line differential relay on the 3rd circuit of 132kV Imphal (PG)-Imphal (State) transmission line" amounting to **₹0.2247 Crore** from PSDF was conveyed on **October 30, 2023** vide letter No. 10/1/2014-OM.

Subsequently, NIT was floated vide No. 4/3/NLDPR/2024/MSPCL(PURCH)/924-30 dated 26.06.2024. However, the amount quoted by the lowest tenderer is almost double the NIT value owing to various factors. The small scope of work being one of the major reasons.

In the meantime, the construction of 400/132kV substation at Thoubal was completed and commissioned in 2021. The line length of this substation from the 400/132kV substation at Yurembam owned by PGCIL is 45Km. The LV side of this substation is connected to the new 132/33kV Thoubal substation by a line length of 1.6 Km. Both these lines fall under the criterion of short line defined in the sub sub-committee meeting of PCC.
Considering the above facts and circumstances, the committee may kindly approve to revise the scheme for installation of line differential protection relays thereby including the above two lines.

TCC may kindly deliberate.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Manipur representative raised a concern about the increased cost for installing the line differential protection relay on the 3rd circuit of the 132 kV Imphal (PG)-Imphal (State) line, which is now almost double the original approved amount due to the limited scope of work.

Powergrid apprised the forum that LDR of Imphal(PG)-Imphal(State) is already included under Imphal GIS upgradation Scheme.

Further, MS, NERPC informed that as per Construction Regulation 2022, notified by CEA, for transmission lines<10km Line Differential protection will be the main protection.

Accordingly for transmission lines<10km implementation of LDR is recommended for funding under PSDF. TCC forum agreed and recommended for approval of NERPC

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.7. Quarterly Expenditure of NERPC Establishment Fund -NERPC

Quarterly expenditure of NERPC Establishment Fund is tabulated below:

Details of Expenditure from Establishment Fund from 01-04-2024 to 30-09-2024(Quarter I and Quarter II) FY- 2024-25			
Sl. No.	**Head**	**Proposed Budget Estimates 2024-25) in thousands INR**	**Actual Expenditure from 01-04-2024 to 30-09-2024**
1	Medical	1000	35.161
2	Domestic Travelling Allowances	2500	946.911
3	Fuels and Lubricants	500	159.092
4	Printing Publication	60	1.150
5	Advertising and Publicity	250	0.000
6	Professional Services	10	1.815
7	Office Expenditure	10000	5098.632
8	Minor Work	6000	2737.065
Total		**20320**	**8979.826**

This is for intimation/approval of TCC.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.8. Quarterly Expenditure of NERPC Board Fund -NERPC

Quarterly expenditure of NERPC Board Fund for FY 23-24 is tabulated below (all figures in INR):

From April 24 to June 24(Quarter-I)	
Head	**Total Expenditure**
Meetings	253596
Outsourcing salary/wages	249649
DTE	0
Internet	167206
Conveyance+Honoratium	10000
Misc.	116500
Total	**796951**

From July 24 to September 24(Quarter-II)	
Head	Total Expenditure
Meetings	548133
Outsourcing salary/wages	249359
DTE	0
Internet	17582
Conveyance+Honoratium	15000
Misc.	15500
Total	**845574**

This is for intimation/approval of TCC.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.*

3.9. Proposal for procurement of new office vehicle for NERPC-NERPC

The NERPC Secretariat currently operates two vehicles for official purposes: a Mahindra Scorpio, purchased in 2010, and a Suzuki Swift Dzire, purchased in 2016. The Mahindra Scorpio, being a diesel vehicle, has exceeded its useful life of ten years, and its maintenance costs have also been rising significantly. Additionally, due to frequent repairs, the vehicle has become unreliable, particularly for long-distance travel in hilly area. Since the NERPC Secretariat regularly undertakes visits to various locations across the North Eastern Region for activities such as protection audits, sub-committee visits, and review meetings of NERPSIP & Comprehensive schemes. In light of this, the Secretariat proposes the procurement of a new office vehicle that can accommodate a minimum of five passengers. Considering the hilly terrain and lack of electric infrastructure for charging, the NERPC Secretariat proposed to procure preferably a hybrid vehicle with an estimated cost of ₹40 lakh plus applicable taxes. Expenditure will be booked under **"NERPC Board Fund". No additional fund will be required from NERPC constituents. The surplus amount in board fund will be utilized for purchase of the said vehicle.**

In 53rd CCM, CC forum in principle approved the proposal of NERPC and recommended to place the matter before next RPC for Board's approval and information.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum agreed and recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.10. Roster for TCC/NERPC Meeting -NERPC

As members of NERPC are aware that TCC & NERPC are being hosted by constituents on rotation basis. In this regard 28th, 29th, 30th , 31st & 32nd meetings has been proposed as:

Sr. No.	Meeting	Hosted by
1.	28th	PTC
2.	29th	DoP Mizoram
3.	30th	Tripura
4.	31st	OTPC
5.	32nd	NVVN

For kind approval/information.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

Representative of PTC intimated that as per the roster, they would host the next meeting i.e., 28th TCC & 28th NERPC meeting(s) which are likely to be held tentatively in the month of February/March'2025. The exact date and venue will be intimated separately.

NERPC forum noted as above.

3.11. MePGCL Agenda 1

3.11.1 Re-Engineering of existing 33KV Line on 33 KV Lattice Structures/Towers from Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Power Station, Kyrdemkulai to Stage-IV Concrete Gravity Dam up to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, Nongkhyllem

The proposal envisages Re-Engineering of the existing 33KV Line between Umiam Umtru Stage-III Power Station to Stage-IV Concrete Gravity Dam and finally up to Umiam Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, Nongkhyllem Power Station by re-engineering /reconductoring of the line on 33 KV Lattice Structures/ Towers along with installation of new hardware's, conductors etc., in order to ensure stable and reliable power supply to the said Dam and the Umiam-umtru Stage-IV power station (2x30 MW). The existing 33 KV line from Umiam Umtru Stage-III Power Station, Kyrdemkulai to Stage-IV Concrete Gravity Dam and finally up to Umiam Umtru Stage-IV Power Station,Nongkhyllem, is at present prone to frequent outages /interruptions, as it runs through the very thick Nongkhyllem reserved forest and especially during adverse monsoon weather conditions, the bamboos and small trees used to fall and touch on the line. Although trimming of trees, bamboo etc., is done regularly, the growth of trees, shrubs and bamboos are very fast, thereby, increasing the interruptions and outages of the line.

Further, the existing hardware components, poles of the line (which are very short in height up to 9.5 mtrs only), conductors etc., are in deteriorating condition which is resulting in frequent disruption/ interruption of long duration of power supply in the dam as well as in the power station which in turn causes extreme hardship to the Operation and Maintenance Staff of Stage-IV Power Station who reside in the Power Station Colony. The utilization of the existing man power of Stage-IV Power Station for restoration of this 33 KV line usually severely affects other critical operational and maintenance works in the power station. In future, power supply tapped from this source can be extended to cater to the power supply demand of nearby villages like Umar, Umtasor etc., which are presently suffering from non-reliable and

unstable power supply problem. This 33 KV line is very vital as it is the only source of power supply to Concrete Gravity Stage-IV Dam, Stage-IV Officers' and staff colony, Penstock Butterfly Valve Houses as well as an alternative supply source to Stage-IV Power Station (apart from the two UATs). Thus, improving the reliability and stability of this 33 KV line is very much essential in the overall interest of smooth running and functioning of Stage-IV power station.

Tentative Cost – Rs 10.00 Crore approx.

3.11.2 Installation of Communication System with OPGW from Umiam Umtru-Stage-III Power Station to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Dam up to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, Nongkhyllem along the above 33 kV line.

The reliability of communication between Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Power Station and the Stage-IV Dam up to Umiam-umtru Stage-IV power station located in the downstream of Stage-III Power Station is very vital in order to to ensure efficient management of the operation of both the Stage III and Stage IV Power Stations for optimization utilisation of water for power generation of both the Power stations. The present means/process of communication between the Dam and the State Load Dispatch Centre is through GSM Mobile which is not reliable at all due to very poor and sometimes nil network connectivity and between the Dam and the Stage-III Power Station which are 4 (four) Km apart, is through Walky Talky. Secondly, the only means of communication between Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Power Station and Umiam-umtru Stage-IV power station is through PLCC only and there is no network coverage/connectivity through GSM Mobile. All these available means/methods of communication are not reliable and severely prone to outages due to the remoteness of the locations causing several instances of complete breakdown/lack of communication between these vital installations which always occurred resulting into critical situations for efficient management of water leading to loss of generation. This proposal envisages laying of OPGW on the proposed 33 KV lattice structures and associated supporting equipments like control panel etc., at both Stage-III power station

and Stage-IV Dam and Stage-IV power station to ensure the availability of an efficient and reliable system of communication.

Tentative Cost – Rs 1.00 Crore approx.

Due to lack of fund /fund constraint, MePGCL is requesting this forum to consider recommending the funding of this project from PSDF.

Total cost – Rs (10.0 + 1.0) Crore = Rs 11.0 Crore

Due to lack of fund /fund constraint, MePGCL is requesting this forum to consider recommending the funding of this project from PSDF.

In 219th OCC Meeting, the forum noted that the submission from MePGCL for funding from PSDF for ***Re-Engineering of existing 33KV Line on 33 KV Lattice Structures/Towers from Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Power Station, Kyrdemkulai to Stage-IV Concrete Gravity Dam up to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, is not covered under the revised guidelines for PSDF funding. The sub-committee advised Meghalaya to explore alternative sources*** for funding. However, ***for Installation of Communication System with OPGW from Umiam Umtru-Stage-III Power Station to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Dam up to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, Nongkhyllem along the above 33 kV line., the sub-committee opined that under clause 5.1(c) of the revised guidelines for PSDF funding, MePGCL can apply for PSDF funding.***

Deliberation of the TCC:

For Installation of Communication System with OPGW from Umiam Umtru-Stage-III Power Station to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Dam up to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, Nongkhyllem along the above 33 kV line TCC agreed to the proposal and recommended the same for approval of RPC.

For Re-Engineering of existing 33KV Line on 33 KV Lattice Structures/Towers from Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Power Station, Kyrdemkulai to Stage-IV Concrete Gravity Dam up to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, is not covered under the revised guidelines for PSDF funding, TCC Chairperson opined that consolidated proposals for upgradation activities of Intra State

generators which improves grid reliability and optimum use of reservoir water may be sent to APGCL and after due examination, consolidated proposals to be recommended for funding through PSDF or other Central Govt scheme.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.12. MePGCL Agenda 2

3.12.1 Re-Engineering of existing 33 kV Line with 33 kV Lattice Structures/ Towers from Myntdu Leshka Stage-I Power Station to Myntdu Leshka Dam.

The proposal envisages Re-Engineering of the existing 33KV Line from Myntdu Leshka Stage-I Power Station to Myntdu Leshka Dam by re-engineering /reconductoring of the line with 33 KV Lattice Structures/Towers along with installation of associated hardware, conductors etc., in order to ensure stable and reliable power supply to the said Dam. The existing 33 KV line of approximately 10 Km in line length erected on the 9.5/12.0 metre Steel Tubular Pole structures along the entire route from Myntdu Leshka Stage – I Power Station up to Leshka Dam is very prone to multiple failure during the high monsoon as half of the line passes through thick jungle areas accompanied with continuous heavy lightning, thunderstorm and strong windy weather conditions which affects the vital power supply to the Leshka Dam Control Room and adjoining areas especially during the monsoon period where the water flow is continuous and extremely high leading to alarmingly high water level of the Leshka Dam. Reliable and stable power supply is very much required as the motorized gates installed at the dam shall have to be operated regularly to prevent flooding over the Dam and maintain the water level within the permissible limit. Flooding over the Dam will cause heavy damages to the dam electrical and hydraulic infrastructure and huge loss of capital cost involvement.

It may also be noted that huge expenditure is being spent every year for restoration of the above line on emergency basis during such high monsoon

period where uninterrupted power supply towards Leshka Dam has to be maintained at any cost. Thus, improving the reliability and stability of this 33 KV line is very much essential for smooth running and functioning of Myntdu Leshka Stage - 1 Power Station and to prevent any possible and unforeseen mishap in the Dam.

Tentative Cost – Rs 9.00 Crore approx.

3.12.2 Installation of Communication System with OPGW from Myntdu Leshka Stage-I Power Station to Myntdu Leshka Dam along the above proposed 33 kV line.

The reliability of communication between Myntdu Leshka Stage-I Power Station and Myntdu Leshka Dam is very vital in order to ensure efficient management of the operation of the Power Station for optimum utilisation of water for power generation from the station. The present means/process of communication between the Dam and the State Load Dispatch Centre is through GSM network which is not reliable at all due to very poor and sometimes nil network connectivity in and around Leshka Dam and all relevant information are then further relayed to the operator at Myntdu Leshka Stage – 1 Power Station. It is worth mentioning that there is zero network coverage at Myntdu Leshka Stage – 1 Power Station and many a times, during high monsoon period, the operator at Leshka Dam Control Room is usually not aware of the frequent tripping of units at Myntdu Leshka Power Station associated with tripping of 132 KV lines due to lightning strike or inclement weather leading to sudden inrush of heavy flow of water in the dam giving the operator no time at all to react which is very dangerous and risky thereby endangering human lives and the expensive dam equipments and infrastructures in the process. This proposal envisages laying of OPGW on the proposed 33 KV Lattice structure and installation of associated supporting equipment like RTUs, control panels etc., at both ends to ensure the availability of an efficient and reliable system of communication.

Tentative Cost – Rs 1.00 Crore approx.

Total Cost – Rs (9.0 + 1.0) Crore = Rs 10.0 Crore.

Due to lack of fund /fund constraint, MePGCL is requesting this forum to consider recommending the funding of this project from PSDF.

In 219th OCC Meeting, the forum noted that the submission from MePGCL for funding from PSDF for Re-Engineering of existing 33 kV Line with 33 kV Lattice Structures/ Towers from Myntdu Leshka Stage-I Power Station to Myntdu Leshka Dam., is not covered under the revised guidelines for PSDF funding. The sub-committee advised Meghalaya to explore alternative sources for funding. However, for installation of Communication System with OPGW from Myntdu Leshka Stage-I Power Station to Myntdu Leshka Dam along the above proposed 33 kV line., the sub-committee opined that under clause 5.1(c) of the revised guidelines for PSDF funding, MePGCL can apply for PSDF funding.

Deliberation of the TCC:

For Installation of Communication System with OPGW from Umiam Umtru-Stage-III Power Station to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Dam up to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, Nongkhyllem along the above 33 kV line TCC agreed to the proposal and recommended the same for approval of RPC.

For Re-Engineering of existing 33KV Line on 33 KV Lattice Structures/Towers from Umiam-Umtru Stage-III Power Station, Kyrdemkulai to Stage-IV Concrete Gravity Dam up to Umiam-Umtru Stage-IV Power Station, is not covered under the revised guidelines for PSDF funding, TCC Chairperson opined that consolidated proposals for upgradation activities of Intra State generators which improves grid reliability and optimum use of reservoir water may be sent to APGCL and after due examination, consolidated proposals to be recommended for funding through PSDF or any other Central Govt scheme.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.13. MePGCL Agenda 3: Remote Control of Supervision, monitoring and operation of Umiam Stage II (2x10 MW) power station, Umsumer from Umiam Stage I (4x9 MW) power station, sumer, through OPGW etc.

The proposal envisages provision of state-of-the-art facilities for Remote Control, Supervision, monitoring and operation of Umiam Stage II power station, Umsumer from Umiam Stage I power station, sumer through OPGW which also includes basic SCADA provision with automation facilities. The said power stations are at a distance of only 6 (six) Km by road from each other. The implementation of this Remote-Control System shall significantly reduce deployment of man power and the cost of operation as well. The existing man power of stage II power station shall be re-deployed in other power stations, as MePGCL is presently considering reducing its man power strength. At the same time this will enhance the efficiency, safety and reliability of the system.

Tentative Cost – Rs 2.00 Crore approx.

Due to lack of fund /fund constraint, MePGCL is requesting this forum to consider recommending the funding of this project from PSDF.

In 219th OCC Meeting, the subcommittee noted that MePGCL which is a generating company and eligible for PSDF funding as per clause 4.2 of revised PSDF guidelines. Further OCC forum opined that MePGCL may request for PSDF funding as per clause 5.1(c) of revised guidelines for PSDF funding.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.14. MePGCL Agenda 4:

Setting up of Centralised Generation Control Room for supervision, monitoring etc. of all Power stations under MePGCL at Umiam Stage-I Power station.

The proposal envisages provision and Installation of the state of the art Centralised Generation Control Room for Remote Supervision, monitoring and data acquisition of Power Generation data of all power stations under MePGCL. This will require installation of ABT meters for all feeders/generators of each power station, data concentrator system for collecting data from the field, computer, server, hardware, software and reliable communication link from the power stations to this Control room. This Centralised Generation Control Room will also maintain energy data in computerised environment to enable MePGCL in optimum scheduling of energy accounting bills /reports etc., to ensure technical and financial performance monitoring and to ensure regulatory compliance so as to achieve overall revenue maximisation.

Tentative Cost – Rs 6.00 Crore approx.

Due to lack of fund /fund constraint, MePGCL is requesting this forum to consider recommending the funding of this project from PSDF.

In 219th OCC Meeting, the subcommittee noted that MePGCL which is a generating company and eligible for PSDF funding as per clause 4.2 of revised PSDF guidelines. Further OCC forum opined that MePGCL may request for PSDF funding as per clause 5.1(c) of revised guidelines for PSDF funding.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.15. Renovation of the Switchgears and Protection System in the existing ISTS 33/11KV Substations-MePDCL.

It may be mentioned and as your good self is aware, the proposal of MePDCL for "Renovation of Protection System in 33/11KV Substations (existing) - MePDCL", wherein, in the Minutes|210th OCC Meeting |19th January 2024 |Guwahati, *OCC forum opined that renovation of protection system in distribution substations which are directly connected with ISTS and have bearing on grid security may be eligible for PSDF funding.*

Accordingly, the list of existing 33/11 KV Sub Stations associated with the ISTS Grid Sub Stations was submitted vide letter under reference for inclusion and deliberation in the 216th OCCM held on the 12th July, 2024 at NERPC Conference Hall Shillong. The list is as under:

EXISTING 33/11 KV SUB STATION OF MEPDCL ASSOCIATED WITH ISTS			
SL.NO	**NAME OF THE 132 KV ISTS GRID STATION, MEPTCL**	**NAME OF THE 33/11 KV SUB STATION**	**ENTITY AT THE OTHER END**
1	EPIP 1 (BYRNIHAT) Sub Station	33/11 KV EPIP Sub Station	MePDCL
2	EPIP 2 (BYRNIHAT) Sub Station	33/11 KV Byrnihat Sub Station	MePDCL
		33/11 KV Killing Sub Station	MePDCL
3	MENDIPATHAR Sub Station	33/11 KV KV Mendipathar Sub Station	MePDCL
		33/11 KV Bajengdoba Sub Station	MePDCL
4	NANGALBIBRA Sub Station	33/11 KV Williamnagar Sub Station	MePDCL
		33/11 KV KV Baghmara Sub Station	MePDCL
		33/11 KV Nangalbibra Sub Station	MePDCL
		33/11 KV Rongjeng Sub Station	MePDCL
5	KHLIEHRIAT Sub Station	33/11 KV Khliehriat Sub Station	MePDCL
6	LUMSHNONG Sub Station	33/11 KV Lumshnong Sub Station Sub Station	MePDCL

In light of the above, MePDCL would like to draw your kind attention for inclusion of the proposal "Renovation of the Switchgears and Protection System in the existing ISTS 33/11KV Substations of MePDCL" for deliberations in the upcoming 217th OCCM to be held on the 09th August,

2024 at NERPC Conference Hall Shillong, and kind consideration of the proposal for recommendation to the next TCC & NERPC Meeting for funding under PSDF.

In 217th OCC Meeting, the forum noted that said project being incidental to ISTS may be eligible under PSDF scheme. After detailed deliberation the forum approved the project under PSDF and referred the matter to upcoming TCC/RPC for further deliberation and approval.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.16. Renovation and Modernization (R&M) of Transmission and Distribution Systems for relieving congestion-MePDCL

- **Construction of 33/11kV Substations and associated lines** in specific areas like Umdem, Umling, Jorabad, Patharkhmah, and Mawlasnai to address congestion and low voltage problems.
- **Reconductoring and re-engineering of the 33kV Stage-III-Zero Point-Umsning-Nongpoh line** (33km)
- **Construction of a 33kV line from 220/132/33kV, 2x50MVA GIS Substation, Saisiej, New Shillong** (25km).

About 85% of the Power stations of MeECL are located within Ri Bhoi District. But the power supply in the district is supplied mostly through long 11KV Lines which results in huge voltage drop and ultimately resulting in low voltage problems at the consumer's end. Interconnection of a large number of villages Substations to the long 11KV lines results in frequent interruption of power supply. Many industrial Units are also located within the District which account for huge power consumption and hence huge revenue return to the Corporation. It may be mentioned that under MDoNER's Programme 'Fortnightly visits of Hon'ble Union Ministers to North Eastern Region', the Hon'ble Minister of State for Commerce and Industry, Sri Som Prakash visited

Ri Bhoi District from 1-12-2022 where he commented that 'The District also faces problem in power supply as there is only Single Source of power. There is need to upgrade power infrastructure in the district'. For stability and reliability of power supply in the district, an alternative power supply from 220/132/33KV 2x50 MVA GIS Substation, Saisiej, New Shillong by construction of a 33KV S/C line on Wolf Conductor, is also proposed Due to fund constrain it is requested that Renovation and Modernization (R&M) of transmission and distribution Systems for relieving congestion may be funded from PSDF (100% grant). Tentative Cost: Rs 76 Cr. The matter was discussed in 25th TCC/RPC, and the forum referred the matter to subcommittee for further discussion. In 209th OCCM, the forum referred the matter to next OCC meeting for deliberation, as no representative of MePDCL was present in the meeting." The forum opined that as per PSDF guidelines, the proposal for **reconductoring and reengineering the 33kV Umsning-Nongpoh line (33km)** seems eligible under PSDF. Other proposals involving new construction may not be eligible for this funding. The forum approved the proposal for reconductoring and re-engineering the 33kV line and suggested that other proposals be taken up directly with the **CEA/Ministry of Power**.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.17. Establishment of State-of-the-Art National Unified Network Management System (N-UNMS) in main & backup configuration integrating all the Regional UNMS- for ISTS Communication System – CTUIL

In line with CERC, CEA Regulations and RPC approvals, the Regional UNMS scheme integrating ISTS communication system along with State sector network, is being deployed in each region.

Now, all five (5) Regional UNMS servers shall be integrated in the next layer to the National UNMs server integrating all the regional ones; in main & backup configuration.

This will facilitate centralized reporting/collection of PAN India communication Network of ISTS as well as State level system including cross border links at National Level. The scope & technical aspect of the National UNMS scheme shall be broadly in line with Technical Specification of Regional UNMS while including features for National aspects, as per the deliberations held in all RPC/NCT forums.

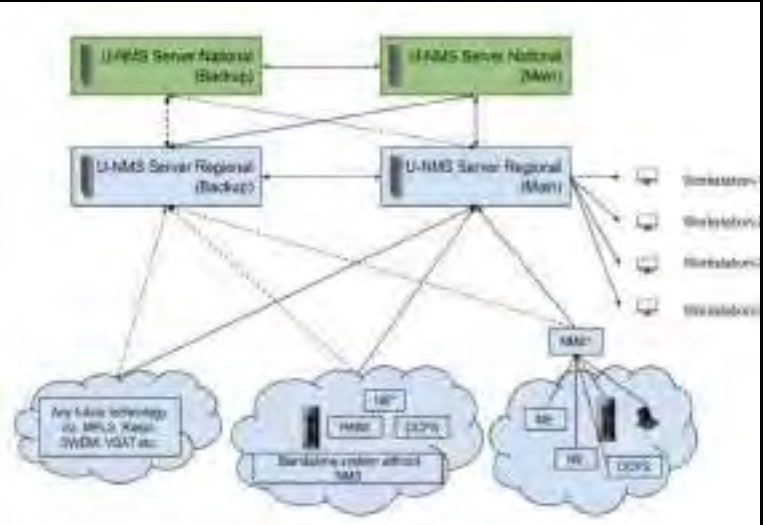
The scheme for National UNMS was deliberated in all RPC forums earlier during deliberation of respective Regional UNMS projects. Further, the National UNMS scheme was also deliberated in the 14th NPC meeting held on 03.02.2024 in Bangalore.

Put up here for views of RPCs before taking up the scheme to NCT forum for final approval:

SL. No.	Items	Details
1.	Name of Scheme	Establishment of State-of- the-Art National Unified Network Management System (N-UNMS) in main & backup configuration integrating all the regional UNMSs.
2.	Scope of the scheme	• Supply and Installation of Main & Backup National-UNMS system hardware and software along with associated items at respective UNMS Centres. The new system shall be deployed in such a way that the operation of the existing systems should not be disturbed. • Supply and Installation of hardware & software for workstation, network switches, firewall & IDPS, Printer, Furniture etc. • Integration of existing Regional UNMS (In Main & Backup config) with Main and Back

		up N-UNMS System. One channel of each Regional UNMS to Main and Back up UNMS center shall be used for redundancy of respective UNMS Centres. • Development of complete Database, displays and reports either from scratch or by extracting existing database, displays and reports, also for creating integrated national communication system overview and inter regional system details for the modules. • Supply of all FCAPS features with advance planning tool. • Import and Adaption of database & displays made for Regional UNMS system including import of historical data stored in existing servers for integration in new system also for creating national dashboard and inter regional system dashboards for the required system details. • Auxiliary Power Supply System Comprising of UPS with Battery set along with all necessary distribution board. • Integration & Testing with any new UNMS coming up during implementation and AMC period of this Project. Supply of Spares identified under AMC along with main items to meet the contingency during installation period and during AMC period. • All cabling, wiring, and interconnections to the items being supplied and to be integrated including power supply.

		• The project scope shall include customization of its database, such as configuration of database, scan period and all other database parameters required to integrate existing system successfully. • Additional Hardware, software and services necessary to ensure compatibility with existing equipment. • Auditing of Cyber Security implementation by CERT-In listed Auditors during AMC & ensuring its compliance. • Training of personnel and Users of the System. • Comprehensive Maintenance of the supplied system for seven (7) years including one (1) year defect liability period as per specification, including integration with future UNMS (if any), Database configurations, Maintaining Spare inventory etc. • Integration with third party Applications: The N-UNMS Systems being supplied shall have provision to exchange data with the existing and or to be purchased third party applications of in standard formats like ODBC, OPC & XML etc. • GI/Aluminum cable trays/trace ways with covers shall be supplied in the project for laying cables so that cable can be protected from rodents. These cable trays/trace ways shall be screwed/ fixed on the floor.

		• The system shall have remote console along with connectivity and shall be under AMC for; CEA- PCD & NPC Division, NLDC- Grid India, CTUIL, GA&C-POWERGRID. • UNMS control room in CTUIL shall be equipped with a 85 Inch TV/Monitor.
3.	Architecture	 Proposed U-NMS Topology for Data Flow (Typical)
4.	Objective/ Justification	i. In line with CERC, CEA Regulations and RPC approvals, the Regional UNMS scheme integrating ISTS communication system along with State sector network, is being deployed in each region. Now, all five (5) Regional UNMS servers shall be integrated in the next layer to the National UNMs server integrating all the regional ones; in main & backup configuration. This will facilitate centralized reporting/collection of PAN India communication Network of ISTS as well as Intra State level system including cross border links at National Level. The scope & technical aspect of the National UNMS scheme shall be broadly in line with Technical Specification of

		Regional UNMS while including features for National aspects, as per the deliberations held in all RPC/NCT forums. ii. The proposed National UNMS (N-UNMS) System shall provide the multi-tiered solution for Network Management System Functions with modules such as Network Resource/Discovery/Inventory, configuration management, Planning, Fault/Alarm Management, Performance Management, Trouble Ticket with application security, reporting, simulation, Artificial Intelligence & Analytics etc. and common dashboards also for integrated national network and for inter-regional systems including cross border. iii. The N-UNMS shall also provide a Pan India visualization of power system communication network. This shall facilitate Centralized Supervision and Quick Fault detection and restoration for ISTS Communications systems for National, Inter-Regional and Cross-Border communication system and the network. The N-UNMS shall additionally have advanced planning tool having features for Long, Medium- & Short-Term Planning for preparing planning projections for ISTS Communication System (for National/ Regional/ State) for 2 years, 5 years and 10 years. iv. The proposal of N-UNMS was deliberated in all the RPCs during approval of respective Regional UNMS scheme and the in-principle technical approval has been given by the forum.

5.	Estimated Cost	Rs. 101* CRs. (approx.) and 19.07 CRs. AMC charges for 7 years. The cost of national UNMS shall be recovered on POC basis. *Cost has been derived from awarded package of regional UNMS Scheme
6.	Implementation timeframe	24 Months from date of project allocation based on NCT approval.
7.	Implementation Mode	Through RTM to POWERGRID
8.	Location of National UNMS	Main UNMS at NLDC, Katwaria Sarai, and Backup UNMS at RLDC, Kolkata

The scheme has already been approved in NR, SR and WR and under discussion in ER & NER. After approval of all RPCs the scheme shall be taken up to NCT forum for final approval.

In 214th OCC, MS, NERPC requested all the States to deliberate internally on the matter and provide feedbacks to CTU.

In 26th TCC/NERPC Meeting, the forum opined that the item is to be further discussed in Sub-Committee meeting(s) for detailed deliberation/clarification.

In 53rd CCM, CTUIL representative apprised the forum following about the N-UNMS:

1. The proposed National UNMS (N-UNMS) System shall provide the multi-tiered solution for Network Management System Functions with modules such as Network Resource/Discovery/Inventory, configuration management, Planning, Fault/Alarm Management, Performance

Management, Trouble Ticket with application security, reporting, simulation, Artificial Intelligence & Analytics etc. and common dashboards also for integrated national network and for inter-regional systems including cross border.

2. The N-UNMS shall also provide a Pan India visualization of power system communication network. This shall facilitate Centralized Supervision and Quick Fault detection and restoration for ISTS Communications systems for National, Inter-Regional and Cross-Border communication system and the network. The N-UNMS shall additionally have advanced planning tool having features for Long, Medium & Short-Term Planning for preparing planning projections for ISTS Communication System (for National/ Regional/ State) for 2 years, 5 years and 10 years.

He also informed the forum that out of Rs. **101*** Crs. (approx.) and **19.07** Crs. AMC charges for 7 years, NER share will be only approx. 2.5% of the total cost(i.e. around Rs 3 Cr). He further informed the forum that cost will be **recovered on POC basis**.

In this regard all NER constituents requested forum to consider this proposal of N-UNMS project under PSDF funding by considering the poor financial condition of NER states

After detailed deliberation, CC forum gave in-principle approval for the N-UNMS project (including AMC) with a request to CTU to seek PSDF funding for the same for NER as a special case.

Deliberation of the TCC:

After detailed deliberation, TCC forum gave in-principle approval for the N-UNMS project (including AMC) with a request to CTU to seek PSDF funding for the same for NER as a special case and recommended for approval of NERPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.18. Request for Certification of AEGCL (Non-ISTS) lines used for carrying Inter-State power-AEGCL

AEGCL has filed for the tariff petition for FY 2014-15 to FY 2018-19 and FY 2019-20 to FY 2023-24 blocks to file before CERC claiming PoC charges. In this regard, few lines of AEGCL have been identified as being incidental line to flow of interstate power. The lines identified by AEGCL are listed below.

S.N.	Name of line	Connecting States	No. of Conductors	Line length Ckt. Km.	COD
ISTS Lines					
1	132 kV D/C Kahilipara-Umtru I & II	Assam-Meghalaya	1	12.6	1965
2	132 kV S/C Jiribam-Pailapool	Assam-Manipur	1	15	1984
3	132 kV S/C Dimapur-Bokajan	Nagaland-Assam	1	25	1980
4	132 kV S/C Dullavcherra-Dharmanagar	Assam-Tripura	1	26	1974
5	132 kV S/C Panchgram-Lumshnong	Assam-Meghalaya	1	27	1964
Incidental Lines					
6	400 kV S/C Mirza-BNG (LILO Portion)	Assam-Meghalaya	2	3.229	25.06.2014

S.N.	Name of line	Connecting States	No. of Conductors	Line length Ckt. Km.	COD
7	400 kV S/C Mirza-Silchar (LILO Portion)	Assam-Meghalaya	2	3.229	25.06.2014
8	220 kV S/C Agia-Boko	Assam-Meghalaya	1	67.37	28.03.2012
9	220 kV S/C Agia-Mirza	Assam-Meghalaya	1	107.3	28.03.2006
10	220 kV S/C Agia-BTPS-I	Assam-Meghalaya	1	70	25.07.2013
11	220 kV S/C Agia-BTPS-II	Assam-Meghalaya	1	70	28.03.2006
12	220 kV S/C Boko-Mirza	Assam-Meghalaya	1	37.9	28.09.2012
13	220 kV D/C Tinsukia-Kathalguri-I & II	Assam-Meghalaya	1	24.6	Ckt I: 26.08.2005 Ckt II: 11.11.2011

In this regard, NERPC is requested to certify the above-mentioned lines which are Intra-State but are incidental to power flow of Inter-State for claiming PoC under CERC regulations.

In 216th OCCM, AEGCL stated that petitions have been filed in CERC for claiming tariff of certain intra-state lines, which carry inter-state power, under PoC mechanism. AEGCL requested NERPC to clarify on matter of Hon'ble CERC direction, so as reply can be submitted by Petitioner and respondents. After detailed deliberation, MS, NERPC stated that a special meeting would be convened by NERPC shortly to discuss the matter. Consequently, a special

meeting was held on 19.07.0204 in Guwahati by NERPC with the concerned stakeholders. In the meeting, AEGCL and MePTCL presented the RoPs of petitions (AEGCL – 285/TT/2023&287/TT/2023, MePTCL – 73/TT/2024) filed in CERC regarding consideration of certain intra-state lines under Point of Connection (PoC) charging mechanism and both were requested to provide the required load flow data (for the stated lines and for the said period) to NERLDC so that necessary study may be conducted. In 217th OCCM, AEGCL informed that the required data had been sent to NERLDC. NERLDC updated that the necessary study is being done and report will be provided in next OCC.

In the 218th OCC Meeting, NERLDC presented report of the study. As per study, Inter State power flow in few lines was near to 50%, for those lines Assam SLDC requested to review and carryout restudy if possible. NERLDC conducted the restudy and AEGCL agreed on the study.

As per the study of NERLDC, it has been observed that during 2016-17 in 220kV Agia-BTPS I & II was utilized by other states to the tune of 52.545%.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum approved the study of NERLDC, in respect of 220kV Agia-BTPS I & II for the year 2016-17 which was utilized by other states to the tune of 52.545% and recommended for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

3.19. Visit of Parliamentary Committee-NERPC

As per letter no. संख्या: 11012/02/2024-2-समिति, the Parliamentary Committee on Rajbhasha will visit Shillong from November 20-22, 2024 to conduct an inspection at the NERPC office in Shillong to review the implementation of Hindi as the official language (Rajbhasha). To make arrangement of the said inspection approximate expenditure of RS. 650000 /- will be incurred. Out of

this approximately RS. 225000/- will be spent from **NERPC Establishment Fund** and the rest will be spent from NERPC **Board Fund.** This arrangement will ensure proper preparation and support for the committee's visit.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum recommended the proposal for approval of RPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

4. PART C: COMMERCIAL ISSUES

4.1 Deviation Pool Account outstanding-NERLDC

Status of outstanding against Deviation charges as on 30/09/2024 is shown in the following table:

Constituent	O/S Payable (INR)	Remarks
Ar. Pradesh	1,87,94,546	Outstanding from Week-22 FY 24-25
Tripura	2,63,70,158	Outstanding from Week-22 FY 24-25

All the pool members are requested to clear outstanding dues as shown above within the stipulated timeline as per CERC DSM Regulations to avoid late payment surcharge.

In 53rd CCM, DoP, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura representative informed the forum that they will clear their respective dues by next week.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted as above and placed for deliberation of NERPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above and requested all the concerned utilities to clear their outstanding dues at the earliest.*

4.2 Reactive Pool Account outstanding-NERLDC

Status of outstanding against Reactive charges as on 30/09/2024 is shown in the following table:

Constituent	O/S Payable (INR)	Remarks
Manipur	26,797	Outstanding from Week-53 FY 23-24

Nagaland	217,15	Outstanding from Week-15 FY 24-25
Tripura	2,40,191	Outstanding from Week-22 FY 24-25

All the pool members are requested to clear outstanding dues as shown above within the stipulated timeline to avoid late payment surcharge.

In, 53rd CCM, Forum requested concerned utilities to clear the dues at the earliest.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted as above and placed for deliberation of NERPC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above and requested all the concerned utilities to clear their outstanding dues at the earliest.*

5. PART D: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/UPDATE

5.1 Formation and Activities of the Regional Disaster Management Group (RDMG) for Power Sector in NER-NERPC

Background:

In compliance with Section 37 of the Disaster Management Act, 2005, and following the Crisis and Disaster Management Plan for the Power Sector issued by the Ministry of Power and CEA, the formation of the Regional Disaster Management Group (RDMG) for the North Eastern Region (NER) was approved in the 25th NERPC meeting. The RDMG is established to ensure a swift, coordinated response to power sector-related emergencies and disasters in NER. Nominations for the RDMG were sought from stakeholders, and as of 27th August 2024, nominations have been received from various utilities and organizations. The nominations from some entities, such as the Secretary in-charge of Rehabilitation and Relief for affected States and State Civil Defence representatives, are still awaited.

The 1st RDMG Meeting was held on 7th October 2024 at 11:30 hrs via video conference mode. The meeting was chaired by Shri K.B. Jagtap, Member Secretary, NERPC, and attended by officials from the states of Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, as well as representatives from NERPC, NERLDC, OTPC, and KMTL.

Key Deliberations: During the meeting, the following key points were discussed:

1. **Formation of RDMG**: The group's structure aligns with the Disaster Management Plan for the Power Sector and will coordinate disaster preparedness and response in NER, particularly addressing risks like earthquakes, floods, and cyber threats.
2. **Responsibilities of RDMG**:
    - Ensure that all stakeholders have disaster management plans in place.

- Facilitate inter-state emergency power supply and early grid restoration.
- Participate in damage assessments and coordinate resource movement between states during emergencies.

3. **Mock Drills and Preparedness**: Regular mock drills were emphasized to ensure readiness. The **Black Start Procedure** was discussed, and utilities were encouraged to conduct drills and share feedback for improvement**. Cyber security** was highlighted as a critical concern, with plans to discuss it further in upcoming meetings.
4. **Communication Enhancement**: A suggestion was made to create a **WhatsApp group** for real-time crisis communication, facilitating quicker coordination among members during emergencies.
5. **Next Steps**: The next meeting of the RDMG will be held physically in Guwahati to focus on disaster management, preparedness, and cyber security.

Action Required: All stakeholders are requested to take note of the discussions, particularly the importance of conducting mock drills, ensuring compliance with the Disaster Management Plan, and improving cyber security measures.

CEA may present/Members may discuss.

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC briefly informed the forum about the formation and objectives of the RDMG for the North Eastern Region, established to enhance disaster preparedness and response within the power sector.

Following this, CE (PDM&LF), CEA presented a brief ppt **(Attached at Annexure-5.1)**, explaining the Disaster Management Plan (DMP) and Crisis Management Plan (CMP) and outlining the necessary steps for utilities to strengthen their preparedness.

He also emphasized the importance of regularly monitoring updates in OCC meetings to ensure ongoing alignment with disaster management protocols.

On query from CE(PDM & LF), MS NERPC informed that necessary action will be taken to include members of appropriate level in the RDMG group.

TCC forum suggested for organizing a workshop or physical meeting to further raise awareness and ensure all stakeholders are sensitized to their roles and responsibilities in disaster management and response.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.2 Implementation of Crisis Management Plan (CMP) and Disaster Management Plan (DMP) in Power Utilities

As per section 37 of the Disaster Management Act 2005, each Ministry/ Department of the Government of India is required to prepare a Disaster Management Plan (DMP). Also, as per the Crisis Management Plan (CMP) of the Government of India prepared by the Cabinet Secretariat, each Central Nodal Ministry is required to prepare a detailed Crisis Management Plan for dealing with crisis situations falling in the areas of their responsibility.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Power prepare DMP and CMP for the power sector in association with Central Electricity Authority. The CMP for power sector is reviewed periodically by Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat. The latest review meeting was held on 31.10.2023 wherein Secretary (Security) emphasized on the following points related to DMP and CMP.

i. Power Utilities shall prepare Disaster Management Plan (DMP) and Crisis Management Plan (CMP) separately for their organisation.
ii. The Plan/ report shall cover the management of different crisis scenarios as enlisted in the Ministry of Power Crisis Management Plan given in the table below:

S. No.	Crisis Situations in Power Sector
1.	Terrorist Threats and Attacks
2.	Bombs Threats, Hoax & Bomb Explosions
3.	Explosion in Equipment
4.	Crowd or Mob Attack
5.	Threat from UAV (Drone) attack
6.	Strike
7.	Sabotage
8.	Cyber-attack
9.	Fire/ Forest Fire

iii. Sensitize and motivate both public and private sector power utilities to conduct mock drills on regular basis and submit the quarterly report.

iv. Mock drills should be conducted based on the crisis/ disaster situations to which they are most vulnerable based on their geographical locations.

v. The report shall also indicate the response of the various teams, observations, and effectiveness for handling the emergency situation and the scope for improvements (new learnings, Dos, and Don'ts), etc.

vi. Involvement of other agencies such as District- level authorities/ NDRF/ SDRF during the mock drill exercises conducted.

vii. Acquisition and deployment of ADS to neutralise the threat arising from out of UAVs.

viii. Mark the critical power sector facilities as Red or Yellow zone in Digisky portal in consultation with DGCA, to prevent unauthorized flying of drones over these facilities.

ix. DRIPS (Disaster Resource Inventory for Power Sector) Portal has been developed by CEA to enable transparent, co-ordinated approach for sharing the resources among the Power Utilities in any disaster/crisis situation. All the utilities are requested to register on the portal and update their inventory on monthly basis along with maintenance schedule.

x. The details of local district authorities/ revenue authorities/ law and order authorities/fire etc., should be collated/ updated and made available in all the Utilities and in the townships.

xi. Sharing the calendar of mock drills to be conducted by power utilities for next year.

These plans/ reports shall be up-dated and revised on a periodic basis to include any new inputs received from various stakeholders/ new learnings during mock drill exercises conducted/ or on the directives of the National Disaster Management Authority or Cabinet Secretariat.

Secretary (Security) has repeatedly stressed the aforementioned points in the review meetings held earlier and the same was communicated by CEA so many times. However, most of the power utilities have not communicated any action taken by them in this regard. They are also not submitting the quarterly mock drill report.

he power utilities in NE states shall furnish the Quarterly report for the mock drill exercises conducted for handling various crisis and disaster situations. The format of report to be submitted to CEA is attached at **Annexure-I**.

The matter shall be taken-up in ensuing Sub-Committee/TCC/RPC meeting and expedite the same to make the effectively implementation of DMP/CMP at regional level in Power sector.

Annexure-I

Quarterly Report on Mock Drill conducted for Crisis/Disaster Situations

1. Name of the Organization:
2. Period (Quarter of the year to be specified e.g. Apr to June, July to Sep, Oct to Dec etc.):
3. Mock Drill Details:

S. No.	Name of Project/ Station	Crisis/ Disaster situation	Brief description of the mock drill conducted	Key learnings/ outcomes	Participation of Local Administration/ NDRF/ SDRF

4. Tentative Schedule of Mock drill exercises to be conducted in next quarter:

S No.	4. Name of Project/Station	Crisis/ Disaster situation for which mock drill will be conducted

Members may deliberate.

Deliberation of the TCC:

CE (PDM&LF), CEA presented a brief presentation, explaining the Disaster Management Plan (DMP) and Crisis Management Plan (CMP) and outlining the necessary steps for utilities to strengthen their preparedness. He also emphasized the importance of regularly monitoring updates in OCC meetings to ensure ongoing alignment with disaster management protocols.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.3 Agenda on Resource Adequacy- IRP Div, CEA

- Ministry of Power had notified Electricity (Amendment) Rules in December, 2022. As per Rule 16 of the Electricity (Amendment) Rules, Ministry of Power has to issue guidelines for assessment of resource adequacy during the generation planning stage and operational planning stage. Accordingly, the Resource Adequacy guidelines have been notified by the Ministry of Power in June 2023.
- Distribution Utility need to carry out LTDRAP (Long term Distribution Licensee Resource Adequacy Plan) to meet the utility peak and energy requirement reliably. CEA will guide & hand hold the states in data collection, power system modelling and analysis of result for carrying out state specific resource adequacy studies in order to prepare the respective LT-DRAP within stipulated time frame.
- During the Review, Planning & Monitoring Meeting held on 11th April 2023 under the chairmanship of the Honorable Minister of Power & NRE, Central Electricity Authority was instructed to handhold the States and help them to prepare Resource Adequacy plan for them.
- Accordingly, state-resource adequacy studies for all the States of the North-Eastern Region have already been carried out, and respective reports have been shared with the states. But, in the absence of inputs from the states, except for Assam, the studies have been carried out based on the data available with CEA, NERLDC and NERPC.
- To specifically assist the North Eastern Region in understanding the intricacies of resource adequacy studies, data preparation and to expedite the preparation of Resource Adequacy (RA) Study Plan for the period 2024-25 to 2034-35 for the NER States, the Central Electricity Authority, in collaboration with the North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC), organized a workshop on Resource Adequacy Study on September 20th, 2024, in Guwahati, Assam. In the workshop, participants from Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Meghalaya, in addition to NTPC and NEEPCO, were present.

- The success of the Resource Adequacy studies and the subsequent power procurement hinges on active state participation. The results of the completed states, various assumptions taken and methodology adopted while carrying out studies need to be discussed with state officials so that states can prepare their power procurement plan based on the studies.
- The LT-DRAP studies, being carried out for a period of 10 years on a rolling basis, require urgent revision. The states whose studies have been carried out till 2029-30 or 2031-32 need to be revised till 2034-35. To revise studies, the contracted capacity of states till March 2024, the Demand profile for the year 2023-24, year-wise demand estimation and planned capacity are required till 2034-35.
- As per the Resource Adequacy (RA) Guidelines, the Central Electricity Authority is entrusted to prepare a Long Term-National Resource Adequacy Plan (LT-NRAP) RA study for the period of 10 years (up to 2034-35) and to revise annually on a rolling basis. Therefore, year-wise demand estimation and planned capacity are required till 2034-35.

CEA may present and Members may discuss.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Director (IRP), CEA, gave a brief presentation highlighting the Ministry of Power's notification of Resource Adequacy guidelines to support long-term generation and operational planning. These guidelines, issued in June 2023, which emphasize the need for Distribution Utilities to prepare a Long Term Distribution Licensee Resource Adequacy Plan (LT-DRAP) to meet peak and energy demands reliably as long term measure.

TCC forum advised all states to provide the necessary data to CEA to prepare the Long Term-National Resource Adequacy Plan (LT-NRAP).

To further facilitate this process, a special meeting/workshop on resource adequacy will be organized in Guwahati/Shillong, where all Discoms of NER states are advised to participate for fruitful discussions.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.4 Violation of TTC/ATC Limits by Assam and Tripura and constraints in intrastate network-NERLDC(GRID-India)

In September 2024, high drawl from Assam and Tripura was observed, resulting in violations of state Total Transfer Capability (TTC) and Available Transfer Capability (ATC), thereby compromising grid security. We once again urge all utilities to strictly limit their power drawl within the defined TTC/ATC margins.

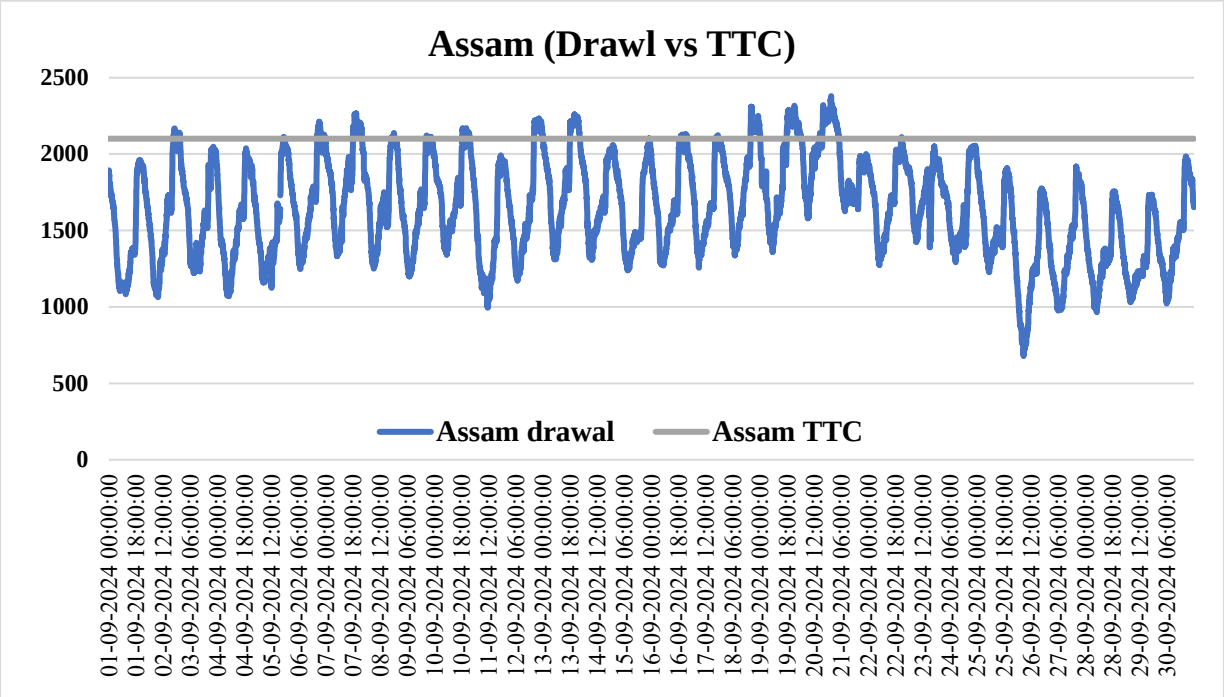


Fig: Drawl pattern of Assam in the month of September 2024

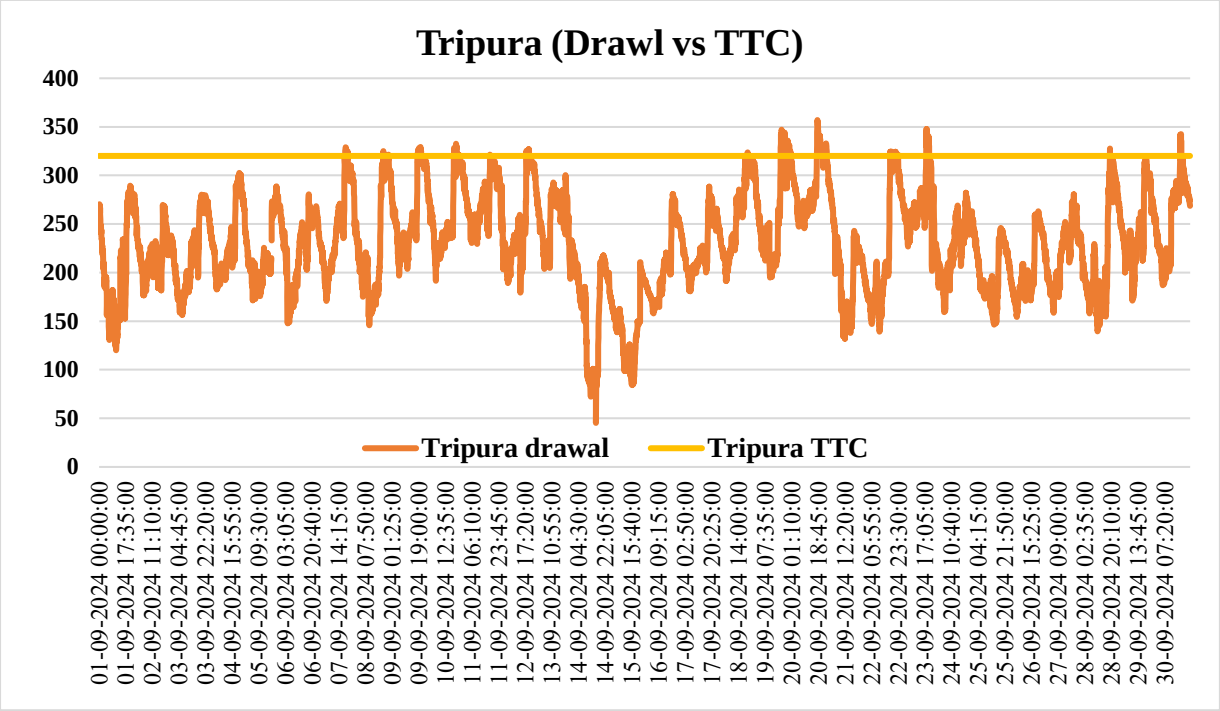


Fig: Drawl pattern of Tripura in the month of September 2024

Additionally, states are requested to plan their networks in accordance with their forecasted load growth to ensure reliable power supply across the North Eastern Region (NER).

Assam and Tripura are requested to provide an update on their plans to ensure that TTC/ATC remains within limit.

In 219th OCC Meeting, NERLDC apprised the forum that the TTC/ATC limit for Assam during peak and off peak hours stands at 2100 MW and the TTC/ATC limit for Tripura during peak and off peak hours stands at 335 MW and 220 MW respectively.

Tripura submitted that the reconductoring projects at SM Nagar-SM Nagar, SM Nagar-Budhjamnagar and PK Bari-Budhjamnagar should help to avoid violations in TTC/ATC. Assam also submitted that there are several projects in scope to address the issue but have not been materialized till date.

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC briefly explained the issue of high power drawal from Assam and Tripura, which resulted in violations of their Total Transfer Capability (TTC) and Available Transfer Capability (ATC) limits, posing a risk to grid security. He emphasized the importance of adhering to TTC/ATC margins and planning

network expansions to support future load growth in the North Eastern Region.

Representative from Tripura stated that the completion of the 132 kV Surjamaninagar-Monarchak line would help resolve the issue. Until then, Tripura will closely monitor its power drawal to ensure it remains within the set limits.

Assam's representative informed the forum that several steps are being undertaken to address the TTC/ATC violations. Key projects include the augmentation of the 220kV Balipara-Sonabil line and augmenting transformers at Rangia and Sonapur S/s. These projects aim to enhance Assam's transmission capacity and maintain stability within the grid.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.5 Construction of 132kV Monarchak- Surjamaninagar transmission line - NEEPCO

The proposed evacuation system from 101 MW TGBPS to Suryamaninagar is yet to be commissioned. Due to poor existing evacuation system, frequent tripping of both the Units have been experienced by NEEPCO over the years. Though the matter has time and again been discussed in several Operation Coordination Committee Meetings of NERPC, M/s TSECL has still not indicated the proposed commissioning date.

Due to frequent tripping of existing lines and subsequent tripping of Units, NEEPCO has already observed major damages in the critical components of machines which in turn will reduce the expected life of the Units of TGBPS.

In view of the TSECL may please be requested to complete the construction work of the said line at the earliest.

In 26th TCC Meeting, Tripura representative informed that there is a right-of-way (RoW) issue, which has been brought to the attention of the state government. A survey has been conducted, and the amount involved is quite substantial. The state government has accepted the proposal. The work can

only proceed once the funds are released. The total line length is 44 km, with 2 foundations, 8 towers to be erected, and 19 km of stringing remaining.

The timeline for completion is December 2024.

TSECL may update.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Tripura representative informed the forum that the tentative timeline for completing the evacuation system from 101 MW TGBPS to Suryamaninagar is now March 2025. He further mentioned that RoW issue has already been resolved by Govt of Tripura by providing the compensation.

TCC advised Tripura to provide regular updates on the progress of the project in the monthly Operation Coordination Committee (OCC) meetings of NERPC to keep all stakeholders informed of developments.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.6 Overloading of critical transmission lines in Tripura system- NERLDC(Grid-India)

Overloading of transmission lines in Tripura system has become a cause of serious concern and a threat to grid security and reliability. In particular, 132 kV SM Nagar (ISTS) - SM Nagar line and 132 kV PK Bari (ISTS) - PK Bari line is getting critically loaded and experiencing significant over loading for prolong period of time causing vulnerability in the Tripura system. In addition to that due to low generation from Monarchak, RC Nagar, Rokhia and Baramura, the 132 kV SM Nagar (ISTS) - SM Nagar line get prematurely loaded before approaching the peak hours.

After deliberation in multiple OCCM, until the re-conductoring of 132 kV SM Nagar(ISTS) - SM Nagar, 132 kV PK Bari – PK Bari (ISTS), 132 kV SM Nagar-Budjungnagar and 132 kV PK Bari – Ambassa lines with HTLS conductor, an

SPS may be devised as a short term measure till re-conductoring. SPS is already devised and it is being implemented by Tripura.

Tripura may update the status of SPS implementation and the status of reconductoring of the said lines.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Tripura representative informed the forum that DPR has been submitted to the state government for funding of reconductoring of six lines, including the critically loaded 132 kV SM Nagar (ISTS) - SM Nagar line and 132 kV PK Bari (ISTS) - PK Bari line. The tendering process is expected to be completed within this month.

He further apprised the forum that for implementation of SPS, S/D will be availed on 11.11.2024.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.7 Formation of Sub group of RE generators and discussion their challenges at RPC level-CEA/NERPC

The Government of India has set a vision to integrate 500 GW of Renewable Energy (RE) into the National Grid by 2030. The rapid integration of numerous RE entities presents several challenges, including operational, commercial, protection, and communication issues. Currently, RE entities are not members of the Regional Power Committees (RPCs), making it increasingly difficult to ensure compliance with the regulations and guidelines set by the Government of India, like:

1. Compliance of provisions of CEA Connectivity Regulations, CERC IEGC Regulations and other CEA/CERC Regulations in respect of Operational issues
2. Compliance of provisions of CEA Connectivity Regulations, CERC IEGC Regulations and other CEA/CERC Regulations in respect of Protection aspects

3. Compliance of provisions of (Technical Standards for Communication System in Power System Operations) Regulations, CERC Communication Regulations and other CEA/CERC Regulations in respect of Communication aspects
4. Metering and Accounting related issues

In this regard, a meeting was held on 07.08.2024 under the chairmanship of the Chairperson, CEA, where it was decided that all RPCs shall form a sub-committee to discuss the issues of RE generators and the subcommittee shall meet at least once in a quarter. SECI, Solar and Wind Association, State RE Generators of capacity 250 MW & above and Regional RE Generators may be made member of the sub-committee. **The fees/contribution amount for non-RPC member participants of the RE subcommittee may be decided by the respective RPC forum.**

In view of the above, it is requested to take the necessary action at your end

In 218th OCC Meeting, MS, NERPC apprised the forum about importance of the RE integration with grid. Forum noted that addressing the challenges faced by RE developers and ensuring compliance with CEA regulations are critical for achieving the target of integrating 500 GW RE into National Grid by 2030. After detailed deliberation forum decided that an RE Sub-committee may be formed, to carry out the above works, by NERPC comprising

i. NER States, with RE capacity more than 25 MW (grid connected),
ii. CTU,
iii. PGCIL,
iv. NERPC,
v. NERLDC

Forum referred the matter to upcoming TCC/RPC meeting for further action.

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC briefly explained the need for forming a dedicated group to address the challenges and compliance issues associated with integrating renewable energy (RE) into the grid. This group will ensure that RE generators in the

North Eastern Region (NER) align with CEA and CERC regulations, thereby supporting India's goal of achieving 500 GW of RE integration by 2030.

After detailed discussions, it was decided that the sub group/committee would comprise the following members:

1. GENCOs (Central, State, Private) with RE (Solar/Wind) capacity exceeding 25 MW (grid-connected) in the NER region.
2. NERPC
3. NERLDC
4. CTU
5. Powergrid
6. STUs
7. SLDCs

Additionally, the subgroup/committee may co-opt other relevant members as special invitees as and when required.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.8 AMC of Meghalaya SAMAST Project- MePTCL

SAMAST project was funded under PSDF at an amount of Rs.7.175 Cr exclusive of taxes. The warranty period of both Part A (Supply, installation and commissioning of IT solution) and Part B (Supply, installation, testing and commissioning of 0.2s class ABT meters and automated meter reading solutions) of the SAMAST project in Meghalaya ended on the 30th June 2024. The two firms M/s PWC and M/s Genus Power Infrastructure Ltd respectively, submitted their offer for Annual Maintenance Contract as follows:

Part A	Rs.4.4840Cr for three years	Rs.1.5 Cr per annum
Part B	Rs.3.9460 Cr for five years/ Rs.2.3676 Cr for three years	Rs.0.8 Cr per annum
Total	**Rs.6.8516 Cr for three years**	**80.92% of the LOA**

In view of the extremely high AMC cost offered by the two firms and since SAMAST project LOA was issued by NERPC for all the NER states, this matter was raised at various forums of the NERPC. In the meantime, the period for technical support from the firms has lapsed on 31st July, 2024 and there is no breakthrough in the discussions for AMC. The proposed AMC cost is extremely high and will be detrimental to the performance of a small state like Meghalaya, hence AMC cannot be executed from the state resources. **It is requested to recommend 100% funding for the same from the GoI.**

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC informed the forum about the agenda concerning the SAMAST project and its high Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) costs, which have become a major concern.

Meghalaya highlighted the issue, explaining how the proposed AMC costs from M/s PWC and M/s Genus Power Infrastructure Ltd. are excessively high, placing a financial strain on a smaller state like Meghalaya.

After a thorough discussion, the following decisions were made:

1. M/s PWC was advised to provide a detailed state-wise justification explaining the reasons for the high AMC costs. M/s PWC was also asked to get assistance from Infotech (Hardware Partner) in the matter.

2. M/s PWC was requested to present a module-wise cost breakup, including a distinction between basic AMC and comprehensive AMC (which includes equipment replacement). NER States will accordingly place the AMC by selecting the suitable modules as per their needs and minimize the cost of AMC.
3. Similarly, for the metering part M/s Genus to provide state wise justification as well as module-wise cost breakup for the AMC. NER States will accordingly place the AMC by selecting the suitable modules as per their needs and minimize the cost of AMC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.9 AMC of ongoing SAMAST project: TPTL Tripura

As per scope of the SAMAST implementation project, in the post warranty period, respective states may individually carry out maintenance contract between buyer and agency with mutual agreement basis.

In this regard, TPTL requests the involvement of NERPC in the finalisation of:

- Scope of the post warranty maintenance contract with GENUS for Metering & PwC for data Centre.
- Determination of Fixed **Base Price** as all State SAMAST data centers are having the same hardware & software architecture and AMC price for 5 years may not exceed 5% of the project cost which has already been raised in 28thNETeST meeting.

The proposal was placed in the 26th TCC meeting held on 04th & 05th July 2024 at Guwahati and referred to discuss in the NETeST meeting and subsequently, it has been discussed in 29th NETeST meeting held on 05th September 2024 at Guwahati. The matter could not be resolved as PwC /Genus has quoted very high AMC price .

Forum is requested to consider the matter to take up with Genus and PwC to resolve the issue.

Members may discuss.

Deliberation of the TCC:

MS NERPC informed the forum about the agenda concerning the SAMAST project and its high Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC) costs, which have become a major concern.

Tripura highlighted how the proposed AMC costs from M/s PWC is excessively high, placing a financial strain on a smaller state like Tripura.

After a thorough discussion, the following decisions were made:

1. M/s PWC was advised to provide a detailed state-wise justification explaining the reasons for the high AMC costs. M/s PWC was also asked to get assistance from Infotech (Hardware Partner) in the matter.
2. M/s PWC was requested to present a module-wise cost breakup, including a distinction between basic AMC and comprehensive AMC (which includes equipment replacement). NER States will accordingly place the AMC by selecting the suitable modules as per their needs and minimize the cost of AMC.
3. Similarly, for the metering part M/s Genus to provide state wise justification as well as module-wise cost breakup for the AMC. NER States will accordingly place the AMC by selecting the suitable modules as per their needs and minimize the cost of AMC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.10 Restoration of 220KV Marainai-Samaguri Ckt 1 by AEGCL on Priority to address Reduction/Curtailment of Generation in upper Assam area- NERLDC(Grid-India)

Upper Assam Gate flow is monitored and controlled in real time by backing down generation in Upper Assam System, under any shutdowns of tie lines connecting Upper Assam with the rest of the Grid.

Upper Assam Gate consists of:

- 220 kV Mariani (AS) –Samaguri II
- 220 kV AGBPP – New Mariani (PG)
- 220 kV Mariani – New Mariani (PG)
- 132 kV Mariani - Golaghat

Considering N-1 reliability gate flow limit is 320 MW

Name	**Installed Capacity**
AGBPP	291
LTPS	97.2
NTPS	64.5
LRPP	69.8
NRPP	98.5
Amguri (Jakson)	70
Total Installed Capacity	**691**
MW Typical Generation	**380-420 MW**

Typical Load of Upper Assam System:

- 180 MW (Off-Peak)
- 357 MW (Peak)

In 25th TCC/RPC meeting, AEGCL reiterated that circuit 1 will be routed along ckt II due to forest clearance issues and the detailed survey would be

concluded within 3-4 months. The commissioning of the circuit will take upto 3 years.

AEGCL may update the latest status.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Assam representative informed the forum that they are in the process of seeking funding from the Central Government for the restoration of the 220 kV Mariani-Samaguri Circuit 1.

A Detailed Project Report (DPR) has already been prepared, and queries raised by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) are currently being addressed as part of the process.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.11 Rooftop Solar in NERPC Secretariat-NERPC

As per the Secretary MNRE DO letter 11.05.24 and subsequent directions from ministry of power, all the subordinate offices of Ministry of Power are required to install solar roof top by 2025 at office/residential building. In this regard, NERPC has proposed for installation of 10kW of rooftop solar at office building.

The approximate estimate for 10kW of rooftop solar at office building would be around Rs. 10-15 lakhs include rooftop construction plus installation /inverter. Ministry of Power has designated NVVN to execute the installation of solar roof tops.

NVVN shall be responsible till commissioning of the project and be paid only PMC (Project Management Consultancy).

The proposal is hereby placed before the forum for administrative and financial approval.

In 26th TCC meeting of NERPC, after detail deliberation, the forum recommended for approval of NERPC.

In 26th NERPC meeting, NERPC noted and approved the recommendation of TCC.

However, NVVN vide mail dated 27.08.2024 informed that installation of rooftop solar at NERPC building is not feasible and the same has been communicated to CEA.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the information provided by NVVN vide mail dated 27.08.2024 that installation of rooftop solar at NERPC building is not feasible and the same has been communicated to CEA.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.12 Observation of Quarterly NER Cyber Security Coordination forum(CSCF) meeting-NERLDC(Grid-India)

As per Clause 53 of the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) Regulations, 2023 on Cyber Security Co-ordination forum:

Quote:

The sectoral CERT (Computer Emergency Response Team) for wings of power sector, as notified by Government of India, from time to time, shall form a Cyber Security Coordination Forum with members from all concerned utilities and other statutory agencies to coordinate and deliberate on the cyber security challenges and gaps at appropriate level. A sub-committee of the same shall be formed at the regional level.

Unquote:

Accordingly, NERLDC is conducting NER-GO-CSCF meeting quarterly with a view to address all cyber security issues in NER Power Sector. It is requested to all the NER states to deploy senior personnel (SLDC head) along with CISO

/ Alternate CISO to participate in this meeting so that fruitful discussion and decisions could be taken during the meeting itself. It has also been observed that junior personnel or rather sometimes no members are nominated to attend this meeting.

Also, as on date CSCF of Transmission and Distribution sectors are yet to become operational. It has been observed that few Cyber Security issues falling in the domain of Transmission and Distribution sectors are being raised in CSCF of CERT-GO for discussion/guidance.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted above deliberation in subcommittee and advised utilities to comply the concern raised.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.13 Non-compliance with N-1 Criterion for BTPS 2 X 160 MVA, 220/132 kV ICTs-NERLDC(Grid-India)

BTPS substation is equipped with 2x160 MVA ICTs. The load flow from these ICTs at BTPS exceeds 160 MW, resulting in the inability to meet N-1 contingency criteria on tripping of any of the ICTs at the BTPS substation.
The percentage of time the power flow exceeded 160 MW for the months Jan'24 to Sepember'24 during peak hours have tabulated below:

Month	**BTPS ICTs combined loading > 160 MW %**
January	8%
February	22%
March	61%
April	62%
May	49%
June	38%

July	79%
August	80%
September	76%

To ensure reliable operation in the BTPS area of the Assam power system, it is necessary to upgrade the MVA capacities of ICTs at BTPS S/S with Higher capacity.

In the latest 217th OCC meeting, the forum opined that a new 132 kV BTPS-Salakati line or 132 kV Dhaligaon-Salakti may be planned to address the reliability issue in the area. The forum referred the matter to CMETS for further planning.

Deliberation of the TCC:

AEGCL updated that commissioning of new 220/1232kV ICT is under process. TCC forum noted.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.14 Operation of 400 KV Switchyard on Single Bus mode since commissioning at Panyor Lower HEP (PLHEP) -NERLDC(Grid-India)

The existing 400 kV Bus scheme of Panyor Lower HEP is double main scheme, however 400 kV Bus-1 is not available since commissioning. This does not comply with clause no. 44.2(a) CEA Technical Standards for Construction of Electrical Plants and Electric Lines), 2022

In 218th OCC meeting, NEEPCO informed that the isolator spares had arrived and for SF6 breaker, retendering was underway. NEEPCO further stated that the work would be tentatively completed by May'25.

PLHEP may update the status.

Deliberation of the TCC:

NEEPCO updated that the work would be completed by May'25.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.15 Utilization of 220/132 kV, 2x160 MVA ICT at Balipara (POWERGRID) S/s-NERLDC(Grid-India)

The Total Transfer Capability (TTC) and Available Transfer Capability (ATC) of the Assam power system are currently limited due to the high loading on the 220 kV Balipara-Sonabil D/C. The primary reason for the premature loading of this line is the under-utilization of the 220/132 kV, 2x160 MVA ICTs at the Balipara substation (POWERGRID).

Before June 2018, three 132 kV interconnections were available to utilize the 220/132 kV ICTs at Balipara, specifically:

- 132 kV Balipara – Ghoramari (AEGCL) line
- 132 kV Balipara – Sonabil (AEGCL) line
- 132 kV Balipara – Khupi (DoP, ArP) line

Presently, as only one 132kV connectivity is utilized for Khupi area of Arunachal Pradesh system (around 25 MW flow in peak hour), the 220/132 kV ICTs at Balipara remains inadequately utilized.
As per deliberations in the 21st CMETS-NER meeting held on July 27, 2023, AEGCL would construct the following scheme under intra-state with completion timeframe of 3 years from date of award for utilisation of 132kV vacant bays at Balipara S/s (vacated by AEGCL due to bypassing of its Balipara – Sonabil and Balipara – Ghoramari 132kV lines):

Establishment of 2x50MVA, 132/33kV Misamari substation
Balipara – Misamari 132kV D/c (ACSR Zebra) line (utilising the 132kV line bays vacated upon bypassing of Balipara – Sonabi and Balipara – Ghoramari

132kV lines at Balipara substation) alongwith associated line bays at Misamari substation.

LILO of Depota – Rowta 132kV S/c line at Misamari substation along with associated line bays

Granting General Network Access (GNA) is based on the TTC/ATC margin, and the approved GNA quantum for Assam has already saturated its current TTC/ATC limits. Effective utilization of the 220/132 kV, 2x160 MVA ICTs at Balipara will significantly help in enhancing the TTC/ATC figures for the Assam power system. This will not only improve the reliability and stability of the grid but also accommodate the growing power demands of the region. Therefore, expediting these proposed projects is crucial for ensuring a robust and reliable power infrastructure in Assam.

In the latest 217th OCC meeting, the forum requested AEGCL to expedite the abovementioned projects so that ICT at Balipara would be utilized fully and it will improve the reliability in the area.

AEGCL may update the status.

Deliberation of the TCC:

AEGCL updated that the work of 132/33kV Misamari S/s is under process. Funding option is being explored.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.16 Registration of state embedded generators in NOAR for facilitating sale of URS in the Power Market- NERLDC(Grid-India)

Ministry of Power has notified Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Rules 2022 on 3rd June 2022 and Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Amendment Rules 2024 on 28th February 2024. As per the LPSC Rule (9) (1):

Quote

"(1) A distribution licensee shall intimate its schedule for requisitioning power for each day from each generating company with which it has an agreement for purchase of power at least two hours before the end of the time for placing proposals or bids in the day ahead market for that day, failing which the generating company, shall offer, the un- requisitioned surplus power including the power available against the declared capacity of the unit under shut down, in the power exchange, subject to the limitation of ramping and start up capability as specified by the Appropriate Commission:
Provided that if the power so offered by the generating company is not cleared in Day-Ahead Market, it shall be offered in other market segments, including the Real Time Market, in the power exchange:"
Unquote

In view of the above, it is requested to please advise all the state embedded generating stations to get registered on the National Open Access Registry (NOAR) portal (https://noar.in) at the earliest, so that they can participate in the power market.
Communications regarding the same from NERLDC are enclosed as per **Annexure-5.16.1** and list of intra-state generators as received from NLDC (Highlighted ones for NER Region) are enclosed as in **Annexure-5.16.2.**
Members may note.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum requested concerned state utilities to advise all the state embedded generating stations to get registered on the National Open Access Registry (NOAR) portal (https://noar.in) at the earliest, so that they can participate in the power market.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.17 Implementation/Review of Islanding Schemes of NER- NERPC

As per Clause 10 of the Central Electricity Authority (Grid Standards), Regulations, 2010: "Islanding Schemes- (1) The Regional Power Committees shall prepare Islanding schemes for separation of systems with a view to save healthy system from total collapse in case of grid disturbance. (2) The Entities shall ensure proper implementation of the Islanding Schemes". In this regard the Islanding schemes which are being planned/have been implemented in NER are mentioned below, along with the updates from 217th OCCM.

A. Guwahati Islanding Scheme

In 218th OCC Meeting, Assam updated that modified DPR has been sent to PSDF.

B. Tripura/Agartala Islanding Scheme

NERLDC informed that a meeting was held on 07.08.2024 among NERPC, NERLDC and Tripura utilities to discus the scheme. In the meeting, outline of the scheme was finalized and TPTL and TPGCL were requested to provide the following data respectively:

1. Priority wise load data

2. dynamic data of generators involved (Monarchak, Rokhia, and Baramura)

NERLDC further stated that the formats for data will be shared shortly with Tripura utilities. The forum requested Tripura utilities to provide the data at the earliest.

In 218th OCC Meeting, NERLDC have informed forum that Required format was shared with Tripura. NERLDC have also apprised forum that Generation data form Tripura along with load data yet to be received from Tripura. Forum requested Tripura to provide all the required data at earliest.

C. Upper Assam Islanding Scheme

In 218th OCC Meeting, Assam informed forum that NTPS is a very old power station and we do not have the data as required for updation for islanding scheme. For LTPS, regarding change in frequency settings, communication has been done with BHEL and we are awaiting response from their end. For LRPP, Stage I frequency setting is alarm and Stage II frequency setting is Trip. Forum asked NEEPCO and

AEGCL to make the necessary changes and updating their settings in consultation with their respective OEMs.

D. Itanagar Islanding Scheme

In 218th OCC Meeting, Arunachal Pradesh informed that the required load data had been submitted to NERLDC. MS, NERPC has urged all the stakeholder to expedite the process so that this Islanding Scheme can be approved in next RPC meeting.

E. Kohima Islanding scheme

In 218th OCC Meeting, DoP Nagaland updated that the DPR preparation was underway, as they have not received Budgetary offer from vendor. MS NERPC urged DoP Nagaland to take the budgetary offer from a vendor at the earliest so that the same may get approved in the upcoming RPC meeting.

F. Imphal Islanding scheme

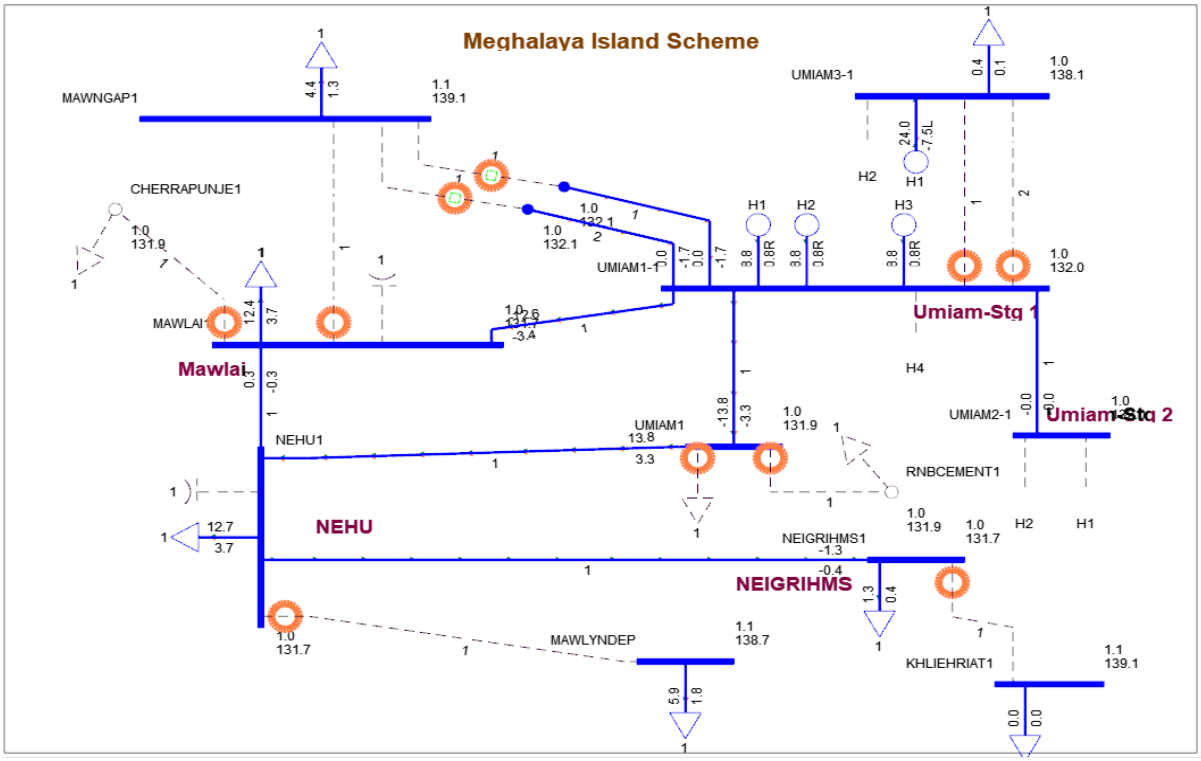
In 218th OCC Meeting, Manipur informed forum that due to law and order situation AUFLS Mapping is pending from substations end and assured to provide the required data shortly. NERLDC stated that data from NHPC is yet to be received. NHPC stated that they will provide required data shortly.

G. Aizawl Islanding scheme

In 218th OCC Meeting, Mizoram informed that the required load data had been provided to NERLDC. The forum stated that a special meeting will be held shortly to finalize the scheme.

H. Meghalaya/Shillong Islanding Scheme:

NERLDC requested Meghalaya to provide load data for further study. NERLDC requested Meghalaya utilities to provide the load and generation data at the earliest, the format will be shared shortly. The forum stated that a special meeting will be held shortly to finalize the scheme. Meghalaya requested the inclusion of generating station Stage III and IV instead of Stage I and II, as both are small machines with no FGMO provision as per IEGC.



Members may discuss.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the progress on the islanding scheme in NER and decided to finalize the islanding scheme along with cost estimate at the earliest, so as it can send to PSDF committee.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.18 Construction of 2nd transmission line to Tuirial power station of NEEPCO - NEEPCO

NEEPCO is facing problem in operating 2x30 MW power station with only one power evacuation line i.e. 132 KV single Circuit Bawklang (Kolasib) - Tuirial line. The matter has been discussed with Power and Electricity Dept. Govt of Mizoram on various occasions in the past and the Govt. of Mizoram has agreed to construct the same. However, NEEPCO has observed that till date no progress on ground has been made for construction of the second circuit. It may please be noted that a generating station which is based on reservoir

operation cannot operate for long with a single evacuation transmission line and is also not fulfilling the N minus 1 condition. There should be redundancy in power evacuation system as per the Grid code.

It may please be noted that NEEPCO has sufficient numbers of line bays in its switch yard for smooth evacuation as per requirement.

lt has been observed that during rainy season, in the event of the lone line outage, load throw off of the Units takes place and the reservoir may spill over for non-availability of power evacuation, which is an avoidable national loss.

NEEPCO requests through this forum for early construction of the 2nd evacuation transmission line for Tuirial HPS by Mizoram for safe and smooth operation of the Tuirial Hydro Electric power station.

In 26th TCC Meeting, Mizoram representative informed that an amount of INR 28 crore has been allocated for the project by the State Govt.. Upon the release of government funds, the project is expected to be completed within two years(May'2026).

NEEPCO representative requested Mizoram to expedite for early execution of this transmission line being crucial for evacuation of Turial power generation.

NERPC to monitor the progress of the project in sub-committee meetings.

Mizoram/NEEPCO may update.

Deliberation of the TCC:

Mizoram updated that allocation of 28 Crore has been received from Govt of Mizoram for which expenditure sanction is being sought.

TCC forum noted.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.19 Status update of proposed immediate provisional arrangement at upstream transmission systems in Assam for interim relief to Arunachal Pradesh on Chakhowa-Roing 132 kV transmission system and the regular arrangement works of Tinsukia-Rupai-Chapakhowa-Roing 132 kV D/C transmission line – DoP, AP

The existing Panyor HEP to Namsai 132 kV long radial line via Ziro, Daporijo, Aalo, Pasighat and Roing 132/33 kV Sub-Stations is prone to frequent disruptions on account of natural calamity triggered faults caused in the very lengthy line traversing all through dense jungles of treacherous mountainous topography between Ziro and Pasighat. Hence, for fulfilment of N-1 condition to this line, after a much await, Roing - Chapakhowa 132 kV D/C transmission line was commissioned last year, in July 2023, with huge expectational fanfare in Arunachal Pradesh. However, to utter dismay of Arunachal Pradesh, it was later learnt that power of only 18 MW could be allowed at Roing terminal point for Arunachal Pradesh in view of reported constraints of the upstream transmission systems in Assam. Thus, the purpose of the 132 kV D/C transmission line of Roing-Chapakhowa got defeated and Arunachal Pradesh continued to be deprived of its intended benefit.

Hence, upon taking up of the matter in the NERPC forum, it was decided to conduct a joint inspection of the sites to put in place an interim arrangement till commissioning of the other alternative Kathalguri-Namsai 220 kV D/C anchoring transmission system, which is expected in 2025. Accordingly, the joint inspection was conducted by a team lead by NERPC with participation of NERLDC, Assam and Arunachal Pradesh on 23/02/2024; whereupon it was decided and proposed for carrying out Double-Jumpering works with Special Protection Scheme in upstream systems in Assam as immediate interim arrangement to enable Arunachal Pradesh draw its required power through the Roing-Chapakhowa 132 kV D/C transmission line in the event of failure of the Panyor-Namsai 132 kV transmission line.

Till date Arunachal Pradesh faces the above drawl restriction on the stated corridor during exigencies. Hence, present status and expected schedule of putting in place of the above proposal may be elucidated.

In 26th TCC Meeting, Assam representative informed that double jumpering work has been completed.

Powergrid updated that hat SPS is under process and expected to be completed within 15 days.

TCC advised Assam and Powergrid to coordinate and implement the SPS as soon as possible.

Assam representative mentioned that the DPR for reconductoring of 132kV Tinsukia-Ledo & Tinsukia-Rupai lines had already been submitted.

Powergrid informed that for the Kathalguri-Namsai line, the target completion date is July 2025. GIS work is currently ongoing, and foundation has been completed.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the update and advised utilities to adhere the target.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.20 Completion of Tower Loc # 213 of Pasighat-Roing Transmission Line and early normalization of the line – DoP, AP

Tower Loc # 213 of Pasighat-Roing transmission line of POWERGRID was washed away in the flooding of Dotung river in the monsoon of 2020. Since then the damaged portion of the line is on makeshift ERS (Emergency Restoration System), despite numerous assurances rendered by NERTS, POWERGRID, for completion and normalization of the line on several occasions in many meetings at the NERPC forum. However, the situation continues to remain precarious, thereby keeping the reliability of the line at constant risk. This has also obstructed the laying works of OPGW on the Pasighat-Roing line by the Comprehensive Scheme team of POWERGRID, thereby keeping the Pasighat Sub-Station isolated from communication links.

NERTS, POWERGRID, may update the situation with the request for intervention by NERPC for early resolution of this long pending situation.

In 26th TCC Meeting, POWERGRID informed the forum that tower foundation for location number 212 and 214 (Pile of 400kV Design) is now complete after overcoming challenges posed by difficulties due to double river crossing etc. Tower Erection and stringing work is pending. Mobilization of men and materials for erection is under progress. Presently, work of around 45 days is balance which is requiring around 60 MT tower erection per tower.

Work is expected to be completed by Aug'24. However, considering present rainy season, the work may be delayed by another 15 days. However, regular monitoring of ERS towers is ensured and suitable measures like tightening of Guy Wires, Protection to ERS location etc. are being ensured by POWERGRID.

MS NERPC stated that NERPC Secretariat will review the progress along with AP and Powergrid teams.

Members may update.

Deliberation of the TCC:

PGCIL informed that work has been completed on 9th Oct'24 and laying of OPGW fibre for communication will be completed with a month.

TCC forum noted.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.21 Status of Commissioning of Lower Subhansiri HEP (8x250 MW)- NERPC

In the 25th NERPC Meeting held on 9th December 2023, Director (Technical), NHPC intimated the forum that unit 1 and 2 were scheduled to be commissioned in February'24 and March'24 respectively. However, due to geological events the commissioning schedules may likely be postponed by three to four months. He however stated that all the units of the project (8x250 MW) will be positively commissioned by May 2025.

In this regard, NHPC is requested to update the status of commissioning of Lower Subhansiri HEP.

In 26th TCC Meeting, NHPC representative informed that there was a massive landslide in October'2023. Post that incident an Expert Committee was constituted in Nov'2023 by Ministry of Power, Govt. of India to investigate the matter. The recommendations of the Expert Committee are being complied with.

NHPC representative informed that 3 units will be commissioned by March'2025 and the rest 5 units by May'2026.

PGCIL representative raised the concern of high reactive power generated by idle charged Lower Subhansiri HEP-BNC lines 1 & 2 and requested for commissioning of Bus Reactor at Lower Subhasiri at the earliest.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the update.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.22 Agenda items on Distribution Sector – CEA, DP&T

5.22.1 Request for Proposal for Down Stream Distribution Network connectivity of 33 KV sub-stations implemented/being implemented under NERPSIP and Comprehensive Scheme in NE States.

• During a meeting taken by Additional Secretary (Transmission), Ministry of Power on 14th May, 2024 to discuss the requirement of strengthening of intra-state transmission system in North Eastern States, it was informed that out of 155 number of 33 KV sub-stations being implemented in NE States under NERPSIP and Comprehensive Scheme, only 49 sub-stations are having Down Stream Connectivity distribution network.

Scheme	Total No of 33 KV SSs	No of 33 KV SS having	Balance 33 KV SS which do not

		downstream system at 11 KV	have downstream connectivity
NERPSIP	85	48	37
Comprehensive scheme	70	1	69
Total	155	49	106

- During the meeting it was decided that Distribution division of CEA would prepare a plan for distribution Down Stream network of 33 KV sub-stations being implemented under the NERPSIP and Comprehensive scheme which would be considered for approval under RDSS by Ministry of Power.
- Down Stream distribution network of some of the 33 KV sub-stations under NERPSIP and Comprehensive scheme have already approved under State schemes/ RDSS/ Ministry of DONOR/NEC Schemes/ or externally funded schemes like ADB, WB etc, however, downstream network of many of the sub-station might still not finalized/approved.
- ***NE States are requested that the requirement of Down Stream distribution network of remaining 33 KV sub-stations being implemented under NERPSIP and Comprehensive Scheme may be finalized and furnished to CEA so as to submit a comprehensive plan for consideration of MOP for funding under RDSS.***
- The Down Stream network may include the 11 KV Panels (if not available at SS), 11 KV lines, associated distribution transformers , LT lines & LT switchgears etc. as per the actual site requirement.
- There should not be any duplication of works with already approved/implemented works.
- CEA has already requested to all NE States vide letter Dt 4-6-2024 to furnish the proposals on the above to CEA on priority

In 26th TCC meeting, CE(DP&T), CEA informed the forum about the status of 33 KV sub-stations under the NERPSIP and Comprehensive Scheme. It was highlighted that while many 33 KV sub-stations have been implemented, a significant number still lack 11 KV downstream networks. This issue was discussed during a meeting held on 14th May 2024, chaired by the Additional Secretary (Transmission), Ministry of Power. Key points of the deliberation:

- CE(DP&T),CEA emphasized that only 49 out of 155 33 KV sub-stations have downstream connectivity distribution networks. The remaining 106 sub-stations lack these networks.
- It was decided in the meeting on 14th May 2024 that the Distribution Division of CEA would prepare a plan for the downstream network of 33 KV sub-stations and submit it for RDSS approval.
- NE States were requested to finalize and furnish the requirements for the downstream distribution network of the remaining 33 KV sub-stations within 15 days. This will ensure that there is no duplication of work.
- The downstream network may include 11 KV panels, 11 KV lines, associated distribution transformers, LT lines, and LT switchgears as per actual site requirements.
- MS NERPC reiterated the importance of submitting these details to avoid delays in the approval and implementation process.
- It was noted that CEA had already requested all NE States, via a letter dated 4th June 2024, to furnish the proposals on the above to CEA on priority.

TCC acknowledged the importance of this task and urged all NE States to submit their requirements to CEA within 15 days. This will facilitate the comprehensive planning and approval process for the downstream distribution network under RDSS.

In 26th NERPC Meeting, Member (GO&D), Central Electricity Authority, informed the forum that at present the RDSS Scheme is available up to

March'2026. He further requested NE states to submit the requisite data to CEA at the earliest.

RPC emphasized the significance of Down Stream Distribution Network connectivity of 33 KV sub-stations of NER and encouraged all NE States to provide their requirements to CEA within 15 days. This will enable thorough planning and expedite the approval process for the downstream distribution network under RDSS.

The matter was also discussed in various subcommittee meetings of NERPC.

NE States may update.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC advised all NE States to provide their requirements to CEA for downstream network to expedite funding under RDSS.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.22.2 Request for Proposals for high Impact distribution sector infrastructure projects to be funded under PM-DevINE scheme of Ministry of DONER.

- Ministry of Power forwarded a DO letter dated 10th May, 2024 received from Secretary, Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) on the above subject to CEA for inputs.
- It is indicated in DO letter from Secretary, Ministry of DONER that high impact Infrastructure development projects, social development projects, enhancing livelihoods of the region, etc are being taken up under PM-DeVINE scheme of Ministry of Doner and requested to explore the possibility of taking up the power sector related high impact projects under PM-DevINE scheme as per guidelines of the scheme.
- The high impact distribution sector scheme may include the schemes for improving the reliability of power supply in major cities /towns, introduction of smart distribution system in major cities /towns or any gap funding for high impact scheme etc.

- ***It is requested that the all-NE states may identify some high impact power distribution sector projects in their states and the concept notes / proposal of these projects may be furnished to CEA so as to furnish the same to compiled project lists to Min. of Doner through MOP for funding under PM-DevINE scheme.***
- Before submitting the proposal, the non-duplication of proposed works may be taken into account and the works should be according to the Guidelines of PM-DevINE scheme.
- A request email in this regard has been forwarded by CEA to all NE States on 31st May 2024.

In 26th TCC Meeting, CE(DP&T),CEA informed the forum about the DO letter from the Ministry of Power, dated 10th May 2024, requesting inputs from CEA on high-impact infrastructure projects under the PM-DevINE scheme.

- CE(DP&T),CEA emphasized the need for NE states to identify high-impact power distribution sector projects and submit concept notes or proposals to CEA.
- Projects should focus on improving power supply reliability in major cities/towns, introducing smart distribution systems, or addressing funding gaps for high-impact schemes.
- It was stressed that proposals should avoid duplication of existing works and adhere to the guidelines of the PM-DevINE scheme.
- NE states were requested to submit their project proposals promptly, as per the request email sent by CEA on 31st May 2024.

TCC urged all NE states to prioritize the identification and submission of high-impact project proposals to CEA to further facilitate funding under the PM-DevINE scheme.

In 26th NERPC Meeting, CMD MeECL inquired about the types of projects that can be included under high-impact projects and sought more clarity on the PM-DevINE scheme and the maximum sanctionable amount.

Member GO&D, CEA stated that CEA would provide the necessary guidelines to the utilities for more clarity on this matter.

RPC forum noted and directed all NE States to promptly identify and submit high-impact project proposals to CEA to facilitate funding under the PM-DevINE scheme.

The matter was also discussed in various subcommittee meetings of NERPC.

NE States may update.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum advised all NE States to provide their proposals high-impact project proposals to CEA to facilitate funding under the PM-DevINE scheme to CEA.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.22.3 Request for furnishing the data for preparing Distribution Perspective Plan 2035 by CEA

- Realizing the importance of Distribution infrastructure requirement for meeting the projected load up to 2030, CEA prepared a Draft Distribution Perspective Plan up to 2029-30 based on the information received from the Discoms. The Draft DPP 2030 was uploaded on CEA website on 2nd February, 2024 for public comments/inputs by 1st April, 2024.
- This Plan has included the Discom wise and All India level Distribution infrastructure planned by major discoms in the country to meet the projected demand by 2029-30. (Demand as per 20th EPS of CEA)
- The distribution infrastructure requirement includes the projected Sub Stations (66/33/22 kV), Feeders (66/33/22 kV), 11 KV Feeders, Capacitor Banks, Distribution Transformers, LT Feeders along with AT&C loss Reduction trajectory till 2030, Consumer Metering status and Consumer Growth, SCADA /RTDAS and Estimated Fund Requirement etc.

- The best practices being followed by the Discoms for management of distribution system and details of the new technologies available for introduction of Smart Distribution have also been included for guidance of the distribution utilities.
- The Projections made in draft DPP 2030 regarding distribution infrastructure requirement was reviewed by Hon'ble Cabinet Minister of Power & NRE on 16th February, 2024.
- Hon'ble Minister of Power & NRE suggested that the infrastructure requirement for providing 24x7 reliable power to consumers under RDSS-PH-II should be based on the following priority
    - Meeting Load Growth Requirement by 2030
    - Improving Reliability
    - Technology Improvement
    - Loss reduction works
- Subsequently, a workshop was organized by PFC on 6th March 2024 at N. Delhi to discuss the requirement of distribution infrastructure up to 2035.
- CEA circulated the revised formats in March 2024 to all States including NE States for furnishing the data up to 2035 by April 2024 end.
- Data from Mizoram and Sikkim has been received in CEA.
- It is requested to furnish the data in revised formats within 10 days so as to compile the data and to submit the Distribution Perspective Plan 2035 to MOP in the month of July 2024.

In 26th TCC Meeting, CE(DP&T), CEA informed the forum about the preparation of the Draft Distribution Perspective Plan (DPP) up to 2029-30 by CEA, based on information received from Discoms, and its upload on the CEA website for public comments.

- CE(DP&T),CEA emphasized the need to submit revised data formats to CEA by April 2024 end to compile and submit the Distribution Perspective Plan 2035 to MoP by July 2024.
- Highlighted that data from Mizoram and Sikkim has been received, and other NE states need to furnish their data within 10 days.
- The infrastructure requirement for providing 24x7 reliable power to consumers under RDSS-PH-II should focus on meeting load growth requirements by 2030, improving reliability, technology improvement, and loss reduction works.

TCC urged all NE states to prioritize and expedite the submission of their data in the revised formats to CEA to ensure timely compilation and submission of the Distribution Perspective Plan 2035 to MoP.

In 26th NERPC meeting, CE(DP&T),CEA informed the forum that Govt of India has already identified 100 high growth cities including Guwahati that may be partly funded through RDSS.

Member, GO&D, CEA urged the NE States to identify high growth cities and submit the requisite data latest 31st July'2024.

CMD, MeECL suggested that the Ministry's upcoming 5-year roadmap for high-growth cities may include the capital cities of the North Eastern Region.

RPC forum noted and stressed the urgency for all NE States to prioritize submitting their revised data to the CEA, facilitating the timely completion and presentation of the Distribution Perspective Plan 2035 to the MoP.

The matter was also discussed in various subcommittee meetings of NERPC.

NE States may update.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum advised all NE States to provide the requisite data for facilitating the timely completion and presentation of the Distribution Perspective Plan 2035 to CEA.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.22.4 Status of Integration of feeders with National Feeder Monitoring System (NFMS)

Presently, National Power Portal (NPP) developed by CEA is a centralized system which facilitates online data of whole power sector including generation, transmission, and distribution on one platform at National Level. The average Hours of power supply of States (Urban & rural) is also being captured on NPP which is being provided by States on NPP portal on monthly basis. However, the rural & urban power supply data on NPP is provided by discoms manually on NPP in a defined format, hence, there is always a delay in providing the data by discoms on NPP.

Keeping in view the challenges faced in the existing Rural & Urban Feeder Monitoring System and with objective to monitor the availability of power supply to all the urban and rural feeders in the country without any human intervention, a National Feeder Monitoring System (NFMS) has been approved under RDSS which is being developed by RECPDCL.

NFMS would integrate all the communicable feeder meters with a Centralized system to have M2M communication without any human intervention. NFMS would provide the states wise /utility wise power availability status at feeder level; however, it would require the installation of communicable meters on all feeders and integration of these meters with Centralized system.

The status of integration of feeders of NE states in NFMS is as under:

SN	State/ Discom	Total No of Feeders	Monitored Feeders	Un monitored Feeders	Existing SI	No. of Feeder Meters sanctioned	NFMS Integration Status

						under RDSS*	
1	Mizoram-P&ED	301	121	180	RT-DAS-M/s. Neo Silica	398	Integration activity started, one API integration completed others under process.
2	Tripura-TSECL	494	0	494	N/A	473	LOA awarded to M/s Techno, Not in stage of Integration
3	Meghalaya-MePDCL	345	0	345	N/A	1324	AMISP not yet awarded
4	Nagaland-PD	295	0	295	N/A	392	LOA awarded to M/s Anvil, Not in stage of Integration
5	Sikkim-P&ED	633	0	633	N/A	633	LOA awarded to M/s Anvil, Not in stage

							of Integration
6	Assam-APDCL	2782	1048	1734	AMI-M/s. Genus Power & M/s. Apraava Energy	2782	Integration completed with Apraava and Genus. Integration with Adani and Intellismart feeder is pending.
7	Arunachal Pradesh-PD	688	0	688	N/A	688	LOA awarded to M/s Anvil, Not in stage of Integration
8	Manipur-MSPDCL	357	0	357	N/A	357	LOA awarded to M/s Polaris, Not in stage of Integration

After the installation of smart feeder meters, the feeder data would be integrated by NFMS with MDM of AMISP to have M2M connectivity with NFMS. As, the integration of Feeder with NFMS is also linked with release of Grant for 2024-25 under RDSS, All the NE States are requested to provide the integration

of NFMS with existing Feeder Monitoring system of state (M2M or manual), as an interim arrangement till the smart meters are installed on feeder by AMISP, to provide countrywide picture on NFMS.

In 26th TCC Meeting, CE(DP&T), CEA, apprised the forum about the Ministry of Power's approval of NFMS under RDSS to monitor power supply availability without human intervention. The manual data submission by discoms on the National Power Portal (NPP) causes delays, which the NFMS aims to address.

CE(DP&T), CEA, emphasized the following points:

- States must integrate their feeders with NFMS.
- Until the feeders are fully integrated with NFMS, states are requested to manually provide data to a centralized location and upload it to the NFMS portal via a provided link.
- This integration is crucial for the release of the grant for 2024-25 under RDSS.

It was also reported that integration activities have started in Mizoram, and API integration for one feeder has been completed. Other States were urged to expedite the integration process.

TCC urged all NE states to prioritize the integration of their feeder data with NFMS, to ensure a countrywide picture on NFMS and facilitate timely release of grants under RDSS.

In 26th NERPC meeting, RPC noted and stressed the necessity for all NE States to prioritize integrating their feeder data with NFMS. This integration will provide a comprehensive national overview and help facilitate the timely release of grants under RDSS.

The matter was also discussed in various subcommittee meetings of NERPC.

NE States may update.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted and stressed the necessity for all NE States to prioritize integrating their feeder data with NFMS portal.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.23 Allocation of firm power w.r.t. Parbati-II hydroelectric project (800 MW) and Dibang multi-purpose project (2880 MW) of NHPC Ltd-NERPC

Ministry of Power conveyed that, Power of under construction hydro projects through firm power allocation of Parbati-II hydroelectric project (800 MW) and Dibang multi-purpose project (2880 MW) of NHPC Ltd is available for allocation to NER States. The consent from states of NE region for willingness to take Firm power from Parbati-II hydroelectric project (800 MW) and Dibang multi-purpose project (2880 MW) of NHPC Ltd sought so that proposed allocation can be furnished to MoP.

In 53rd CCM Meeting, Tripura representative gave their consent for willingness to take Firm power from Dibang multi-purpose project (2880 MW) of NHPC Ltd.

MS, NERPC requested all NER states to send their consent for willingness to willingness to take Firm power from Parbati-II hydroelectric project (800 MW) and Dibang multi-purpose project (2880 MW) of NHPC Ltd to IRP division, CEA at the earliest for onwards submission to Ministry of Power. Further he also informed the forum that in this regard NERPC had already sent the mail to all NER states.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the deliberation in subcommittee.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.24 AMC of SCADA/EMS of NER States-AEGCL

It is to inform you that, the existing AMC of SCADA/EMS which was extended for 2 years under the scope of the contract is going to expire on 11.11.2024. The system is due for upgradation. As such, the DPR for upgradation has already been submitted to NERPC for onward submission to PSDF. However, before the upgraded system is put in place, the AMC of the existing system is going to expire. In view of the above M/S GE T&D Ind. Ltd. (the OEM of the existing system) was requested to submit an offer for further extension of AMC for another 2 years on 02.05.2024. M/S GE T&D Ind. Ltd. has reverted with techno-commercial offer on 09.07.2024. Following are the observations made on the offer:

1. The offered price is significantly high as compared to the existing AMC with the following exclusion from maintenance:
   a. Any Upgrade (hardware & Software)
   b. Signature and Patch updates for End of Support Products
   c. External Firewalls (Checkpoint)
   d. VC System
   e. TV Screen-55 Inch
   f. Printer
   g. Input/Output ACDB, UPS Battery and Battery Bank
   h. Any RTU and field equipment
   i. Any new bay/station integration shall be done at mutually agreed price
   j. L-3 support for deep application issues and customization for eDNA
   k. Any item not mentioned in above Scope of Work
   l. 3rd Party audits, mitigations and support
   m. SAN/NAS storage availability

For signature and patch update for the products which are not in their end of support is not specified. Inclusion of UPS along with DG has also not specified. Also, the license of the External firewall is going to expire in December, 2024 and End of Life for the same has been declared as December, 2025. Till the EOL the firewall shall be within the scope of AMC. After EOL

the same may be upgraded by SLDCs on their own or by M/S GE T&D Ind. Ltd. as in the case of internal firewall.

2. In the existing AMC the scope (terms and condition) such as system availability, Manpower requirement, Service response requirements were broadly elaborated. The same is missing from the new offer.

   The offer having such escalate financial implication for AMC with significant reduction in the scope of work appears very difficult to accept.

   Hence, considering the above M/S GE T&D Ind. Ltd. has been requested to submit a revised offer on 24.07.2024. M/S GE T&D Ind. Ltd. has declined the request.

Also, other SLDCs of NER are nearing their 2-year extended AMC period. Looking at the above and to bring uniformity to the scope, financial implication, and terms and condition for extension of AMC beyond existing AMC, NERPC is requested to put up this matter in the forthcoming 29th NETeST meeting for discussion.

As per the deliberation of 26th TCC/NERPC Meeting, a special meeting was held on 14.10.2024 in VC mode among NERPC, NERLDC, GE and all NER states to deliberate on the issue of AMC of SCADA/EMS.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum opined that a special meeting may be conducted among NERPC, NERLDC, GE and all NER states to deliberate on the issue of AMC of existing SCADA/EMS.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.25 Implementation of revised load shedding quantum for UFR by states- NERLDC(Grid-India)

UFR load shedding for NER states for the FY 2024-25

State	Stg I (MW)	Stg II (MW)	Stg III (MW)	Stg IV (MW)
Ar. Pradesh	8.659594937	10.39151392	12.12343291	12.12343291
Assam	112.3419494	134.8103392	157.2787291	157.2787291
Manipur	11.54612658	13.8553519	16.16457722	16.16457722
Meghalaya	18.85556962	22.62668354	26.39779747	26.39779747
Mizoram	7.542227848	9.050673418	10.55911899	10.55911899
Nagaland	8.100911392	9.721093671	11.34127595	11.34127595
Tripura	16.85362025	20.2243443	23.59506835	23.59506835
Total	**183.9**	**220.68**	**257.46**	**257.46**

In 218th OCC meeting, Forum has requested all the States to implement the revised load shedding quantum by end of Sep-2024.

Members may deliberate.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum advised all the NER States to implement the revised load shedding quantum at the earliest.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.26 Ensuring Harmonic Content in the All-India Electricity Grid within Safe Limits and Statutory Provisions- NERLDC(Grid-India)

This is to bring to your notice that apart from voltage and frequency, uncontrolled harmonics can cause damage to the equipment/protective system mis-operations. Director SO, Grid-India, has issued a letter regarding the importance of maintaining harmonic content within the safe statutory limits as prescribed by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Standards and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) Regulations (**Annexure-5.26**).

Subsequently, the matter was discussed 216th OCCM (agenda C.12) and till date no reports have been received.

Therefore, it is once again requested to all the utilities to share the harmonic measurement test report from your respective sub-station with Grid-India and the Central Transmission Utility of India (CTUIL).

If these tests have not yet been conducted, please ensure that they are carried out at the earliest convenience and subsequently share a copy of the report with NERLDC and CTUIL.

Members may deliberate.

Deliberation of the TCC:

NERLDC highlighted the importance of maintaining harmonic content within the safe statutory limits as prescribed by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Standards and Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) Regulations.

PGCIL informed the forum that harmonics tests have been conducted at the 400kV BNC and Balipara substations. The results of these tests will be submitted by the CC team to the NERPC and NERLDC.

NERPC requested that all utilities conduct harmonic measurements at their respective substations and share the test reports with NERPC and NERLDC.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.27 Nomination for co-signatory for "NERPC Establishment Fund"/ "NERPC Board Fund"-NERPC

Presently two officers (Assistant Secretary & DDO) from NERPC Secretariat are nominated by Member Secretary, NERPC as signatories of NERPC Establishment Fund/ NERPC Board Fund. It is proposed to modify the signatory requirements for withdrawals from 'NERPC Establishment Fund'/ 'NERPC Board Fund'. There shall be 3 signatories for the fund, 1 officer

nominated among the NER Constituents and 2 officers from NERPC Secretariat as nominated by Member Secretary, NERPC. To execute transactions above 1 lakh INR shall require signature of any two signatories. In this regard, CC Forum is requested to nominate an officer among the NER Constituents for the same.

In the 51st CC meeting NERPC has proposed a modification to the signatory requirements for withdrawals from the 'NERPC Establishment Fund' and 'NERPC Board Fund.' Currently, two officers from the NERPC Secretariat are nominated as signatories.

The proposal suggests adding a third signatory, among the NER Constituents for the transactions above 1 lakh INR. After detailed deliberations, it was decided to nominate an officer from Meghalaya (MeECL) for the same.

In 26th TCC and NERPC meeting, the forum approved the above recommendation.

Subsequently MePDCL vide letter dated 03.09.2024 nominated Shri K. Sohtun, AO(Cash & Bank), MeECL as one of the co-signatories in connection with "NERPC Establishment Fund/ NERPC Board Fund'.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.28 Consultancy Services for management of NERPC Funds -NERPC

Presently, NERPC Secretariat has been maintaining its own fund. The officers deployed at the secretariat by CEA are from engineering background with technical domain knowledge. And hence lacks specialization on finance / accounting.

A need has been felt to procure consultancy services with specialization on finance and accounting for management of NERPC Funds. Expenditure for the said services shall be borne from NERPC Secretariat Establishment Fund.

In 26th TCC and NERPC Meeting, the forum approved procurement of consultancy services with specialization on finance and accounting for management of NERPC Funds.

Subsequently, a work order vide dated 26.09.2024 has been placed with M/s GAPP & Associates Chartered Accountants. The contract shall be in effect for 01 year (01-10-2024 to 30-09-2025)

This is for intimation TCC.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.29 Energy transaction of Assam with Arunachal Pradesh and Nagaland and its commercial settlement with respect to Office Memorandum of Ministry of Power, Govt. of India dated 15th June, 2023-Assam

This is to inform the forum that Assam has commenced supplying power to three connection points of WBSEDCL (West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Company Limited), namely:

i) Purbo-Falimari and Chhat Falimari areas

ii) Chit Bara Laukuti in the Nadir Char area

iii) Jhawkuthi in Cooch Behar, West Bengal

This supply is being carried out in accordance with the guidelines outlined in the Ministry of Power, Government of India's notification "Protocol for providing Electricity to Border Areas of one State from the Grid of a Neighbouring State" as per Office Memorandum F. No. 43/4(9)/2121-DS-II-(E259171), dated 15th June 2023.

For the Jhawkuthi connection point, a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has been in place since 17th January 2017, with billing previously done according to APDCL's tariff. However, as per the updated protocol, billing will now be based on the Average

Cost of Supply (ACoS), and this method will be implemented for all three connection points going forward. Both WBSEDCL and APDCL have mutually agreed to comply with the protocol issued by the Ministry of Power on 15th June 2023, and accordingly, a new PPA was signed on 25th September 2024 to formalize this arrangement.

Given that this is an interstate matter, it is being brought to the attention of the forum for awareness and record.

In a similar context, it is important to note that Assam and Arunachal Pradesh also have interstate power connections. To prevent financial losses in the Deviation Settlement Mechanism (DSM), both states should adopt the same protocol. This would ensure a consistent approach to electricity supply and billing, avoiding any disputes related to energy settlements between neighbouring states.

In 53rd CCM, APDCL representative requested forum that to expedite the MoP Protocol for providing Electricity to Border areas of one State from Grid of Neighboring State as decided in the 51st CCM of NERPC that it will be implemented from January 2025.He further apprised the forum that for the implementation of MoP protocol there will be need of some documentation process such as SOPs, new PPA etc. He further informed the forum that in order to complete these formalities, it requires around 2-3 months. Therefore, he requested forum to allow APDCL to expedite the formalities so that it can be implemented by the Jan'25.

In this regard CE(Comml.), DoP Arunachal Pradesh appreciated the forum for considering their request to implement the Ministry Protocol from Jan'25 onwards. He further requested APDCL to send the all-sample documents that they had signed with WBSEDCL at earliest for the ref. of Arunachal Pradesh to expedite the process so that it can be implemented by the Jan'25.

After detailed deliberation forum noted that the APDCL and DoP, Arunachal Pradesh will complete all the documentation formalities bilaterally at earliest so that MoP Protocol for providing Electricity to Border areas of one State from Grid of Neighboring State can be implemented by the Jan'25.

This is for intimation.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted above deliberation/intimation.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.30 Completion of line under NERPSIP- MIZORAM

Under the NERPSIP Scope in Mizoram, 132/33kV West Phaileng Substation, 132/33kV Marpara Substation along with 132kV West Phaileng Marpara Transmission line are being constructed.

As per the original plan, 132/33kV West Phaileng Sub-station is to be connected from existing Sihhmui substation via existing 132kV Zemabawk-Sihhmiu-West Phaileng line. Presently the line is charged at 33kV level supported by poles at few locations and as gathered, there will be delays in rectification of the line.

Meanwhile, 132kV Bairabi – Mamit – W.Phaileng line and 132/33kV Sub-station at Mamit is also under construction by P&E Department which is expected to be ready prior to Zemabawk -Sihhmui – W.Phaileng line restoration.

P&E Department may expedite the completion of the line to energize the system being constructed under NERPSIP at rated voltage.

132/33kV Lungsen substation constructed under NERPSIP shall be energized from interconnection of 132 kV Lunglei (Khawiva) – Lungsen T/L. However, the subject line is presently charged at 33kV and 33kV Poles are used in three spans (ie T.66 to T.67, T-43 to T.44 and T-42 to T-43). P&E Department is requested to rectify the concerned locations and upgrade the line to 132kV so that the newly built substation can be charged at rated voltage.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the update.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.31 Issue Pertaining to NERPSIP – Nagaland

1. 66/33kV Tuensang SS of DOPN is being upgraded to 132/33kV level under NERPSIP as an additional scope and the same is targeted for completion by march 2025. The existing lines connected to Tuensang from 132/66kV Mokokchung and 132/66kV Kiphire is presently charged at 66kV. DoP Nagaland may ensure that the associated system at Mokokchung and Khiphire for Tuensang is upgraded to 132kV level in commensuration with Tuensang upgradation for its gainful utilization.
2. Bi-lateral agreement for 220kV GIS bays constructed at 220/132 Mokokchung PG for 220kV New Kohima Mokokchung TL under NERPSIP is yet to be finalized between POWERGRID NERTS and DOPN for O&M. A draft MoU in this regard has already been submitted to DOPN. As per the meeting held with DOPN on 31-08-2023, the department proposed to hand over the bays to POWERGRID. Accordingly, proceedings may be initiated by DOPN.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the update.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.32 Issue Pertaining to NERPSIP – Tripura

132/33 kV Gokulnagar S/S under NERPSIP Tripura shall be connected by LILO of 132 kV Surajmaninagar- Rokhia line. Construction works for the LILO portion under NERPSIP has been completed and construction of 132 kV Surajmaninagar- Rokhia line is being done by TSECL. Construction works by TSECL needs to be expedited for energization of the system under NERPSIP.

In case of further delays with regards to completion of the line, TSECL may take over the Goluknagar substation along with the completed LILO portion.

POWERGRID has already commissioned the following 33/11kV substation,

1) 33/11kV Nidaya SS
2) 33/11kV Garji SS
3) 33/11kV Muhuripur SS
4) 33/11kV Barpathari SS
5) 33/11kV Sekerkote SS
6) 33/11kV Dalak SS
7) 33/11kV Champak Nagar SS

However, due to non-deployment of O&M staff by TSECL/TPTL the sub-stations are presently non-operational. TSECL/TPTL have been requested for deployment of O&M staff. Still manpower is yet to be deployed at these substations for fruitful utilization. TSECL/TPTL is requested to deploy their manpower at the earliest for operation of the substation as well as for safeguard of the same.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the update.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.33 Issue Pertaining to NERPSIP – Manipur

1. POWERGRID has constructed 2 nos of 132kV bays at 400/132kV Imphal (PG) substation for 132kV D/C Imphal – Ningthoukhong TL. However, to facilitate FTC and commercial operation of the line along with the bays, connection agreement is required to be signed between MSPCL & CTU. The matter has already been taken up with MSPCL by

POWERGRID. MSPCL may expedite the agreement for taking over of the line.

2. 132/33kV Tamenglong S/S constructed under NERPSIP is ready for commissioning. However, the 33kV downstream connectivity at the substation is required for evacuation of power at 33kV level. MSPCL is requested to expedite construction of downstream feeders for proper utilization of the substation.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the update.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.34 Handing over of assets commissioned under NERPSIP

All state utilities are requested to Take Over the assets which are already energized or under operation. Due to contractual obligations with executing agencies, handing over procedures may be prioritised for commissioned assets under NERPSIP.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the update.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.35 Issue pertaining to CBIS-NERPSIP

i. Participation in the ongoing training programs at NPTI (Guwahati, Faridabad, Alappuzha), IIM-Kolkata and SIEMENS (Goa, Mumbai) are required to be increased mainly from Mizoram, Nagaland.

ii. Response/ approval from all utilities to the documents on practice /process manuals, procurement, O&M, financial, management, human resource etc. which were submitted long back is still awaited.

iii. Name of the Locations for System Implementation Review (SIR) from DoP-Nagaland, MSPCL-Manipur, P&E-Mizoram, TSECL-Tripura is still awaited.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum noted the update.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

5.36 Revival of main LILO portion (owned by DOP-AP) of 132kV NIRJULI – LEKHI S/C -POWERGRID

The 132 kV Ranganadi – Nirjuli S/C line was made LILO (Line-In-Line-Out) by the Department of Power, Arunachal Pradesh (DOP-AP) at their Lekhi substation.

During the 191st OCC meeting in July 2022 (Agenda Item C.1), DOP-AP informed the forum that Loc No. 3 of the LILO segment had become vulnerable due to scouring beneath the pile foundation, raising safety concerns. DOP-AP had requested permission to temporarily utilize the old LILO segment of the 132 kV Nirjuli – Pare S/C line for a period of six months to address this issue.

The matter was discussed further in the 193rd OCC meeting (Sep 2022), where DOP-AP assured that the line would be shifted to a new pile location by March 2023. Despite follow-ups, the status of this shifting was again raised in the 216th OCC meeting [12th July,2024] , as the work had not yet been completed.

It is noteworthy that the currently utilized LILO portion belongs to the Railway Diversion work undertaken by POWERGRID, covering Loc 01 to Loc 23 of the 132 kV Ranganadi – Lekhi line. The Railway Diversion work by POWERGRID was completed on 30.08.2024, and the newly constructed line section has since remained idle without being charged and prone for theft. Meanwhile, the District Administration and affected landowners are pressuring for the dismantling of the old-line section between Loc 01 and 23, as the diversion is

already in place. This section passes through a densely populated area, raising concerns about potential risks related to electrical clearance and unforeseen incidents.

POWERGRID has been actively coordinating with DOP-AP to release the LILO portion towers, facilitating the completion of the Railway Diversion work. However, delays persist as the new tower location for the 132 kV Nirjuli – Lekhi LILO segment remains incomplete.

The forum is requested to urge DOP-AP to provide a clear timeline for releasing the LILO portion, facilitating the dismantling of the old section and ensuring the timely completion of the Railway Diversion work. This will enable further appraisal of the matter to the District Administration, addressing any concerns and expediting the process.

Deliberation of the TCC:

DoP AP and NERTS to resolve the matter bilaterally.
TCC noted for information.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

5.37 Issuance of Trial Operation Certificate for NER-UNMS project-POWERGRID

As per requirement of CERC Communication guidelines 2017, state of the art Unified Network Management system has been commissioned under POWERGRID on 04.12.2023. The supply, installation and commissioning works were carried out by M/s Sterlite Technologies Limited.

Accordingly, taking over certificate was issued to M/s Sterlite Technologies Limited on 26.02.2024 with effective date as 04.12.2023. Subsequently, after issuance of TOC, a request has been made to NERLDC for issuance of TOC for commercial operation of the system. Request was made as per prescribed format vide mail dated 29.02.2024. A number of verbal request/follow ups

had been made with NERLDC for issuance of trial operation certificate for DOCO. A reminder mail was again sent on 10.05.2024 to NERLDC for issuance of Trial Operation Certificate.

To resolve the issue, the matter was again taken up in the 28th NeTest meeting held in Shillong on 14.05.2024 in presence of Member Secretary, NERPC and subsequently a letter was sent on 25.05.2024 in line with the procedure followed by NRLDC and ERLDC to ED, NERLDC requesting for issuance of certificate of successful commissioning of UNMS. A follow up meeting was also held among POWERGRID, CTU and POSOCCO to resolve the issue. In the meeting, NERLDC had cited certain requirements for issuance of Trial Operation Certificate viz. submission of SAT report (already submitted), NOC from state utilities stating that the system had been commissioned successfully with no pending punch points, integration of nodes under NERPSIP, Comprehensive scheme and stand-alone nodes etc. Accordingly, letters have been issued to states on 09.08.2024 and 19.09.2024 requesting for issuance of NOC for NER UNMS. A special meeting was also organized on 19.09.2024 by NERPC between POWERGRID, NERLDC and all SLDC's to discuss the issue of issuance of Trial Operation Certificate for NER UNMS. In the meeting, again certain punch points were raised from all the states which were to be closed for issuance of NOC. It is to be noted that the UNMS system is under AMC for 07 years and all the existing NMS and upcoming NMS in NER shall be duly configured in the UNMS system. Also, most of the punch points raised have been taken up at our end and are being closed in a sequential manner. Considering the above, NERPC is requested to kindly help in expediting the issuance of NOC from all states and subsequently issuance of Trial Operation certificate by NERLDC which will help us in commercialization of the UNMS asset commissioned since Dec'23.

In the special meeting on discussion on pending integration of UNMS held on 19th September 2024, the forum advised PGCIL-ULDC will complete the

integration of all existing nodes within September'2024 including punch points. Post that State will issue NoC to PGCIL-ULDC.

Deliberation of the TCC:

TCC forum advised PGCIL-ULDC to complete the integration of all existing nodes including punch points after that State will issue NoC to PGCIL-ULDC. If required, a special meeting in this regard would be convened among the concerned utilities.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum noted as above.

6. PART E: ITEMS IRECOMMENDED FOR REFERRAL TO SUB-COMMITTEE

6.1. Telemetry issues due to nonfunctional 48V DC Chargers installed under NERPSIP- MePTCL

The 48V DC Chargers installed by PGCIL at NEHU, Mawlai, Nongstoin, Nangalbibra and Rongkhon Sub stations as part of the NERPSIP project are non functional. PGCIL has not responded to the concerns on this issue which were highlighted way back since August 2023. It may be noted that all the telemetry information from all the substations after 132kV Nongstoin are being routed via the 132kV Nongstoin NERPSIP HITACHI SDH. However the power supply to this SDH is being fed from the existing old 48V DC Charger which goes down every now and then especially during off peak hours due to high system voltage wherein the charger disconnects its AC inputs. Due to this reason, the telemetry availability of these substations comes down to 40% as per NERLDC Telemetry Availability Report. NERLDC has filed petitions with the CERC against NER states wherever the availability is less than 40%. MePTCL may also have to suffer the same due to no reason of its own. It is requested that NERPC instruct PGCIL to attend to these issues immediately.

Additionally, no DI cards were installed at Ampati Sub station against the two 132kV bays at Phulbari. The details of the NMS, test report of the OPGW and even nos of junction boxes installed were also not submitted by PGCIL to MePTCL thereby rendering maintenance or restoration work impossible. From the communication point of view, NERPC may instruct PGCIL to ensure that these issues are attended to immediately.

For information.

Deliberation of the TCC:

The forum opined that the item is to be further discussed in Sub-Committee meeting(s) for detailed study/deliberation/clarification and is therefore referred to the Sub-Committee(s) of NERPC.

TCC forum noted as above.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

6.2. Technical Assistance for maintenance of GIS Substations constructed under NERPSIP-MePTCL

PGCIL has constructed two GIS 220/132/33kV substations in Meghalaya at Mawphlang and New Shillong, Saisiej under NERPSIP. The substations will soon be taken over by MePTCL after rectification of some issues by PGCIL. Since the project was carried out by PGCIL it is felt that PGCIL should lend technical assistance to MePTCL after the expiry of the defect liability period to ensure continuous support from the OEMs and for trouble shooting.
For information.

Deliberation of the TCC: The forum opined that the item is to be further discussed in Sub-Committee meeting(s) for detailed study/deliberation/clarification and is therefore referred to the Sub-Committee(s) of NERPC.

TCC forum noted as above.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

6.3. Procurement of cold spare transformers and reactor for Northern Eastern Region-POWERGRID

1. CERC had set up a Committee on dated 15.03.2018 consisting of representatives from CERC, NLDC, CEA & POWERGRID under the Chairmanship of the Chief (Engineering) of the CERC to assess the requirement of regional spares including bus reactors, line reactors, ICTs, etc. This would ensure reliability of the grid and reduce downtime in case of any failure/outage.

2. As per CERC Committee recommendation, the following spares transformers & reactors are required to be kept as spare for North Eastern Region as per POWERGRID assets base:

i) Transformer:

MVA Rating of Transformers	**Voltage Rating**	**Total Installed unit in POWERGRID**	**Spare Required as per CERC report**	**RPC Approved Spares**	**Qty Proposed for procurement**	**Location/State of spare requirement**
3Ø-315MVA	400/132/33 kV	1	1	0	1	Assam
3Ø-160MVA	220/132kV	6	2	1	1	Nagaland
3Ø-100MVA	220/132kV	2	2	1	1	Assam
3Ø-50MVA	132/33kV	4	2	1	1	Manipur
TOTAL:					**4**	
Tentative Cost						**43.94 Cr**

ii) Reactors:

MVAR Rating of Reactors	Voltage Rating	Total Installed unit	Spare Required as per CERC report	RPC Approved Spares	Qty Proposed for procurement	Spare requirement
3Ø-125MVAR#	420kV	6	2	1	1	Manipur
3Ø-63MVAR*	420kV	32	3	2	1	Manipur
3Ø-31.5MVAR	245kV	1	1	0	1	Nagaland
3Ø-20MVAR	245kV	1	1	0	1	Assam
3Ø-20MVAR	132kV	7	3	0	3	Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura
TOTAL:					7	
Tentative Cost						**34.56 Cr**

- Quantity considered for both 125MVAR & 80MVAR reactors in Manipur. In case of failure of existing 80MVAR reactor, replacement can be done with 125MVAR.

* - Quantity considered for both 50MVAR & 63MVAR reactors. In case of failure of existing 50MVAR reactor, replacement can be done with 63MVAR.

3. In view of the above, it is requested for approval for procurement of cold spare transformers & reactors of various ratings as per CERC

committee recommendation as mentioned above. The Tariff for the investment made is to be shared by constituents as per the provisions of CERC Regulation.

Deliberation of the TCC: The forum opined that the item is to be further discussed in Sub-Committee meeting(s) for detailed study/deliberation/clarification and is therefore referred to the Sub-Committee(s) of NERPC.

TCC forum noted as above.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

6.4. Status of Communication System Outage Planning Portal-POWERGRID

In the 50th TCC & 74th NRPC Meeting held on 28th and 29th June 2024, It was decided that CTUIL may develop the Communication System Outage Planning Portal in UNMS based on a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) finalized in 14th NPC meeting, held on 3rd February, 2024. The specification of web-based outage planning portal may be taken from WRPC and SRPC for the development of the same in UNMS. The NRPC also highlighted that communication outage portal should be the same for all regions as outage procedures are same for all regions. It was emphasized that cyber security issues arising while mapping/ transferring the information available on isolated UNMS system to web-based outage planning portal may also be addressed.

Subsequently, CTUIL vide email dated 02.07.24, communicated to POWERGRID for development of Communication System Outage Planning Portal in existing UNMS system.

As NR-UNMS, NER-UNMS and ER-UNMS system have already been commissioned, and the system is under AMC therefore development of this portal under NR-UNMS, NER-UNMS and ER-UNMS is not possible as scope of work under the Project has already been completed. The WR-UNMS and SR-UNMS is under implementation stages.

WR-UNMS has been awarded to M/s Sterlite Technologies Limited which implemented NR-UNMS and NER-UNMS project also. SR-UNMS is awarded to M/s NMS Works which implemented ER-UNMS also. Moreover, Communication System Outage Planning Portal involves usage of existing inventory data of the region which is available in existing regional UNMS system.

There is requirement of integration of inventory data from existing Regional UNMS system to the Regional Communication System Outage Planning Portal, therefore it is decided to develop Communication System Outage Planning Portal for NR-UNMS, NER-UNMS and WR-UNMS from M/s Sterlite Technologies Limited under the WR-UNMS project. Similarly, the Communication System Outage Planning Portal for SR-UNMS and ER-UNMS shall be developed from M/s NMS Works under SR-UNMS project.

The Regional Communication System Outage planning portal shall be accessed by users such as RLDC, CTU, RPC, maintenance contractor for O&M, for fault reporting and rectification.

As per CEA Cyber security guideline, 2020

"Article 1. Cyber Security Policy.

a. Cardinal Principles: The Responsible entity will strictly adhere to following cardinal principles while framing cyber security policy:

i. There is hard isolation of their OT Systems from any internet facing IT system.'

" In compliance to CEA Cyber Security guidelines for maintaining hard isolation between UNMS system and Internet facing system, it is decided to host Communication System Outage Planning Portal on Cloud. The ticketing and outage portal shall be hosted as SaaS (Software as a Service) on the cloud, and it shall be isolated from the existing UNMS system.

The synchronization of inventory data between regional Communication System Outage Planning Portal and Regional UNMS system shall be offline based.

Estimated cost for development of Cloud based Communication System Outage Planning Portal for seven years for NR-UNMS, NER-UNMS and WR-UNMS shall be Rs. 2.64 crores. Cost shall be booked under ISTS portion of WR-UNMS for NR-UNMS, NER-UNMS and WR-UNMS. Estimated cost for development of Cloud based Communication System Outage Planning Portal for seven years for SR-UNMS and ER-UNMS shall be Rs. 2.99 crores. Cost shall be booked under ISTS portion of SR-UNMS for ER-UNMS and SR-UNMS.

For information.

Deliberation of the TCC: The forum opined that the item is to be further discussed in Sub-Committee meeting(s) for detailed study/deliberation/clarification and is therefore referred to the Sub-Committee(s) of NERPC.

TCC forum noted as above.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

6.5. Deployment of NMT for NER-UNMS- POWERGRID

CERC Communication Regulations, 2017 envisaged CTU as nodal agency for supervision of communication system in respect of inter-State communication system and implementation of centralized supervision for

quick fault detection and restoration (Relevant extract attached at Annexure-I).

In compliance to above Regulations, the UNMS project for centralized supervision of ISTS communication network in North Eastern Region has been implemented by POWERGRID in RTM mode after approval from 20th NERPC dated 12.09.2019. NER-UNMS has been commissioned in Feb'24. Main control center for NER-UNMS is located at Guwahati, Assam and Back-up control center is located at Shillong, Meghalaya.

Subsequently, Procedure on "Centralized Supervision for Quick Fault Detection and Restoration of Communication System" was notified by CERC on 19th January 2024 As per clause 8.1 of the said procedure, CTU shall deploy a Network Monitoring Team (NMT) at main & backup control centers for centralized supervision and monitoring of the communication network.

Subsequently, a letter from CTUIL dated 28.03.2024was received vide which CTUIL asked POWERGRID to discharge functions of NMT for all Regional & National UNMS as and when the respective system is commissioned. They have further asked to nominate two (2) nodal officers each for main & back-up control centers.

In view of above letter from CTUIL, 2 (two) nodal Person has been nominated in NER and additional manpower are being deployed at Main & Back-up Control Centers to discharge the functions of NMT in line with CERC/CEA guidelines. The detail of manpower for NMT is as below:

NER UNMS Control centres	**Manpower for Shift rotation**	**Manpower for general shift**
Main Control Centre (Guwahati, Assam)	Four (04)	Two (2) persons
Back-up Control Centre (Shillong, Meghalaya)	•	Two (2) persons

The cost for deployment of manpower in Main Control Centre (Guwahati, Assam) and Back-up Control Centre (Shillong, Meghalaya) shall be booked under O&M expenses of NER-UNMS project.

For information.

Deliberation of the TCC:

The forum opined that the item is to be further discussed in Sub-Committee meeting(s) for detailed study/deliberation/clarification and is therefore referred to the Sub-Committee(s) of NERPC.

TCC forum noted as above.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

6.6. Construction of 2x12.5 MVA132/33 kV substation at Kamjong-MSPCL

Kamjong is a new district formed when Ukhrul district was bifurcated. Armed with very pleasant weather year-round, hilly terrains with varying heights of 913m to 3114 m (MSL), and dotted with various scenic places, Kamjong district has a huge potential for tourism with rich flora.

Kamjong is the headquarter of Kamjong district. The village is about 120 kilometers from Imphal and is connected by Ukhrul-Kamjong State highway.

Kamjong district does not have any 132/33kV substation. It has 4 nos. of 33/11kV substations (Gumnom, Phungyar, Kasom Khullen and Kamjong) which are fed from very long 33kV transmission lines from 132/33kV Hundung substation via 33/11kV Hundung and 33/11kv Thoubal substati ons. These 33kV transmission lines experience considerable voltage drop due to the long transmission lines (above 40 Kms) thereby reducing the reliability of power supply to the district.

Also, considering the vastness of the district and to reduce the load, a new 132/33kV substation be constructed at Kamjong which is about 55Km from

Hundung and will feed power to the following existing, ongoing and upcoming 33/11kV substations of Kamjong district.

1) Gumnom
2) Phungyar
3) Kasom Khullen
4) Kamjong
5) Nambashi
6) Nampisha
7) K. Ashang Khullen Aze (KAKA)
8) Marou Village, Mapithel
9) Namlee

Considering the above facts and circumstances, the committee may kindly approve the construction of 132/33kV substation at Kamjong.

For information.

Deliberation of the TCC:

The forum opined that the item is to be further discussed in Sub-Committee meeting(s) for detailed study/deliberation/clarification and is therefore referred to the Sub-Committee(s) of NERPC.

TCC forum noted as above.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

6.7. Proposal of Establishment of 33/220kV (2X63MVA or 2X50MVA) S/s and 11.02km LILO 220kV line from existing 220kV Langpi-Sarusajai line for evacuation of 24MW Karbi Langpi Middle-II, West Karbi Anglong-AEGCL

This is for your kind information to the forum that, Assam Power Generation Company Limited (APGCL) has initiated construction of 22.5 MW Karbi Langpi Middle-I and 24MW Karbi Langpi Middle-II. In this regard, APGCL has informed that a meeting was held between APGCL and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Assam on 03.10.2023. In that meeting, Hon'ble Chief Minister opined that AEGCL will carry out the evacuation of power, both 220kV transmission of

11.02km LILO 220kV line from existing 220kV Langpi-Sarusajai line and 33/220 kV (2X63MVA or 2X50MVA) substation for evacuation of 24MW Karbi Langpi Middle-II, West Karbi Anglong.

In the view of the above, AEGCL requests the forum for kind consideration and approval for construction of the following

i) **Establishment of 33/220kV (2X63MVA or 2X50MVA) S/s and**
ii) **LILO of 220kV Langpi-Sarusajai line (11.02km)**

For information.

Deliberation of the TCC:

The forum opined that the item is to be further discussed in Sub-Committee meeting(s) for detailed study/deliberation/clarification and is therefore referred to the Sub-Committee(s) of NERPC.

TCC forum noted as above.

Deliberation of the NERPC:

NERPC forum *noted as above.*

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ANNEXURE-I

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS IN 27th TCC MEETING			
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1	**ASSAM**	Sh. Bibhu Bhuyan	MD, APGCL & Chairperson TCC
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5		Sh. Soobhan Saikia	CGM (O&M), UAR, AEGCL
6		Sh. Arup Kr. Kalita	CGM (O&M)LAR, AEGCL
7		Sh. Chiranjib Adhikary	CGM, APDCL
8		Sh. Deepanjal Das	GM (PP&I), APDCL
9		Sh. Debasish Choudhury	DGM (O), SLDC
10		Sh. Tarali Deka	AGM , AEGCL
11		Sh. Panjan Goswami	AGM, AEGCL
12		Sh. Indrajit Tahbildar	AGM , APDCL
13		Sh. Parag Kalita	AGM, APDCL
14		Miss Sisrikhya Dutta	DM, APDCL
15		Sh. Jyoti P.Rabha	DM (Com&EE), APDCL
16		Sh. Dipmoni Nath	AM, AEGCL
17	**AR. PRADESH**	Sh. Gingo Lingi	CE(P), CEZ (Dist.&RDSS)
18		Sh. T.K. Tara	CE(P), TP & MZ
19		Sh. Nido Taka	EE (Trans.)
20		Sh. Purik Buchi	AE , SLDC
21		Sh. Dani Byai	JE, SLDC
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23		Sh. Hijam Manimukta Singh	GM (Substation), MSPCL
24		Sh. Soyam Sanjeet Singh	GM (Purchase),MSPCL
25		Sh. S.Kripachariya Singh	DGM, MSPCL
26		Sh. S.Kennedy	DM, MSPCL
27		Sh. Thokchom Satyajeet Singh	Manager (PP), MSPDCL
28	**MEGHALAYA**	Sh. H.Shangpliang	CE (Generation), MePGCL
29		Smti P.Sun	CE (Transmission), MePTCL
30		Sh. K.Chyrmang	CE (Dist.), MePDCL
31		Sh. B.Saibon	ACE (Gen.), MePGCL
32		Sh. B.Nikhla	SE (P), MePDCL
33		Sh. T.Gidon	SE (SLDC), MePTCL
34		Sh. K.Lyngwa	SE (T&T), MePTCL
35		Sh. D.J.Lyngdoh	SE (Trans.), MePTCL
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37		Sh. B.Narry	SE (T&T), MePTCL
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39		Sh. M.Mairom	EE (T&T)
40		Sh.W.Khyriem	EE (GSPD), MePGCL
41		Sh. B.Das	EE (Generation), MePGCL
42		Sh. C.W.Chen	AEE (Carrier Communication), MePTCL
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45		Sh. Isaac Zodinsanga Zote	EE
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47		Sh. Abenthung Ngullie	SE (E), SLDC
48		Sh. S.I Asangba Tikhir	EE (Trans.)
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50		Sh. Swapan Debbarma	GM (Tech.), TSECL
51		Sh. Debabrata Pal	Sr.Mgr (Comml.), TSECL
52		Sh. Anil Debbrama	DGM (SOD), SLDC

53	**CEA**	Sh. Irfan Ahmad	CE
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61		Sh. M.S.Dutta	CGM (AM)
62		Sh. Binod Deb Barma	CGM
63		Sh. Rajesh Gupta	CGM (I/c)
64		Sh.K.K.Medhi	Sr.GM, ULDC
65		Sh. P.K.Das	Sr. GM-Engg
66		Sh. Anjan Das	GM (GA&C)-CC
67		Sh. Ashim Paul	DGM (AM)
68		Sh. Manash Jyoti Baishya	CM
69		Sh. Raktim Konwar	Manager, NERPSIP
70		Sh. Kamlesh Baishya	Asst.Mgr., ULDC
71		Sh. Abilash AA	Engineer, NERPSIP
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79		Sh. Ripunjoy Bhuyan	CGM (Comml.)
80		Sh. Bivash Sen	CGM (O&M)
81		Sh. Jayanta Mazumdar	DGM (Comml.)
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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

Speech of
Shri BIBHU BHUYAN
CHAIRPERSON, TECHNICAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 27TH MEETING OF THE
N.E. REGIONAL POWER COMMITTEE

AT HOTEL RADISSON BLU, GUWAHATI
ON 7TH November 2024

Honorable Ministers from the North-Eastern states, esteemed representatives of central and state power utilities, respected colleagues, distinguished guests, and participants,

A very warm welcome to each of you on the occasion of the 27th meeting of the North Eastern Regional Power Committee. As Chairman of the TCC, it is my privilege to address this esteemed forum, where representatives from the North Eastern states come together to deliberate, coordinate, and resolve critical technical issues in the power sector.

India's electricity demand has shown remarkable growth, with a CAGR of about 5% between 2017 and 2022, and accelerating to 9.46% between 2022 and 2024. The North Eastern states have also experienced significant growth in power demand in recent years, highlighting the urgent need for an efficient, coordinated, economical, and robust electricity system to ensure the smooth flow of power.

At the beginning, I would like to flag before the forum is the issue of allocation of gas. In NER, gas based power station contribute 31% of total installed capacity, against 6% in all India. I wrote to Joint Secretary, Thermal, Ministry of Power on the issue of unprecedent gas price hike and its negative impact on our gas based stations, difficulty to operate the stations profitably. Also, due to shortage of 0.2 MMSCMD of gas to our LTPS and LRPP plant, we are facing partial loading and forced shutdown. So, I take this opportunity to request this forum for deliberation on the matter so that allocation of APM gas to NER on long term basis can be ensured.

The augmentation of our transmission system has become essential, driven by new generation capacity, rising electricity demand, and the necessity of system strengthening to achieve reliability. According to the 20th Electric Power Survey Report, the peak electricity demand in the North Eastern region is projected to reach 4,393 MW by 2026-27, with Assam anticipated to have the highest demand at 2,908 MW, followed by Tripura with 542 MW.

We have made substantial strides in expanding inter-regional power transmission capacity, facilitating the flow of electricity from surplus to deficit areas and enabling optimal use of generation resources across the country. By 2027, the aggregate inter-regional transmission capacity from the East corridor to the North-East corridor is expected to increase from 2,860 MW in 2022 to 3,550 MW.

To enhance our transmission network's capacity without requiring additional right-of-way, reconductoring existing lines with high-capacity conductors has become crucial. This approach allows us to increase the power-carrying capacity by two to three times using the same RoW. Reconductoring of the 132kV Tinsukia-Ledo and Tinsukia-Rupai lines is underway, with the DPR already submitted. Additionally, AEGCL’s restoration of the 220 kV Mariani-Samaguri Circuit 1 will significantly enhance connectivity, enabling smoother load flow, reduced curtailments, and a more stable power supply during peak demand.

I am pleased to inform that our proposal for the technical upgradation of the Karbi-Langpi HEP as per latest grid code standards for safe, optimal, and reliable operation of the Plant, was approved at the 26th NERPC meeting, and we have submitted the DPR for PSDF funding.

In our last TCC meeting, I underscored the need for deploying Emergency Restoration Services in the North East, where challenging terrain—marked by steep hills and sedimented riverbanks—poses unique risks to transmission infrastructure. Assam currently has eight ERS units centrally located at two substations, but strategically deploying additional ERS units in key locations has become essential to minimize disruptions in the region.

I conclude my remarks and look forward to productive discussions in this 27th Technical Coordination Committee Meeting of the NERPC. Let us together strengthen our power infrastructure and build operational resilience for the lasting benefit of the North Eastern region—advancing energy security, economic stability, and environmental stewardship.

THANK YOU

SPEECH OF SHRI JIKKE TAKO, HON'BLE MLA CUM ADVISOR (POWER), GOVT. OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH ON THE OCCASION OF THE 26TH NERPC MEETING

Honorable Chairman, North Eastern Regional Power Committee, Honorable Ministers of Power of North-Eastern States, Esteemed Officers of the Central and State Governments, Representatives from Central and State Power Utilities, Distinguished Guests, Special Invitees, Ladies, and Gentlemen!

It is a great privilege for me to attend this significant event of the **27th Meeting of the North-Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC)**. It is truly an honor to stand before you as we gather in this beautiful city of Guwahati, which is the gateway to the entire North Eastern Region of the nation. I am always excited to be a part of these meetings. I would like to express my gratefulness to the State Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in particular, to the Honorable Deputy Chief Minister, and the Minister in-Charge, Power, Sri Chowna Mein jee, for giving me this opportunity to represent the state on his behalf and lead its delegation.

I also extend my heartfelt gratitude to North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC) for timely conduct of the meeting. The timely gathering of the forum members enables timely discussions that lead to early and meaningful resolutions of issues and problems.

I also want to thank the **Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGCL)**, for hosting this meeting in this beautiful location. It is definitely a demonstration of commitment and continued contributions in their efforts to enhance the growth of the power sector in the region.

I firmly believe that discussions and decisions taken during these meetings shall be fruitful, benefitting the entire North Eastern Region, in supplementing as part of the building block of the nation in the power sector.

Without taking much time, I shall be focusing only on the few outstanding persisting issues for discussion and immediate resolution by the forum:

1. RESTORATION OF LONG PENDING PASIGHAT-ROING 132 KV TRANSMISSION LINE OF POWERGRID:

This matter has been dragging for quite a long time and was last discussed and deliberated in the 26th meeting of the NERPC and recorded in the Minutes of the Meeting at Item No. D.5.22.

I am given to understand that electrical connectivity of the transmission line has been completed by POWERGRID on 9th October 2024; but stringing of the Optical Ground Wire (**OPGW**) is remaining to be completed, which is indispensable for real-time data communication besides enabling proper protection systems. As approved in the 25th meeting of the NERPC, this system was to be restored to normalcy with OPGW by April 2024.

Unfortunately, this deadline seems to have been missed again. I hope, the matter was discussed yesterday again in the 27th meeting of the Technical Coordination Committee (**TCC**), which appeared at agenda item No. D.5.10. I would like to request the POWERGRID to complete the stringing and commissioning job of the OPGW link at the earliest possible time.

2. SYSTEM CONSTRAINTS IN THE UPSTREAM OF ROING-CHAPAKHUWA 132 KV D/C TRANSMISSION LINE - MITIGATIONS TO RESTRICTED POWER FLOW TO ARUNACHAL PRADESH:

This is one of the long-pending issues that my state wants resolution at the earliest possibilities. This matter was also discussed and deliberated in the previous TCC/NERPC meetings and recorded in the Minutes of the Meetings.

I am also made to understand that connectivity of Arunachal Pradesh grid to the Regional grid through Assam via Roing-Chapakhuwa was a very important long-awaited scheme. Arunachal Pradesh grid was in a long radial configuration which was very unreliable, putting more than 50 percent of the state into darkness whenever line faults in the single radial line coming from Panyor Hydro Electric Project occurred. Therefore, this Roing-Chapakhuwa 132 kV Double Circuit line was completed and commissioned in the month of July 2023, connecting the state's grid to Regional Grid via Assam, thereby completing a loop.

Unfortunately, because of the reported inadequacies and constraints in the transfer capacity of Tinsukia-Rupai-Chapakhowa transmission system of Assam due to inherent technical circumstances, the objective benefit of the system put in place for Arunachal Pradesh could not be reaped as desired. Therefore, I once again request the concerned entity delegated with the responsibilities of implementing the schemes as decided based on the joint inspection to complete the same to be purposeful at the earliest. All the recommended measures like implementation of Double-Jumpering and Special Protection Scheme as Short-Term measures, and reconductoring with HTLS conductor by Assam as Long-Term measures, may be pursued in a mission mode to complete, possibly before schedule.

Further, I request the NERPC Secretariat to pursue and monitor construction of Kathalguri-Namsai 220 kV Double Circuit transmission system being constructed under TBCB mode to be accomplished on time for permanent mitigation of existing system constraints, thereby providing a reliable and redundant means of power transfer between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, so as to bring equitable adequacies to the region as a whole.

3. Central Flagship Schemes:

We must be grateful to the present regime of the Government of India for their relentless efforts & attentions in bringing unprecedented developments in the North Eastern Region in all sectors to uplift at par with the other developed states of the country. The North Eastern Region, particularly Arunachal Pradesh, had earlier been under dire neglected conditions Since independence, due to certain unfortunate historical incorrect policy of the regime of those times for a very long period. However, now we are fortunate to witness waves of development initiatives through numerous schemes & projects in the region, including my sentinel state, Arunachal Pradesh, too, which we should be able to take advantages for furthering the progress of the region.

Following are some of the significantly important Central schemes in the power sector in particular reference to Arunachal Pradesh, which could make considerable impact on the socio-economic status of the state and the region and bearing on the regional grid systems in capacities and redundancies:

i. Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim:

Similar to the "North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project" (NERPSIP) for the other six NER states, the project of "Comprehensive Scheme for Strengthening of Transmission & Distribution System in Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim" (CSST&DS-AP&S) had been sanctioned by Govt. of India in the year 2014 for strengthening & upgradation of the power systems in the states of Arunachal Pradesh & Sikkim for implementation through Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (POWERGRID) as the Implementing Agency with the scheduled completion by December 2018.

However, due to various reasons, the scheme did not headway as per schedule, and had to be accorded with revised sanction of double the original cost on 26th March 2021 with the revised completion target of all the awarded works by December 2021, and the balance works by March 2024. Yet, as on date, even after thrice the time and cost overruns, the project stands to be completed awaiting accord of the Second Revised Cost Estimate and other reasons. Due to such abnormal implementation delays, not only the purpose and objective benefits of the project are being defeated but their scopes too are rendered irrelevant under the changed scenarios. Understandably the situation prevails not only in my state of Arunachal Pradesh, but in other NER states including Sikkim too. It was expected that POWERGRID being a giant Public Sector Enterprise of Central Government as the Implementing Agency of the NERPSIP and Comprehensive Scheme would deliver us the much-required strengthened and efficiently improved & upgraded power systems at the quickest possible time; but the results are not becoming as were expected. Hence, the matter needs a serious look collectively at this forum of NERPC for the earliest completion of these projects for delivery of the intended benefit to the public without further delay, with proactive involvement of all stakeholders, at least, at the areas where there are no critical issues.

ii. Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS): Along with the rest of the country, this reformed-based and result-linked scheme launched by Govt. of India aiming at transforming the electricity distribution sector in the country with the objective of improving the quality and reliability of power supply to consumers through a financially sustainable and operationally efficient Distribution Sector has been launched in Arunachal Pradesh too among other North Eastern states. The scheme consisting of three main components of Smart Metering, Loss Reduction Works, and Additional Works of Border Area Electrification, Vibrant Village Program, and Left-Out Households are scheduled for completion by March 2026 in a gradual manner.

iii. Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE): The PM-DevINE scheme is one of the very useful initiatives launched by the Central Government for the North Eastern Region. This scheme is a boon for filling the infrastructure gaps in various sectors. However, it is felt that, to make it more effective in the power sector, a separately identified allocation has to be specified for the power sector in order to derive impactful benefit through this scheme in funding the critical power infrastructural gaps those could not be provisioned in any other schemes, like covering left-out inter-connectivity transmission system elements and downstream connectivity systems from the 132/33 kV and 33/11 kV Sub-Stations being implemented under the Comprehensive Scheme which could not be provisioned under the RDSS and any other scheme.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, I express my gratitude to all participants for their dedication to the development of the

vibrant power sector in the North Eastern Region. I am confident that this 27th meeting of the NERPC and thereafter, will continue to become a platform for meaningful and successful deliberations, contributing to the continued progress of our region. Once again, I extend my appreciation to Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited for hosting this meeting in Guwahati, and NERPC Secretariat for organizing the event smoothly and I look forward to productive discussions that will shape the future of the power sector in the North Eastern Region.

Thank You and JAI HIND!

SPEECH OF SHRI A. T. MONDAL, HON'BLE POWER MINISTER, GOVT. OF MEGHALAYA ON THE OCCASION OF THE 27TH NERPC MEETING

1. Hon'ble Chairperson NERPC and my dear Colleague Ministers from different North-Eastern States, officials of Central Government and State Governments, officials from other Central and State Power Utilities, distinguished Guests, special invitees, ladies and gentlemen.
2. While conveying my sincere gratitude to the Hon'ble Chairperson NERPC and Hon'ble Power Minister of Assam Smti. Nandita Gorlosa, I wish to state that it feels honoured to be invited, once again, to this 27th North East Regional Power Committee (NERPC) meeting. I also wish to thank the Assam Power Generation Corporation Limited for the courteous hospitality in hosting this meeting. NERPC has been making continuous efforts in the improvement of the Power Sector in the North Eastern Region which has resulted in an apparent impact in terms of an improved picture of the Power Sector in the North Eastern Region which is also having an indirect impact on the overall welfare of the people of these states. Using this platform, I wish to express my heartfelt thankfulness to the NERPC for the efforts.
3. The NERPC, since its inception, has been making relentless efforts to strengthen the power sector in the Northeast to ensure reliability, efficiency, and economic growth. Deliberations and decisions taken in the past NERPC meetings have been of common benefit to the constituent states of the Northeast. It is therefore, imperative to go hand in hand with the same spirit of cooperation to jointly put in our efforts to achieve our common objective of providing 24x7 reliable and economical power to the people of our respective states.
4. Despite facing many challenges due to the terrain, geography and other factors, the North Eastern Region is one of the key contributors to the development of clean energy in the country. The important factor for the same is that the region is blessed with huge hydro potential which can contribute to regional and national growth. Hydro power has become more important in the current scenario of the Power Sector in the country because of its ability to increase or decrease the generation at a much greater pace than the thermal power project. This ability increases the contribution of Hydro Power in maintaining the grid in the current scenario of increasing grid-connected solar and wind projects which come with inherent property of variability.
5. As informed in the last meeting, the Government of Meghalaya notified the Meghalaya Power Policy 2024 which was aimed at promotion of the investment and development in the fields of Solar, Wind, Conventional Hydro, and Pumped Storage Hydro Project. The New Power Policy has set up an ambitious target of development of 300 MW of Hydro Power, 1000 MW of Pumped Storage Hydro Power, 50 MW of Wind Power, 100 MW of Solar Power, and 250 MW of Thermal Power by the Year 2030, through various investment routes.
6. I am happy to inform that the goal-oriented policy has started showing its result. We have got an overwhelming response from the Central PSUs' and private parties in development of RE projects in the state. While we speak today, Meghalaya has already received the pre-feasibility reports of around 4800 MW Pumped Storage Projects, 125 MW of conventional hydro (RoR) project. The process for moving ahead on these proposals and PFR is on in full swing and related announcement would be made very soon.

7. I feel happy and proud to convey to this August House that Meghalaya's State-Owned Power Generation company is one of the few utilities in India which has a portfolio of 100% renewable generation with an installed capacity of 367.5 MW and another 6 MW under construction. I would like to also convey that another hydro project of 210 MW is under DPR stage, which is expected to be ready by December 2024. The Government of Meghalaya is also looking for options for joining hands with CPSU's in the development of this project under the JV model.

8. In addition to the same, Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation Limited which is the Nodal Agency for the development of hydro power projects and also for carrying out the Survey and Investigation works for hydro projects have identified 19 Nos of Small Hydro Projects (Less than 25 MW) aggregating to a total capacity of 188 MW. Out of these 19 projects, DPR for 12 projects (61.7 MW) have been completed, one project (13 MW) is under survey and investigation and another 6 projects (91 MW) have been identified for survey and investigation. For the projects for which DPR has been completed, the Government of Meghalaya is exploring the options for the PPP route of development of these projects.

9. Further, the distribution utility of Meghalaya i.e., Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited is also contributing its part in the overall goal of increasing penetration of green energy by procuring 76% of its total power requirement from hydro power projects of NEEPCO, NHPC, and MePGCL. It has also entered into an agreement with NTPC for a 50 MW solar power project and is in the process of evaluation of option of another 50 MW with NTPC. Further, I would like to inform that through investments made in the system improvement and strengthening schemes, MePDCL has made commendable improvement in the operational efficiency which can be seen in light of the parameters such as T&D Losses and AT&C losses which have improved considerably. The AT&C losses have come down from 32.07% to 17.29% in the last 5 years, whereas the T&D Losses have come down from 29.88% to 18.96% in the last 5 years.

10. Madam Chairperson, the Government of Meghalaya has always focused on improvement of the reliability of the Transmission of power within and outside the state. The reliability of the Transmission system in Meghalaya is evident from the Transmission System Availability Factor which has been continuously above 99%. Through various efforts made for system strengthening and improvement, the transmission losses in the state have been brought down from 5% to around 3% in the last 5 years. In addition, the state Load Dispatch Centre has also played a pivotal role in maintaining the Grid discipline by managing the demand supply scenario in an optimum and efficient manner. However, despite improved operational efficiency and reliability, there is always scope for introduction of modern technologies and investment in upgradation of old infrastructure. I wish to inform that Meghalaya has been working on the same continuously and has been submitting proposals for the holistic development of the power sector in the state and in the North Eastern Region as a whole.

11. I am very happy and thankful to the NERPC that the proposals pertaining to Renovation of Protection System in the existing 33/11KV Substations and Reconductoring and Re-engineering of the existing 33KV Stage-III - Zero Point - Umsning - Nongpoh submitted by us and were deliberated in the 210th OCC meeting held on 19th January 2024 and 216th OCC meeting held on the 12th July 2024 have been accepted and have been placed under the final approval in the agenda for this NERPC meeting.

12. Further, with respect to the downstream connectivity of the 33 KV sub-stations being constructed under the NERSIP scheme, as per the directives of the NERPC in the last meeting MePDCL has already submitted the proposal under PM-DevINE scheme for

i) **Construction of 33 KV line to 33/11 KV Mawkhanu Sub Station** along with establishment of 2 (Two) Nos of 33/11 KV, 2 x 10 MVA, Sub Station at Mawkhanu with 11 KV lines amounting to Rs 70.5 Crore.
ii) **Construction of 33 KV line to Jorabadi Sub Station** along with establishment of 33/11 KV, 2 x 5 MVA Sub Station at Jorabadi with 11 KV lines amounting to Rs 21.0 Crore.
iii) **Construction of 33 KV line to Mawsmai Byrnihat Sub Station** along with establishment of 33/11 KV, 2 x 7.5 MVA Sub Station at Mawsmai Byrnihat with 11 KV lines amounting to Rs 26.0 Crore.

13. **MePDCL has also prepared Concept Note/DPR's proposal** for the establishment of the construction of 33/11KV Substations with associated 33KV and 11 KV outgoing lines at Umden, Umling, and Patharkamah amounting to Rs 71.0 Crore, Rs 65.0 Crore, and Rs 49.0 Crore respectively, for consideration under high-impact distribution sector infrastructure projects funding under PM-DevINE scheme of the Ministry of DONER, for efficient voltage transformation, enhanced power distribution, improved system reliability and protection, supports regional economic growth, and to provide scalability for future expansion.

14. **In the end, I would like to mention** that Meghalaya has almost finalized the Distribution Perspective Plan 2035 which would be helpful to identify the infrastructure requirement for providing 24x7 reliable power to consumers.

15. **Before I resume my seat,** I once again, on behalf of the people of Meghalaya, bring heartiest greetings to all participants with great confidence that result-oriented deliberations will take place for improvement of the power sector of our region. It gives me great pleasure to be a part of this august gathering, and it is my earnest hope that through this particular platform, we will be able to meet the challenges faced by the power sector in the region. I am sure that informed decisions will be arrived at in this NERPC meeting like previous meetings, and look forward with a lot of hope and expectation of support from NERPC in the leadership of our current Chairperson.

10. **I hope that the deliberations and discussions** and subsequent decisions of this NERPC meeting will benefit not only our state but the whole north-eastern region and consequentially the nation as a whole. I once again thank the Hon'ble Chairperson for this opportunity.

Thank you
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Annexure-VI

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GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM

Speech of

SMT. NANDITA GARLOSA

POWER MINISTER, GOVT. OF ASSAM & CHAIRMAN, NERPC

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 27TH MEETING OF THE

N.E. REGIONAL POWER COMMITTEE

AT HOTEL RADISSON BLU, GUWAHATI

ON 8TH November 2024

Honorable Colleague Ministers from North-Eastern States, Esteemed Officers of the Central and State Governments, Representatives from Central and State Power Utilities, Distinguished Guests, Special Invitees, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

A warm welcome to each one of you on the momentous occasion of the 27th North Eastern Regional Power Committee (NERPC) meeting. It is a true privilege to address you all as we convene in the vibrant city of Guwahati for this pivotal event, which is hosted by Assam. I congratulate all officers of Assam for hosting this NERPC meeting, exemplifying their dedication to our collective efforts in advancing the power sector.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all the participating states, government agencies, and power utilities for their unwavering efforts in overcoming challenges and jointly contributing to the development of the power sector in the North-Eastern Region.

Our agenda in today's meeting includes several critical discussions aimed at fostering the growth and reliability of our power sector.

We will be addressing the **upgradation activities of SCADA-EMS** systems at both regional and state levels across the North-Eastern Region. This initiative is crucial for enhancing the efficiency and reliability of our power management systems. The funding support from the Power System Development Fund (PSDF) underscores the importance of this upgrade for our region.

Another priority topic is the **implementation of Remote Access and Automatic Fault Analysis Systems (AFAS)**. These systems are crucial for boosting grid security, enabling rapid fault detection, and improving overall operational efficiency. The introduction of RAS and AFAS will mark a

significant advancement in our region's ability to manage grid operations, especially during critical incidents.

The **AMC for the SAMAST Project** is essential to ensure smooth and uninterrupted operations. All states are encouraged to coordinate with vendors and expedite the contract renewal process, so that the project continues to function effectively without any disruptions.

We will deliberate on solutions for the high loading on the **132 kV Rangia - Montanga line and overloading in Tripura's critical transmission lines**. Measures include infrastructure upgrades and re-conductoring projects to strengthen these lines and ensure stable power supply during peak hours.

In line with enhancing communication, the **VOIP Communication System** for Grid Operation across all five regions will be considered, establishing a robust communication network essential for secure grid operations across India.

A key agenda item is **capacity building for NER constituents on emerging power sector technologies**. This initiative, funded through PSDF or other sources, will provide training programs to enhance skills in advanced grid operations, regulatory frameworks, and innovative technologies like renewable integration and grid management. Through these programs, we aim to empower our personnel with the knowledge needed to manage and optimize our region's power systems effectively, ensuring they remain resilient and forward-looking.

In line with the national target of integrating 500 GW of renewable energy by 2030, we will discuss the formation of a **sub-group of Renewable Energy (RE) generators within NERPC**. This group will help address operational, protection, and communication challenges related to renewable energy and ensure compliance with CEA and CERC regulations.

We will also explore our region's **resource adequacy and planning requirements**, guided by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) mandated to

determine the coincident peak distribution of states and utilities during the National Peak and Distribution licensees to undertake Resource Adequacy Plan for a 10 year horizon. This strategic initiative will help us ensure that each state within the North Eastern Region can meet its future energy demands efficiently, contributing to a sustainable and resilient power infrastructure.

We will also discuss the activities of the **Regional Disaster Management Group (RDMG)** for the power sector in our region. This group plays a vital role in coordinating disaster preparedness, response, and recovery, ensuring that we are well-equipped to handle emergencies such as natural disasters and cyber threats effectively.

A crucial agenda item is the **implementation and review of Islanding Schemes** across the North Eastern Region. Each islanding scheme is designed to protect vital power systems from total collapse during grid disturbances. Ensuring timely data submission and active cooperation with stakeholders is essential to finalize and approve these schemes smoothly.

Lastly, we will receive an update on the **progress of the Subhansiri HEP of NHPC**, an important project for the region's power generation capacity.

Our region has faced unique challenges, including geographical constraints, poor connectivity, and adverse weather conditions. Despite these obstacles, we recognize the immense potential for growth and development. The power sector plays a pivotal role in driving economic progress and social transformation in our region. The NERPC forum serves as a crucial platform to address these challenges collectively and forge a path toward sustainable development. By tackling complex issues together, we can present a united front in pursuing our common goals and aspirations to the Government of India.

Ensuring the **timely payment** of dues to Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) is essential for the commercial sustainability of the regional power sector. I urge Distribution Companies (DISCOMS) and State Governments to prioritize settling outstanding bills, recognizing that timely transactions are fundamental for sustainable business operations. Additionally, I encourage states to work towards tariff rationalization of electricity.

We also propose a Green Corridor to evacuate RE power mostly Solar that is under construction at various locations. Planning for the same is now essential, considering the problem being fatal in other Solar Producing State.

In conclusion, I express my gratitude to all participants for their dedication to the development of the North Eastern Region's power sector. I am confident that the 27th NERPC meeting will serve as a platform for meaningful and successful deliberations, contributing to the continued progress of our region. Once again, I extend my appreciation to ASSAM for hosting this meeting in Guwahati and the NERPC Secretariat for organizing the event smoothly. I look forward to productive discussions that will shape the future of the power sector in the North Eastern Region.

Thank you.

ADDRESS OF SH. K.B. JAGTAP, IES (CPES)
MEMBER SECRETARY, NERPC
27TH RPC MEETING OF
NORTH EASTERN REGIONAL POWER COMMITTEE
08th November, 2024 at Radisson Blue, GUWAHATI

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Hon'ble MLA Cum Advisor (Power), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh Pradesh, Shri Jikke Tako ji, MD, APGCL and Chairman TCC, Shri Bibhu Bhuyan Ji, Member(Go&D) Central electricity Authority Shri Hemant Jain Sir.

Principal Secretaries/Commissioners/ Secretaries of NER States Power Departments, Chief Engineers from Central Electricity Authority, Managing Director of State utilities, Senior officers from NER State Utilities, Central Utilities/Organizations, Special Invitees, ladies and gentlemen.

On behalf of NERPC Secretariat, I extend a very warm welcome to each one of you to the 27th NER Power Committee Meeting. I hope you have a pleasant stay here. I am happy to inform that for the first time we are able to convey meeting quarterly and credit goes to Hon'ble Power Minister & Chairman, NERPC Nandita Gorlosa Ma'am.

In the last 26th NERPC meeting at Mayfair Guwahati many important decisions were taken for progress and strengthening of NER Power Sector specially request for release of PSDF fund to NER

as special case (which was withhold for one year), to support NER for intrastate Tx line Project, to get support of MNRE on small hydro. I hope that in today's meeting also, many important decisions will be taken for the interest of the nation and the N.E. Region in particular.

It gives me great pleasure in appreciating the efforts and task taken by Assam State Team for making wonderful arrangement for meeting and also for taking good care and comfort of all our delegates.

Before proceeding for our today's 27th NERPC meeting,

I would like to highlight some achievement/progress since last TCC/RPC meeting

1. Restored 132kV Roing-Pashighat line on permanent towers on 9.10.2024. This has increased the reliability of the line which is very critical for the Arunachal grid.

2. Restored of 400kV Imphal-Thoubal ckt 2 of Manipur in September. This line is essential for supply of power to Manipur through the 400kV Thoubal substations and thus is critical for ensuring reliability of Manipur grid.

3. Construction of the 132kV Hastingmari-Ampati ISTS line is complete and the line will be charged shortly. This line will bring reliability in power supply in Western part of Meghalaya as well as some parts of Western Assam.

4. Protection audit of 6 SSs of Meghalaya was carried out by NERPC wherein major issues were highlighted and remedial actions were provided.

5. PCC forum has discussed about the AFAS and RAS systems and realized the importance the same in boosting the protection systems the state grids and thus improving the security of the NER grid.

6. New DSM regulations w.e.f.16th Sept.'24. NERPC has implemented it.

7. Regional Disaster Management Group (RDMG) of NER has been formed and 1st meeting was conducted on 07.10.2024.

8. PSPA Division of CEA conducted 2032 transmission planning workshop for NER States in NERPC, Shillong. Subsequently the 2032 Augmentation plan has been under finalization by CEA/MoP.

9. IRP, Division of CEA conducted resources adequacy workshop for NER States in Guwahati in September'24.

10. Recently CEA organized the Brainstorming conclave on Indian Power sector scenario by 2047 on the occasion of Golden Jubilee celebration of CEA foundation Day. The key highlights of the conclave are -

- By 2047, anticipated power demand to reach 708 gigawatts. To meet this, we need to increase our capacity by four times, i.e. 2,100 gigawatts
- A key focus of the government's strategy is renewable energy. set an ambitious target of 500 GW of non-fossil energy capacity by 2030, effectively doubling our current capacity," --achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

- The CEA launched the National Electricity Plan at the event, which outlines the transmission infrastructure needed to support 500 gigawatts of renewable energy by 2030, increasing to over 600 gigawatts by 2032.

- The plan includes:

- 10 gigawatts of offshore wind farms,

- 47 gigawatts of battery energy storage,

- and 30 gigawatts of pumped storage plants.
- The Hon'ble Union Power minister highlighted the government's efforts to secure ₹9 lakh crore in investments for the transmission sector on this occasion.

In order to cater growing demand of our consumer NER has also started investing for Resource adequacy. As per our commitment in last NERPC meeting and statutory obligation for all the states to maintain adequate resources. NERPC has arranged resource adequacy workshop by IRP Division, Central Electricity Authority for NER State and it will be repeated again for benefit of NER State till we get roadmap to achieve resource adequacy in NER.

I would also like to inform that NERPC has formed a Regional Disaster Management Group for Power sector which will coordinate with Central Disaster Management Group CDMG & State and Plant level DMG for providing assistance in interstate emergency and startup power supply. The group will also ensure availability of crisis management plan and Mock drill on particular disaster events that are prone to each State/area.

North east State also focusing and gearing up for strengthening of SLDCs by installing Security Operation Centre (SOC) at SLDCs to defense against the Cyber Threat. Government of India is fully (100%) funding the Security Operation Centre (with 5 Year AMC) along with one year finance for O&M expenses through outsourcing employee.

Over and all, we need to do proper forecasting of demand, both on long and shorter terms. Resource adequacy though own generation

capacity and holistically planning for long term Power procurement, merit order dispatch, market signals.

Lastly, I would like to acknowledge the presence of our constituent members in large number for the meeting which shows our commitment and sincerity for resolving issues confronting us in the power sector in NER. I hope that we will be able to achieve much success with the cooperation of all.

On behalf of NERPC, I once again extend my heartiest greetings to all the participants and look forward to meaningful deliberation.

Thank you very much for hearing patiently.

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Annexure-1.3

Action taken report by NERPC Secretariat on decisions taken in 26th TCC/NERPC Meetings				
Sl No	ISSUES	TCC/NERPC MEETING	MEETING DELIBERATION	Action taken/to be taken
1	Upgradation Activities of SCADA-EMS systems at Regional/State level in North-Eastern Region	26th TCC/NERPC	During the meeting, it was agreed by all the states that both the Part A and Part B of the DPRs will be submitted by the respective states to PSDF Secretariat via NERPC at the earliest.	DPR sent to PSDF Secretariat on 12.08.2024
2	Resolutions regarding anction of Critical Projects under PSDF for the NE Region, Reinstatement of Funding for Small Hydro Projects in North Eastern Region under MNRE's SHP Scheme & Financial Support for Critical Intra-State Transmission System Projects in the NE Region	26th TCC/NERPC	TCC has recommended to place the matter before RPC to adopt a resolution for consideration of the project under PSDF as a special dispensation.	All resoulations sent on 22.07.2024
3	Nomination for co-signatory for "NERPC Establishment Fund"/"NERPC Board Fund"-	26th TCC/NERPC	NERPC noted and approved the recommendation	Letter sent on 16.08.2024 to MeECL and nominations was received vide letter dated 03.09.2024
4	AMC of PDMS and PSCT	26th TCC/NERPC	After detailed deliberations the forum decided that RPC Secretariat will review the cost of AMC with vendor. NERPC secretariat has taken the matter with the vendor, meanwhile TCC is requested to approve the tentative cost quoted by the vendor.	Revised estimtate has been submitted by the vendor. The same has been agreed upon by PSDF Secretraiat
5	Rooftop Solar in NERPC Secretariat	26th TCC/NERPC	NERPC noted and approved the recommendation of TCC	NVVN vide mail dated 27.08.2024 informed that installation of rooftop solar at NERPC building is not feasible and the same has been communicated to CEA
6	Consultancy Services for management of NERPC Funds	26th TCC/NERPC	NERPC noted and approved the recommendation of TCC	W.O placed vide order dated 26.09.2024
7	Permanent protection for tower no. 152 at Silchar-Byrnihat section of 400 kV Palatana to Bongaigaon Transmission Line by using SDA bar anchored with gabion box, 3D mat & wire rope system	26th TCC/NERPC	TCC opined to form a sub-group including representatives from NERLDC, Powergrid, NERPC, Meghalaya, and Assam. The sub-group will visit the site and submit their report to NERPC Secretariat at the earliest. TCC recommended in-principle approval for the proposal, subject to verification of the committee's report by NERPC Secretariat.	Final final report has been submitted on 18.09.2024

8	Contribution of Non-Regular Members of NERPC	26th TCC/NERPC	NERPC noted and approved the recommendation of TCC	Letter sent on 16.08.2024
9	Less gas supply by ONGC & GAIL to state and ISGS Power Plant	26th TCC/NERPC	MS NERPC informed that the matter had already taken up with CEA. It was also opined that this issue would be highlighted during the meeting with the Hon'ble Power Minister on 9th July 2024 in Guwahati. NERPC noted as above.	Letter has been sent to Member (GO&D)
10	Integrated Resource Planning as per MoP Guidelines and IEGC 2023.As per Ministry of Power Guidelines for Resource Adequacy Planning framework published on 28th June 2023	26th TCC/NERPC	Member Secretary NERPC will take up matter with CEA for conduct of workshop for NER States.	Workshop on Integrated Resource Planning was conducted on 20-09-2024(Friday) at NERLDC conference hall, Guwahati from 11:00 Hrs
11	Nomination for Constituents of Regional Disaster Management Group (RDMG) for North Eastern Region	26th TCC/NERPC	Nominations from all the remaining constituents have been received.	The 1st RDMG Meeting was held on 7th October 2024 at 11:30 hrs via video conference mode. The meeting was chaired by Shri K.B. Jagtap, Member Secretary, NERPC, and attended by officials from the states of Assam, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Tripura, Nagaland, as well as representatives from NERPC, NERLDC, OTPC, and KMTL
12	Completion of Tower Loc # 213 of Pasighat-Roing Transmission Line and early normalization of the line	26th TCC/NERPC	MS NERPC stated that NERPC Secretariat will review the progress along with AP and Powergrid teams	Team had already visited and it was ensured by Powergrid that the work would be completed by September'24. To be followed up in OCC Agenda

Annexure - 2.1

Progress of SCADA/EMS upgradation in NER as on 10th October 2024

Sl. No.	Date	Description
1	17th March 2023	**74th TESG Meeting of PSDF:** DPRs for SCADA-EMS Upgradation Projects of NER-SLDCs rejected by Techno-Economic Sub-Group (TESG) stating that the SCADA Projects are not being funded through PSDF.
2	4th May 2023	Letter from Chairperson, NERPC & Minister-in-Charge (Power), Government of Arunachal Pradesh vide letter Ref. D.O.No.DCM(AP)/01/2023 was sent to the Hon'ble Union Ministry of Power and MNRE, for funding of the SCADA/EMS upgradation project for NER States through PSDF, considering the poor financial conditions of the NER States and to alleviate huge burden on NER State Utilities.
3	19th June 2023	**Appraisal Committee Meeting of PSDF:** Requested NER states for Revised-DPRs after finalizing "Technical Specs" and "BoQ"
4	17th Aug 2023	**21st Monitoring Committee Meeting of PSDF:** Agreed to extend funding of the ₹700 crores to upgrade the SCADA/EMS of Main SLDC and establish SCADA/EMS in backup SLDCs (ULDC-Phase III) for the seven NER-SLDCs. This also includes 100% funding, covering AMC for 7 years. The cost was projected as ₹700 crores based on the quotations received for the states of WR and SR regions for SCADA/EMS upgrades project. The exact budgetary estimate of NER could not be prepared as the Technical Specification and BoQ of NER states were under still discussion and finalization.
5	22nd Nov 2023	Technical Spec and BoQ **finalized** for each NER State and subsequently sent to the vendors for budgetary quotation.
6	9th Apr 2024	GRID-INDIA had sought budgetary quotations for Part A from five qualified vendors and response was received from two vendors, which are L&T and GE with estimate of ₹832.1 crores. The enhanced estimated amounts is due to several additional challenges in the Northeast Region (NER) which drive up project costs, such as higher transportation expenses, law and order issues, manpower deployment difficulties, and the region's hilly terrain.
7	5th July 2024	**26th TCC/NERPC Board Meeting held in Sonapur:** NER states appealed for funding the additional expenditures and also for constructions of backup SLDC. NERPC was accorded approval for the additional expenditures of ₹132.1 crores for Part A (Upgradation of SCADA/EMS) and ₹65 crores for Part B (Civil Works for construction of backup SLDC) and advised states to put the proposal to PSDF for necessary funding.
8	16th Aug 2024	Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for Part A and Part B (Civil Works) submitted to PSDF for approval. Total amount for Part A and Part B is ₹832.1 crores and ₹65 crores respectively.

Note:

a) Part A consist of Cost of Equipment including Upgradation of Hardware, Software and associated systems & infrastructure for SCADA/EMS project at main as well as backup control centres and Part B consist of Civil Works for setting up of backup control centre of SCADA-EMS for the Load Despatch Centres of states in North Eastern Region (NER).

b) The extended AMC period for ULDC-Phase II of the SCADA-EMS Project ends on 11th Nov 2024 for SLDC-Assam and 31st Mar 2025 for SLDC-Meghalaya. NER states face financial difficulties in paying AMC charges, affecting service delivery by M/s GE T&D India Limited. Additionally, GE is quoting AMC rates three (3) times higher than before, worsening the financial strain.

c) The existing SCADA-EMS systems face cybersecurity risks from outdated devices, and aging servers can't support new operating systems due to hardware limitations.

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Annexure-3.1

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No.MePDCL/AEE/LDSD/T-23/2024-25/553/169.

Dated: 09th Sept, 2024.

To,
PGCIL, NERLDC and NERPC
Lapalang, Shillong

Sub: - Payment of Bill No. AEE/LDSD/63/03321 Dated: 09th Sept, 2024.

Ref: - 1. MePDCL/SE/ (SD)/T-17(E)/PT-X/2024-25/16 Dated: - 04th Sept, 2024.
2. MePDCL/EE (SE)/D/T-11(LP)/2024-25/675 Dated: - 09th Sept, 2024.

Sir/Madam,

In inviting a reference to the above, I am enclosing herewith a photocopy of an approved estimate along with an original bill bearing no. AEE/LDSD/63/03321 Dated: 09th Sept, 2024, amounting **Rs. 37,55,512.00** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakhs Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Twelve) only for Using 33kV XLPE Single Core Cable in replaced with Wolf Conductor for providing power supply to PGCIL, NERLDC and NERPC, Lapalang, Shillong as desired by PGCIL, NERLDC and PGCIL at Lapalang, Shillong, under deposit work. The payment should be made by NEFT/RTGS only to the account as mentioned below:

Name of Branch: State Bank of India, Shillong Branch
Branch Code: 0181
IFSC Code: SBIN 0000181
Name of Account: MePDCL, Deposit Works Account
Account No.: 38523607373
GSTIN No.: 17AAICM1935F1ZJ

After payment is made, the Bank Receipt indicating the UTR/Transaction Reference No. & Date of transaction is to be presented to the office of the undersigned at Lapalang Distribution, Sub- Division, Shillong and send through whatsapp to the following number.

Assistant Executive Engineer, Lapalang Distribution, Sub- Division, Shillong 9245048560.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. The Bill is valid up to one month from the date of issue of this letter.
2. Work will be started only after receiving full payment and subjected to the availability of materials.
3. Any price escalation, a revise estimate will be served by the undersigned office and the additional amount shall be borne by you as per the revised approved estimates.

Enclosed: - As stated above

Yours Faithfully,

Assistant Executive Engineer
Lapalang Distribution Sub Division
Me.P.D.C.L, Shillong

Dated: 09th Sept, 2024.

Memo No.MePDCL/AEE/LDSD/T-23/2024-25/553 (a)
Copy to: - The Executive Engineer (Shillong East), Distribution Division, B.C. House, MePDCL, Shillong for favour of your kind information.

N.E.R.P.C. Dy. No. 179 Dt. 17/9/24

Sh Alik, DD (Services)

Minutes of meeting for VOIP Communication System for all regions held in virtual mode (MS-Teams) on 12th June 2024

The meeting for VOIP Communication System for all regions held in virtual mode (MS-Teams) on 12th June 2024.

The list of participants is attached at ***Annexure-I***.

Sr. GM (CTU) welcomed all the participants at the meeting and proceeded with the agenda items. CTUIL emphasised that as the existing VoIP system is under extended AMC till July 2025, so a new system has to be designed and planned by this time. Further CTUIL stated that as the proposed VoIP system shall be PAN India single package, the purpose of this meeting is to make all the functional requirement of the system uniformly in all the region. The agenda of the meeting is attached at ***Annexure-II.***

With reference to ***Annexure-II ;*** 6 . iv) GRID-INDIA requested for discussion on features technical specification etc before optimization of the Cost. CTUIL agreed for the same and discussed all the possible options of design during the meeting and stated that whatever is agreed by the participants in the meeting shall be taken up.

CTUIL shared a presentation (attached at ***Annexure-III***) and explained the present and proposed VOIP architecture. The proposed VOIP architecture is a server-based system with 4 level of redundancy through hierarchical control centre servers for each user including RLDC subscribers. The broad aspects and basic features of the proposed VOIP system were explained in detail by CTUIL. Tentative BoQ & Cost of the proposed VOIP system for all regions was presented with three different options in view of cost optimisation.

NRLDC (GRID-INDIA)/ TSTRANSCO enquired about the number of licenses required for each subscriber to achieve 4 level of redundancy in the proposed VOIP system. CTUIL replied that only a single license will be sufficient for each subscriber, regardless of the number of servers they register with, as the proposed VOIP system achieves four levels of redundancy through software configuration and IP mapping and only the capacity of servers shall be enhanced to cater the requirement rather than requiring multiple licenses. Further, GRID-INDIA inquired about the necessity of a hierarchical control centre with multiple levels of redundancy for servers instead of within the utility control centres wise redundancy in line with other ULDC schemes like SCADA, WAMS systems. Further, each Main or Backup Control Centre shall have redundant server (HA Mode) for each function (communication, voice server and NMS etc..). GRID-INDIA also requested for Voice recording System redundancy at each control centre at both application and Hardware level . AEGCL stated that in case of failure of STUs VoIP server the switches (to be procured under VoIP project and connected to VoIP server) which will be connected to STUs FOTE and ISTS FOTE, the VoIP traffic from state GSS will be routed to RLDC VoIP server and accordingly redundancy of VoIP services will be maintained. AEGCL further emphasized that with such design aspect redundant STU VoIP server may not be required . CTUIL replied that this VOIP system is operational PAN India and is instrumental in managing the regional and national grids through voice commands exchanged among various control centres. This calls for a high redundancy especially for the remote stations under central and state sector. Hence 4 level redundancy for all remote subscribers is

very much required. However, CTUIL stated that it was already decided in previous meetings with all constituent of all regions.

SRLDC (GRID-INDIA) enquired about whether the multiple level of redundancy planned is for Voice Recording Failure / application-level failure or supply failure or communication channel failure etc. at SLDC and its routing to the next level i.e RLDC. CTU explained that at SLDC level both hardware and channel level redundancy for STUs subscribers is considered but at RLDC level only hardware level redundancy for these subscribers is envisaged. In the similar fashion central sector and local subscribers of RLDC have both hardware and channel level redundancy but at NLDC level only hardware level redundancy is considered. .

TSTRANSCO further enquired about the voice recording backup of STUs at RLDC level. CTUIL replied that voice recording is limited to state level only as STUs/SLDC have already stated in the various meetings of all regions that there voice recording backup should not be kept at RLDC/other utility.

TANTRANSCO enquired about the number of servers whether single server will be used for communication, voice and NMS functions or separate for all functions. CTUIL replied that a set consisting of 3 separate servers shall be used at each control centre. This was discussed and agreed in various meetings of all regions. TANTRANSCO further asked that whether exchanges will be required along with servers in the proposed VOIP system. CTUIL replied that exchanges are not required in the proposed VOIP system. TANTRANSCO asked whether any special feature are required in VOIP phones to connect with RLDC. CTUIL replied that no extra feature is required in VOIP phones to connect with RLDC. TANTRANSCO asked that whether VOIP phones in the upcoming Scheme can connect with the existing exchange of STUs. CTUIL replied that they have discussed the same with the OEMs and it was clarified that once the existing exchange gets integrated with proposed VoIP system, all subscribers of existing exchange shall also be registered in upcoming system. So the existing subscribers can be connected in this manner. TANTRANSCO asked that whether UPS are considered with servers. CTUIL replied that UPS are not considered in the scope of the upcoming VOIP scheme. TANTRANSCO informed that they will revise their inputs and provide to CTUIL. SRLDC (GRID-INDIA) requested to explore the architecture/solution of other OEMs also for better participation and competition. CTUIL stated that proposed solution is complied by many OEMs and the cost of other prospective vendors is also expected soon and shall be taken into consideration in final proposal at RPC.

WRLDC (GRID-INDIA) enquired about the connectivity of VOIP phone with both (Main & Backup Control centre) and also informed that RLDC shall be operating as Main I and II Control Centre philosophy with Active-Active Mode and remote subscriber call shall be routed to acting Main control Centre by VOIP system itself based on the designated as acting Main Control Centre. This feature shall be incorporated in the detailed feature by the implementing agency. CTUIL replied that there are two different cards in the FOTE, one reports to main control centre and other reports to Backup Control Centre or Main II Control Centre. Through a switch VOIP phone is connected to the two different ports in the FOTE which are reporting to both main and backup control centre. Two different channels will be in active- active mode. WRLDC (GRID-INDIA) asked whether routers are considered in the scope of this scheme. CTUIL replied that routers are not required as present communication system is TDM based. Further CTUIL clarified that the L3 switches being used which shall work like routers.

WRLDC (GRID-INDIA) also enquired whether cyber security audit is considered in the scope of AMC. CTUIL replied that revised cost estimate with cyber security audit cost will be shared. WRLDC (GRID-INDIA) also requested to make VLANs for different channels for seamless operation. CTUIL replied that these aspects shall be covered under detailed engineering while implementation.

GRID-INDIA emphasized that managing a large network in a flat manner (Layer 2) would be extremely challenging for troubleshooting network issues, particularly network loops, which are common due to the involvement of multiple stakeholders across thousands of sites. This is because the network has a massive broadcast domain, this issue is also observed in the existing VOIP system which is designed back in the year 2013. To mitigate this, routers/firewalls at the SLDCs/RLDCs and NLDCs levels should be implemented with Access Control Limits for each utility Electronic Security Boundary (ESB) in line with the CEA Cyber Security Guidelines 2021GRID-INDIAFurther, the network should be segmented using VLANs with proper subnetting to prevent lateral movement and ensure need basis logical reachability among sites and control centres. GRID-INDIA has also informed that this suggestion is given to CTUIL from SRLDC as part of comments in format shared by CTUIL for sizing of the Exchange.. CTUIL stated that the detailed specifications shall be prepared by the implementing agency in consultation with stakeholders and shall be in accordance with the CEA cyber security guidelines 2021.

NERLDC (GRID-INDIA) requested to include various aspects for AMC period such as Patch Management of Servers, Firewalls, Switches and other devices of the system. Moreover, it is requested that responsibility of complying with cyber security guidelines and advisories during the maintenance phase should be of the implementing agency the system and it should in scope of AMC. GRID-INDIA suggested to include the scope work for AMC in line with the other ULDC Schemes like SCADA/EMS upgradation. CTUIL clarified that such aspects shall be covered in the bidding documents prepared by the implementing agency in consultation with stakeholders.

GRID-INDIA also requested for Provision (Optional Rate) of integration of all VOIP /phones etc with 3rd Party Voice Recording System during contract period . CTUIL stated that such feature is not envisaged in the present scope because any integration with 3rd party equipment /system may lead to cyber threats.

ERLDC (GRID-INDIA) enquired whether voice recording shall be stored at hot standby redundant the servers at each control centre. CTUIL replied that recording will be stored in the server through which call is connected and both main and backup servers will get synchronised periodically. CTUIL also clarified that if both main and backup servers at SLDC are down even then also, remote subscribers can connect with RLDC level server, but voice recording shall be restricted to SLDC servers due to administrative reasons. ERLDC (GRID-INDIA) also asked that NMS server that will be used here is for VOIP or complete communication system. CTUIL replied that NMS server proposed here is solely for proposed VOIP system.

ERLDC (GRID-INDIA) suggested that two number of VoIP phones along with two POE switches can be considered at remote subscriber end for better redundancy. CTUIL replied that such arrangement is not available with switching of 2 phones along-with POE switches. If

multi-port single POE switch is used for switching of the two phones may result in single point failure of the combined switch, hence the same will not result in better design. ERLDC (GRID-INDIA) requested to include the complete cabling at control centres in the scope of the scheme. CTUIL replied that local cabling at control centre level is included in the scope.

ERLDC /POWERGRID requested to include remote site installation also in the scope of this scheme. CTUIL stated that it will increase the cost further so if all constituents agree, this can be included. WRLDC & NRLDC (GRID-INDIA) informed that remote installation may not be included in the scope of this scheme but POWERGRID,ERLDC & NERLDC were of view that remote installation should be included. CTUIL stated that after taking cost of remote installation from OEMs, revised tentative cost estimate will be shared with the MoM. NERLDC MePTCL/ERLDC also requested to consider cordless VOIP phones for their remote generation plants. CTUIL replied that they have explored this aspect with various OEMs/suppliers. The OEMs suggested that a local tower will be required connecting the wireless users. This is not a feasible solution for the stations and involves high cost as compared to the normal cordless phones. In view of this this aspect is not advisable to be adopted with the said scheme.

Maha TRANSCO raised query that they do not have separate media from all substations which can provide redundant path upto SLDC. CTUIL suggested Maha TRANSCO to take up this as a separate agenda in the TeST meeting of the region. Maha TRANSCO further asked that whether existing Alcatel phones will be utilised in the upcoming scheme. CTUIL replied that existing Alcatel phones are proprietary in nature so they may not be used in the upcoming VOIP scheme. Maha TRANSCO asked about the configuration of despatcher console. CTUIL replied that configuration of despatcher console shall be taken care at the time of detailed engineering.

NLDC asked regarding the provision of international exchange for cross border links. CTUIL replied that a separate server set (with Voice, NMS and recording) with desired capacity shall be considered for the NLDC/Backup NLDC and RLDCs shall be Remote Subscribers for cross border voice communications. Tentative Cost of international exchange along with phones shall be included in the cost estimate shared with the MoM.

HVPNL also raised query regarding integration of their exchange. CTU replied that in case of integration, only servers are required at control centres as suggested by the OEMs, and the cost for integration of existing exchange will be added in the cost estimate shared with the MoM. HVPNL also asked the basis of cost estimate. CTUIL replied that the tentative cost is based on the budgetary quotes received from prospective OEMs/supplier.

MePTCL raised query regarding redundancy of fibre paths for FXS & FXO i.e. 2W phones.. CTUIL asked MePTCL to take up separate agenda in this regard in the TeST meeting.

AEGCL asked that if both switch and FOTE fails at a node then how it will route to SLDC, CTUIL explained that if both the switch and FOTE fails than it will not route to SLDC/RLDC.

POWERGRID asked whether POE switch and DC-AC converter are required for remote as well as local subscribers. CTUIL replied that POE switch and DC-AC converter are required only for remote sites and for remote sites installation, remote support shall be provided by OEM/vendor for installation purpose. AEGCL also informed that the switches required at both GSS

end and SLDC/RLDC end may be considered with dual source DC supply POWERGRID also suggested to take DC (48V) operated POE switch with 2 sources of supply instead of DC-AC converter. CTUIL replied that after taking cost of such DC operated POE switch, revised tentative cost estimate shall be shared with the MoM.

NERLDC (GRID-INDIA) requested that the inclusion of various minor components such as Rack for PoE Switches, MCB for DC connections etc., should also be considered in the project. CTUIL responded that the same will be done during detailed engineering by implementing agency.

NERLDC (GRID-INDIA) requested that PoE switch with AC Supply should be provided at SLDCs, RLDCs and NLDCs also for powering up the IP based local subscriber of LDCs, as connecting the individual phones with power adapter will not be feasible at all the desks. SRLDC (GRID-INDIA) also seconded the fact that PoE with AC Supply switch is very much required for LDCs. CTUIL clarified that covering of this feature shall be costlier than providing the adapters for the phones at these control centres which are already equipped with UPS/ battery banks/ DG Set hence it is not recommended. Further at the time of deliberation of final technical specification with the stakeholders by implementing agency same shall be taken care in agreement with all stakeholders.

KSEB enquired that two phones can be considered if one phone is engaged, call can be made on the other phone. CTUIL stated that overriding facility is considered in the upcoming VOIP system.

APTRANSCO enquired regarding sharing of cost for the server required for the integration of existing exchange and how the cost will be shared among various utilities. CTUIL informed that project shall be under Regulated Tariff Mode (RTM) and cost will be shared as per CERC sharing of ISTS charges regulation 2020.

MS,SRPC suggested that tentative cost breakup of phones at STU locations may be worked out and during RPC agenda same shall be presented accordingly. CTUIL agreed for the same and shall provide the Central sector (CS) and State sector (SS) cost and the cost shall be borne by the constituent as per the CERC Regulation.

Following was concluded in the meeting:

1. Draft Technical Specifications shall be prepared by implementing agency in which the scheme details along with BoQ shall be shared with all stakeholders before finalization..
2. Provision of separate international exchange server with phones to be considered.
3. Remote location cabling and installation shall be included in the scope
4. Cordless VOIP phones for ER/NER is not advisable with said scheme..
5. POE switch with dual DC input source shall be considered as per site condition and DC-AC converters shall be deleted.
6. Cyber security audit cost of VoIP system shall be considered.
7. Central Sector (CS) and State Sector (SS) wise cost breakup shall be shared.
8. Proposed System shall comply with the CEA Cyber Security Guidelines 2021.

Revised Cost estimate is prepared after incorporating inputs received from the utilities and is attached at **Annexure-IV**

Meeting ended with vote of thanks.

Annexure -I

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Annexure-II

Agenda for combined meeting

VOIP System (Hotline speech communication)

1. Hot Line Speech Communication System (VOIP based Exchange system) was implemented in 2016 by POWERGRID in all the five regions for faster communication due to unavailability of dedicated **PAN India** speech communication between NLDC, RLDCs, SLDCs, important state and ISTS substations/generators. The said PABX was implemented by M/s Orange through Alcatel Lucent as OEM.

2. In the 67th NRPC meeting, POWERGRID representative stated that the scheme executed by M/s ORANGE was with a provision of AMC of 7 years as part of the contract and the same is expiring in July' 2023 for most of the sites.

3. AMC of the same was extended and approved in the 67th NRPC for further 2 years upto July'25. After July'25 there is no support shall be extended by Alcatel (OEM).

4. In 67th NRPC Meeting, MS, NRPC advised CTU to plan upgradation/ new system in view of expiry of AMC of existing VOIP System in July'25.

5. As life of existing system is 15 years as per CERC tariff petition, POWERGRID shall file petition to CERC for revised depreciation, after which new project shall be awarded.

6. CTU has discussed the requirement with various VOIP system suppliers and proposed VOIP System Architecture is attached at **Annexure-I**.

   Salient features of proposed VOIP system are given below as below:

   i. Server based architecture:
      Multiple level (4) of redundancy as compared to no redundancy in existing system.
   ii. SLDC & RLDC servers has Local (Central Sector phones) and Remote (Substation, generators) Phone support. However, at NLDC only local phone support will be there.
   iii. Power over ethernet switches proposed for all VOIP pone at stations for redundancy and powering the phones. In place of POC injectors, Switches with POE output are considered (additional DC to AC convertor will be required as switches operates at AC voltage)

   iv. For cost optimization single servers are proposed for Voice, NMS & Call Recording.

   v. There are no duplication of licenses for backup servers.

vi. Server size and software has been considered by taking future requirement of phones.

vii. Support for integration of future exchange of other utilities considered (their control centres).
viii. NMS for adding/ deleting users shall be provided at RLDC/ SLDC levels
ix. Operator console shall be provided to manage calls at RLDC/SLDC
x. Call recording features shall be provided at RLDC & SLDC level
xi. VOIP, Digital, Analog, Four Wire E&M (at PLCC locations) phones are considered
xii. Video Phones at RLDC/ SLDC for Senior officials
xiii. Sufficient numbers of licenses to cater future RE/ ISTS/ ISGS/ IPP and STU substations locations. The licenses for present and future requirement of the phones are considered under the scope of project, however phones for present requirement only shall be procured.
xiv. Firewall at control centres is considered
xv. Exchanges are not required at STUs where STUs have their own existing exchange, only integration shall be required which can be done through SIP/PRI lines
xvi. One Exchange for international connection at NLDC main and Backup of NLDC (25 lines) to be decided.
xvii. 1 year of warranty with 6 year of AMC which can be extendable up to 3 years
xviii. VOIP phones are to be installed at Control Centre Level, at Stations levels phones/ gateways to be handed over to utilities and remote support shall be provided.
xix. Cat-6 cable of 100 meter has been considered for remote locations.

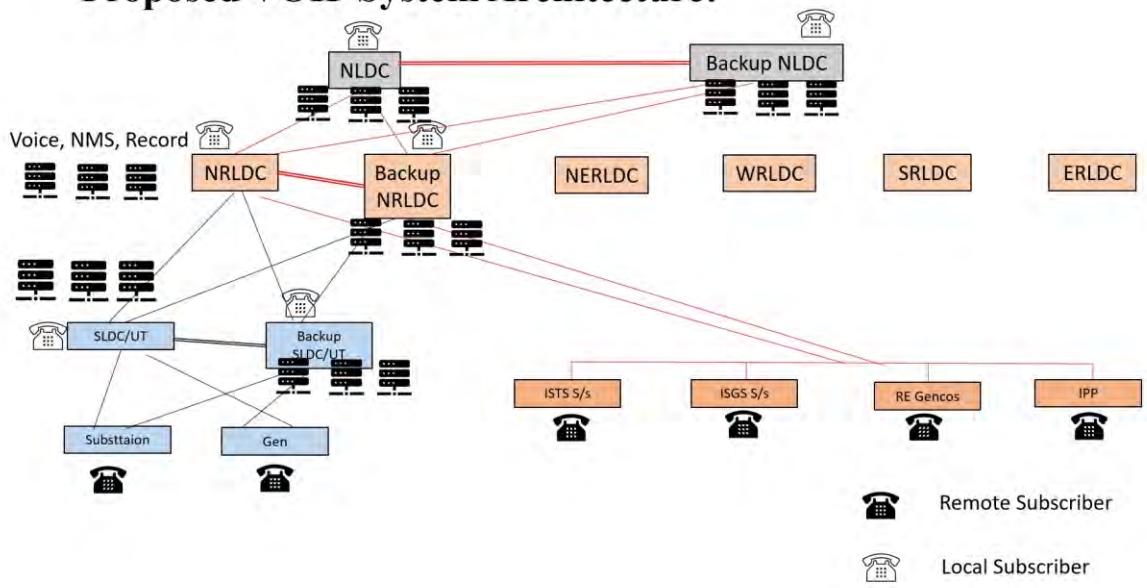
7. In this regard inputs were received from the utilities in the various meetings of CPM/ TeST of all five regions. For the utilities those have provided inputs we have considered the same in the cost estimate purpose. For the utilities where inputs are not available the present exchange license sizes have been considered for the cost estimate purpose.
8. Tentative cost estimate based on the budgetary quotation from prospective suppliers has been obtained and shall be presented during the meeting.
9. It is proposed that being a Nation wise project, the total cost of five regions including NLDC shall be put up in all five regions RPCs/NPC thereafter, getting views of RPCs scheme shall be put in the NCT for approval.

Tentative Region wise Cost estimates:

S. No.	**Region**	**Tentative Cost (in Cr.)**
1	NR	27.61
2	SR	24.71
3	WR	21.61
4	ER	16.69
5	NER	17.71
6	NLDC	2.63
Grand Total		**110.96**

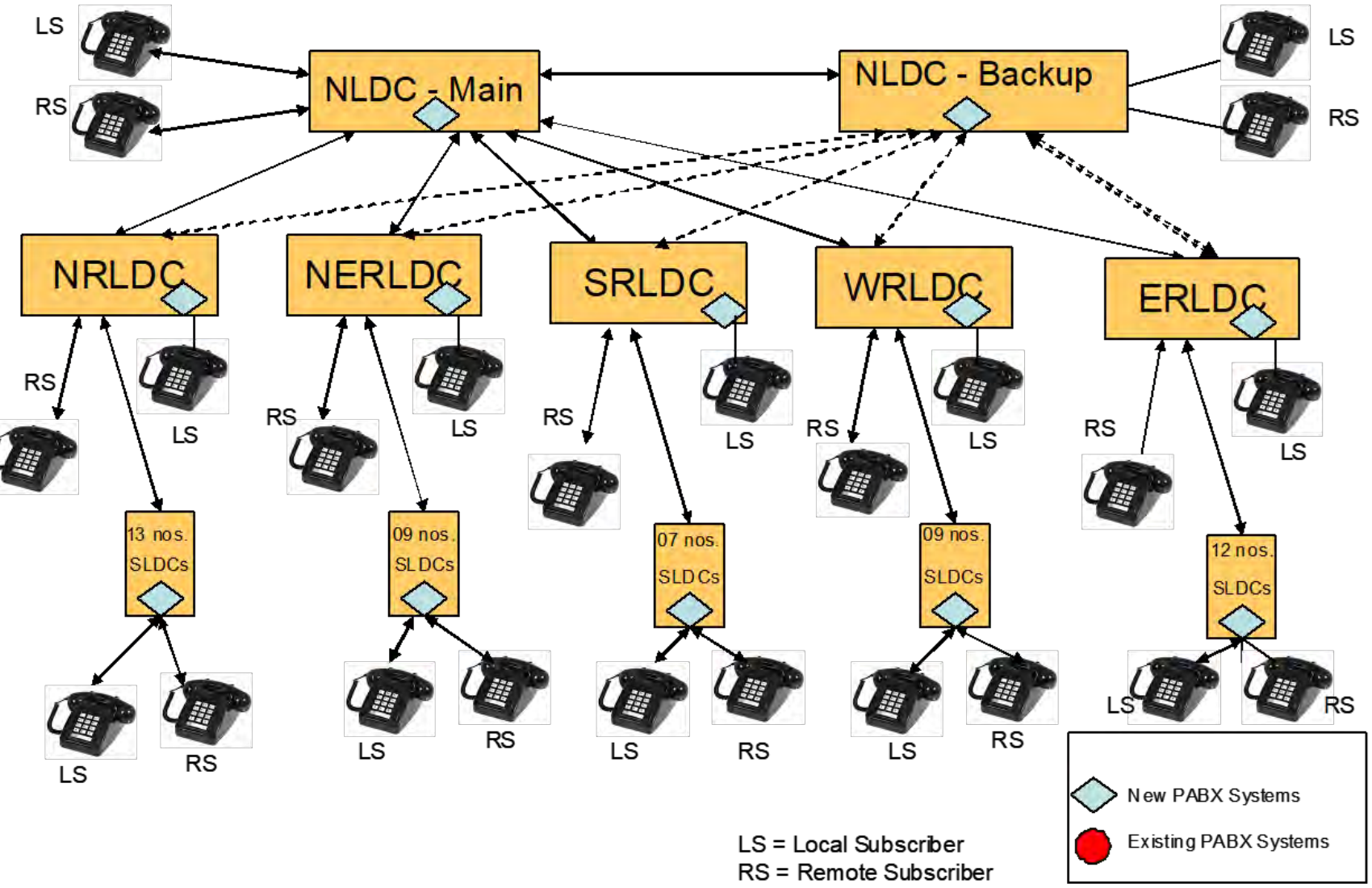
Annexure-I

Proposed VOIP System Architecture:



Annexure-III

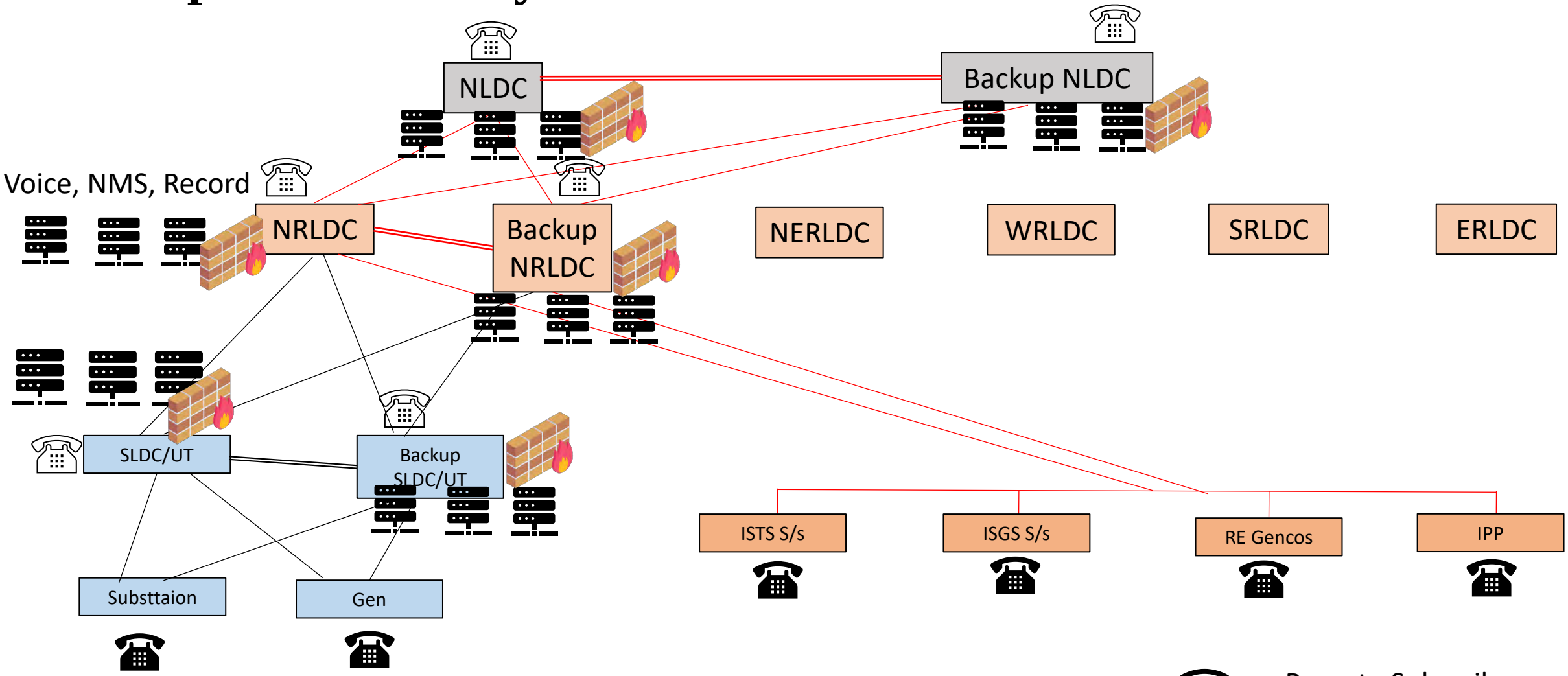
Combined CPM VOIP Communication System 12.06.2024



Present Hotline PABX Architecture

Proposed VoIP System Architecture

Proposed VOIP System Architecture:



Design Aspects

Each control center (Main & Backup) has 3 Servers

Voice NMS Recording

The main and its backup servers of the control centres (SLDC, RLDC & NLDC) shall be placed respectively at their physical locations.

Each Remote Subscriber of STU/UT shall be registered at four voice servers i.e. remote subscriber of SLDC will be registered at main SLDC, backup SLDC, Main RLDC and Backup RLDC in view of redundancy.

Call recording servers shall be provided at all main and backup control centres and will be sync through network periodically.

Configuration and management servers (NMS server) shall be provided at both main and backup SLDC, RLDC, NLDC individually.

Design Aspects

- The redundancy of subscriber channels between SLDC and RLDC shall be met by two discrete wide channels (similar to ICCP channel) containing the data of all SLDC subscribers. Similar is the case with backup SLDC and RLDC.
- The voice recording of subscribers of each utility shall be limited to that utility control centres only.
- In case communication link failed between subscriber to main SLDC server, subscriber will be switched automatically to the already active backup server and if both main and backup SLDC servers failed, subscriber will be connected with the already active Main RLDC server.
- Hardware level redundancy of SLDC servers has been considered at RLDC level.
- In case of central sector subscribers, similar redundancy has been planned for RLDC and NLDC level.

Design Aspects – Contd.

- VOIP as well as anolog both phones are considered at SLDC, RLDC, NLDC locations.
- Provision of Video phones for higher officials
- POE based switched at remote site for power supply to IP phones
- DC-AC converter for remote sites.
- Trunk/SIP lines integration is considered for outside network calls on mobile or another landline and the cost towards this shall be billed and settled by the respective utility.
- (4 wire E&M) phones are also planned through PLCC integration for few locations at SLDC level
- Integration with proposed Exchanges is kept at RLDC/ SLDC
- For Cyber Security Firewall are considered at each (main and backup) Control Centre
- Sizing of servers has been done as per the no. of subscribers at each control centres
- Cat-6 cable (100m) has been considered at each remote locations for VOIP phone/Gateway connection with FOTE

Features in Proposed VOIP system

- All Control Centres (NLDC, RLDCs and SLDCs) shall be provided with dispatcher console with advanced features such as touch screen dialing, directory sorting, user friendly display etc. The directory display in touch screen shall be configurable.
- A flexible closed numbering scheme shall be developed. The numbering scheme adopted shall take into account future network expansion so that introduction of new exchanges and subscribers shall require configuration of only those exchanges directly involved in the expansion.
- The proposed VOIP system is a PAN India system where any user can call to any user in Nation Wide.
- It will be possible to intrude on and/or disconnect ongoing calls of lower priority if free trunks are not available or if the called subscriber is engaged.
- Seamless network wherein existing multi-vendor Exchange/VOIP system of utilities are networked together.
- The equipment shall have flexibility to add/delete/modify Service Features and other facilities without requiring extensive modification and service discontinuity.

SIP based open sources VOIP phones can be integrated

Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for all regions (Option-1)

Region	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch	DC-AC Converter	Cat 6 cable (100m set)	NGFW (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) (in Crs.)
	Main	Backup	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)					
NR	10	10	2479	951	2368	2368	2368	20	**₹ 27.61**
SR	7	7	2875	252	2517	2517	2517	14	**₹ 24.02**
WR	8	6	2192	1044	2092	2092	2092	14	**₹ 21.62**
ER	7	7	1079	1059	942	942	942	14	**₹ 15.96**
NER	8	8	1424	619	1311	1311	1311	16	**₹ 19.19**
NLDC	1	1	42	400				2	**₹ 2.63**

Grand Total **₹ 110.62**

Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for all regions (Option-2)

Region	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch	DC-AC Converter	Cat 6 cable (100m set)	Remote VOIP Phone with POE injector	NGFW (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) (in Crs.)
	Main	Backup	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)						
NR	10	10	2479	951	0	0	4736	4736	20	₹ 18.65
SR	7	7	2875	252	0	0	5034	5034	14	₹ 15.23
WR	8	6	2192	1044	0	0	4184	4184	14	₹ 13.53
ER	7	7	1079	1059	0	0	1884	1884	14	₹ 12.41
NER	8	8	1424	619	0	0	2622	2622	16	₹ 14.23
NLDC	1	1	42	400					2	₹ 2.63
									Grand Total	₹ 76.71

Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for all regions (Option-3)

Region	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch	DC-AC Converter	Cat 6 cable (100m set)	Remote VOIP Phone with POE injector	NGFW (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) (in Crs.)
	Main	Backup	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)						
NR	10	10	2479	951	0	0	4736	4736	0	₹ 15.80
SR	7	7	2875	252	0	0	5034	5034	0	₹ 13.10
WR	8	6	2192	1044	0	0	4184	4184	0	₹ 11.54
ER	7	7	1079	1059	0	0	1884	1884	0	₹ 10.42
NER	8	8	1424	619	0	0	2622	2622	0	₹11.96
NLDC	1	1	42	400						₹ 2.35
									Grand Total	₹ 65.2

Thank you

Annexure-IV Revised Cost estimate

Tentative Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for All regions CS +SS(Option-1 revised)

Region	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch (with dual DC)	Cat 6 cable (100m set)incl. installation	NGFW (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) (in Crs.)
	Main	Backup	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)				
NR	10	10	2479	951	2368	2368	20	**₹ 34.3227**
SR	7	7	2875	252	2517	2517	14	**₹ 32.8099**
WR	8	6	2022	1044	1882	1882	14	**₹ 26.1236**
ER	7	7	1032	1093	822	822	14	**₹ 17.8878**
NER	8	8	1599	326	1138	1138	16	**₹ 22.0682**
NLDC	1	1	42	400	0	0	2	**₹ 2.6325**
Intl.	1	1	29	0	0	0	2	**₹ 1.209754**
Cyber Audit of complete VoIP network for 7 years								**₹ 2.8**

Grand Total **₹ 139.85**

Tentative Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP Syst. for NR SS(Option-1)

State	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch (with dual DC)	Cat 6 cable (100m set)incl. installation	NGFW* (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) of SS (in Crs.)
	Main*	Backup*	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)				
SLDC DTL, Minto Road	1	1	226	0	193	193	2	1.61
SLDC,RRVPNL, Heerapura	1	1	24	49	0	0	2	0.081
SLDC,BBMB, Chandigarh	1	1	182	116	182	182	2	1.57
SLDC,PSTCL, Patiala	1	1	203	8	197	197	2	1.64
SLDC,HPSEBL, Shimla	1	1	182	164	182	182	2	1.59
SLDC, UPPTCL, Lucknow	1	1	820	0	800	800	2	6.49
SLDC, HVPNL, Panipat	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
SLDC, JKPTCL, Jammu	1	1	182	148	182	182	2	1.58
SLDC, PTCUL, Dehradun	1	1	182	116	182	182	2	1.57
						Grand Total		₹16.14

* This BoQ pertains to Central Sector(CS) and has not been included in the cost.

Tentative Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for SR SS (Option-1 revised)

Region	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch (with dual DC)	Cat 6 cable (100m set)incl. installation	NGFW* (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) of SS (in Crs.)
	Main*	Backup*	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)				
KSEB, Kalamessary	1	1	563	0	546	546	2	4.49
TSTRANCO, Hyderabad	1	1	862	20	800	800	2	6.73
KPTCL, Bangaluru	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0.0015
Puducheery	1	1	75	64	41	41	2	0.50
TANTRANSCO, Chennai	1	1	141	18	130	130	2	1.14
APTRANSCO, Vijaywaya	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.00

* This BoQ pertains to Central Sector(CS) and has not been included in the cost.

Grand Total **₹ 12.86**

Tentative Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for WR SS (Option-1 revised)

Region	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch (with dual DC)	Cat 6 cable (100m set)incl. installation	NGFW* (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) of SS (in Crs.)
	Main*	Backup*	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)				
SLDC,Panjim/Madgo	1	1	100	84	100	100	2	0.89
SLDC,Bhopal	1	1	440	220	400	400	2	3.40
SLDC,Raipur	1	1	400	148	400	400	2	3.34
SLDC,Vododara	1	1	200	244	200	200	2	1.77
SLDC,Mumbai	1	1	182	244	182	182	2	1.62
SLDC Daman & Diu	1	0	50	84	50	50	1	0.49
SLDC DNH	1	0	50	0	50	50	1	0.40

* This BoQ pertains to Central Sector(CS) and has not been included in the cost.

Grand Total ₹ 11.92

Tentative Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for ER SS (Option-1 revised)

Region	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch (with dual DC)	Cat 6 cable (100m set)incl. installation	NGFW* (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) of SS (in Crs.)
	Main*	Backup*	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)				
SLDC,Ranchi	1	1	60	100	60	60	2	0.59
OPTCL ,Bhubneshwar	1	1	108	85	92	92	2	0.85
SLDC Bihar Patna	1	1	182	212	182	182	2	1.61
SLDC WB Howrah	1	1	182	212	182	182	2	1.61
SLDC DVC backup Maithan	0	1	87	150	70	70	1	0.71
SLDC DVC Kolkata	1	0	81	150	54	54	1	0.60
SLDC Sikkim	1	1	182	84	182	182	2	1.56

* This BoQ pertains to Central Sector(CS) and has not been included in the cost.

Grand Total **₹ 7.53**

Tentative Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for NER SS (Option-1 revised)

Region	Server Set		Phone (No.)		POE Switch (with dual DC)	Cat 6 cable (100m set)incl. installation	NGFW* (No.)	Grand Total (with AMC) of SS (in Crs.)
	Main*	Backup*	VOIP	Analog Phone (including gateway)				
SLDC Imphal	1	1	70	24	40	40	2	0.47
SLDC,Meghalay (Nehu)	1	1	108	63	92	92	2	1.03
SLDC Guwahati-kahilipara	1	1	265	10	180	180	2	1.68
SLDC Mizoram(Aizwal)	1	1	68	23	38	38	2	0.45
SLDC (Nagaland)Diamapur	1	1	74	26	44	44	2	0.50
SLDC Agartala	1	1	90	34	60	60	2	0.65
SLDC Itanagar	1	1	114	46	84	84	2	0.76

* This BoQ pertains to Central Sector(CS) and has not been included in the cost.

Grand Total ₹ 5.54

Tentative Cost & BoQ of Proposed VOIP System for All regions CS +SS(Option-1 revised)

Region	CS(ISTS) (in Crs.)	SS(in Crs.)	Total(in Crs.)
NR	₹18.18	₹16.14	₹ 34.3227
SR	₹19.95	₹ 12.86	₹ 32.8099
WR	₹14.20	₹ 11.92	₹ 26.1236
ER	₹10.36	₹ 7.53	₹ 17.8878
NER	₹16.53	₹5.54	₹ 22.0682
NLDC	₹ 2.64	₹ 0	₹ 2.6325
Intl.	₹ 1.20	₹ 0	1.209754
Cyber Audit	₹ 2.8	₹ 0	₹ 2.8
	₹ 85.86	₹ 53.99	₹ 139.85

Annexure-3.2.2

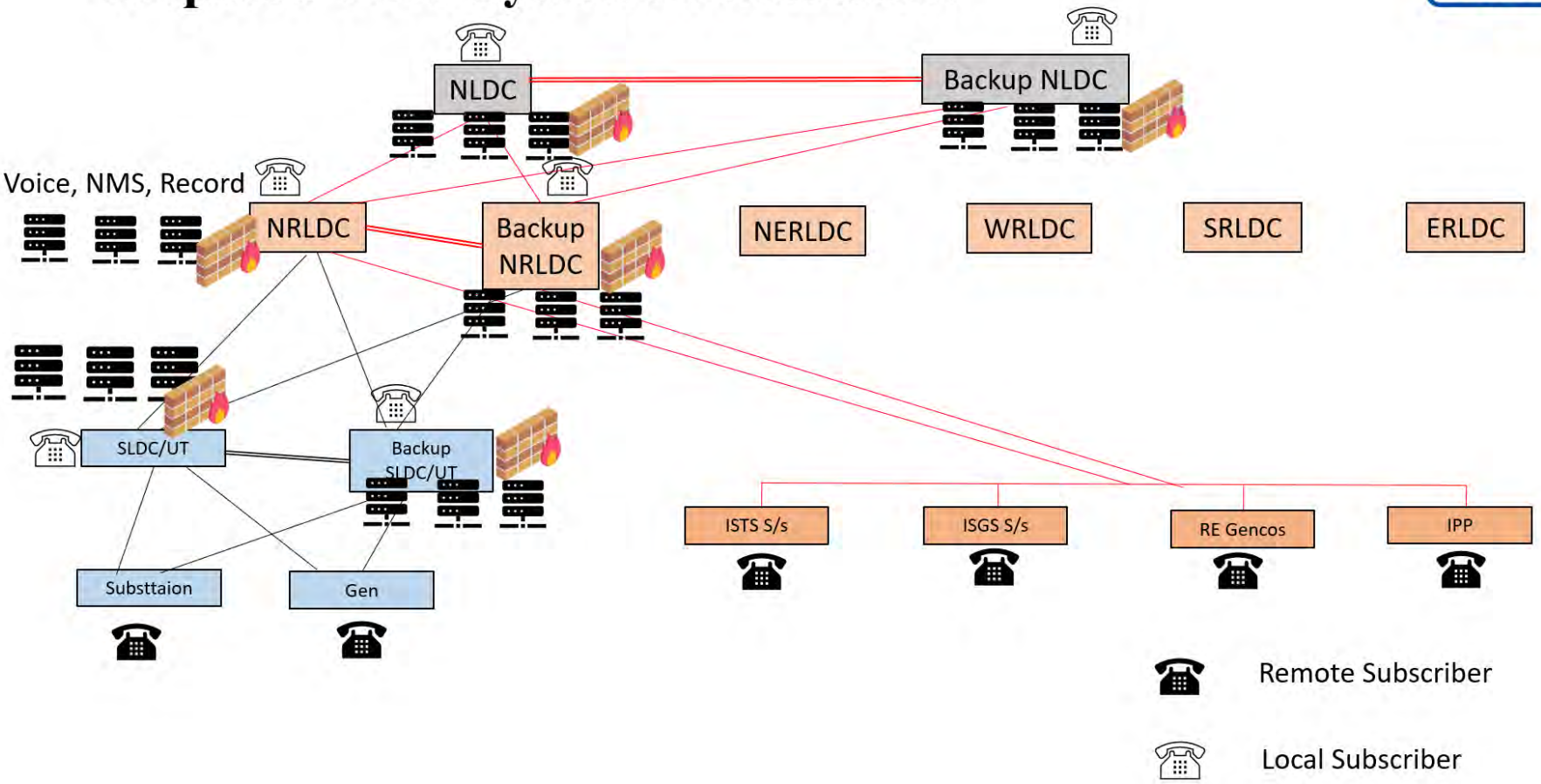
GS. No.	Items	Details
1.	Name of Scheme	VOIP Communication system for Grid-Operation for all Five Regions NR, NER, SR, WR, ER as PAN India
2.	Scope of the scheme	Supply and installation of VOIP Communication system including Phones, Voice Recorder etc. for Grid-Operation for all Five Regions NR, NER, SR, WR, ER as PAN India at NLDC, RLDCs, SLDCs
3.	Objective / Justification	1. Hot Line Speech Communication System (VOIP based PABX system) was implemented in 2016 by POWERGRID in all five regions after grid disturbance in 2012 where grid operators faced problem of fast communication due to unavailability of dedicated speech communication **PAN India** between NLDC, RLDCs, SLDCs, important state and ISTS substations and generators. The said PABX was implemented by M/s Orange through Alcatel Lucent as OEM. The lead region for the existing VoIP system is Northern Region of POWERGRID. 2. In the 67th NRPC meeting, POWERGRID representative stated that the scheme executed by M/s ORANGE was with a provision of AMC of 7 years as part of the contract and the same is expiring in July' 2023 for most of the sites. 3. AMC of the same was extended and approved in the 67th NRPC for further 2 years upto July'25 with financial implication and shall be booked under ULDC O&M charges as per the CERC norms. After July'25 there is no support shall be extended by Alcatel (OEM). POWERGRID stated they are not able to maintain the system beyond that AMC expiration. MS-NRPC advised CTU to plan upgradation/ new system in view of expiration of AMC in July'25.

GS. No.	Items	Details
		4. Grid-India in 23rd NRPC- TeST meeting stated that as VOIP system is utmost requirement of Grid-Operation and shall be planned by CTU parallel as POWERGRID has to file petition in the CERC for revised depreciation of existing VOIP System in view of 15 years of useful life. 5. In this regards CTU discussed the requirements with utilities & various VOIP system suppliers/OEMs and proposed the VOIP System Architecture which is attached at **Annexure-IIA**. 6. Comparison between present and proposed VOIP System is attached at **Annexure-IIB**. 7. Broad Specifications of the proposed VOIP system is attached at **Annexure-IIC** 8. In this regard inputs are acquired from the utilities in the various meetings of CPM, COM/ TeST/SCADA of all five regions. For the utilities those have provided inputs we have considered the same in the cost estimate purpose. Further a combined CPM(Communication planning meeting) of all five region was also held on 12.06.2024 to obtain uniformity of features and functions of the VoIP system among all regions. After incorporating the comments of all utilities MoM was issued. 9. The project is of utmost importance for grid management and operation by grid operators and also time critical. As the AMC of existing system is expiring by July,2025 the proposed system needs to be placed before that.

GS. No.	Items	Details
		10. It is proposed that being a Nation wide project, the total cost of five regions including NLDC and international Exchange (Cross border links) VoIP system shall be put up in all five regions for RPC/s review followed by NCT approval as single Scheme and package PAN India Basis for seamless integration and installation purpose. 11. Tentative cost of the scheme is **Rs. 137.46 Crs.** (including 6 years AMC after completion of 1 year warranty period) Excluding taxes & Duties 12. There are three types of cost involved, Regional Central Sector, National Central Sector, State Sector. The sharing of cost shall be done as per following mechanism between constituents: (i) Regional Central Sector Cost to be shared by respective region DICs as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020 under Regional Component. (ii) National Central Sector Cost to be shared by all regional DICs as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020 under National Component. (iii) State Sector Cost shall be shared by respective state/s for their portion as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020. (iv) AMC for State Sector shall be shared by respective states for their portion as per CERC (Sharing of Inter-State Transmission Charges and Losses) Regulations, 2020.

GS. No.	Items	Details
4.	Estimated Cost	Total project cost : 137.46 Crs. (including 6 years AMC after completion of 1 year warranty period) (Excluding taxes & Duties) NR – Rs. 34.46 Crs ER – Rs. 19.76 Crs. SR – Rs. 27.98 Crs. NER- Rs. 22.36 Crs. WR – Rs. 26.35 Crs. National – Rs. 6.55 Crs. Breakup of estimated cost and tentative BoQ at Regional, National and State Sector wise is attached at **Annexure-IID.** After approval of the scheme POWERGRID shall prepare detailed BoQ as per actual requirement.
5.	Implementation timeframe	9 months from the date of allocation
6.	Implementing Agency / Mode	**POWERGRID/ RTM**
7.	Deliberations in different meetings	i. 67th NRPC dtd. 30.06.2023 ii. Joint CPM of all Region dtd. 12.06.24 iii. 23rd NRPC TeST dtd. 21.09.2023 iv. 24th NRPC TeST dtd. 09.02.2024 v. NR CPM 5th ,6th dated 20-03-2024 & 23.04.2024 respectively. vi. 44th COM SR dtd.21.03.2024 vii. 46th COM SR dtd.22.05.2024 viii. SR CPM 4th ,5th dated 31.07.2023 & 18.04.2024 respectively ix. WR 4th ,5th CPM dated 26-07-2023 & 28-03-2024 respectively. x. 28th NETeST meeting dtd. 14.05.2024 xi. 4th CPM of NER region dtd. 28.07.2023 xii. 14th ER TeST dtd. 16.04.24 xiii. ER 4th CPM dtd. 27.07.2023

Proposed VOIP System Architecture:



Annexure-IIB

Comparison of features between present and proposed VOIP System

S. No	Present VOIP Exchange	Proposed VOIP system
1	Exchange based system	Server based system
2	Star based architecture and no redundancy between exchanges (SLDC/RLDC/NLDC)	Multiple level of Redundancy kept. At phone level two channels are proposed for main and backup exchanges of SLDCs and RLDCs. For State sector four level Hardware redundancy has been considered as e.g. Main SLDC/ Back Up SLDC/ Main RLDC/ Backup RLDC For Central sector four level Hardware redundancy has been considered as e.g. Main RLDC/ Back Up RLDC/ Main NLDC/ Backup NLDC
3	Proprietary License based system	SIP based open source licenses
4	The IP Phones connected at NLDC, RLDC and	IP Phones shall not be proprietary in nature.

	SLDC are proprietary IP Phones of Alcatel	
5	No PoE Switches	POE switch with dual redundancy considered
6	NA	Firewall are considered for cyber security
7	NA	Cyber Security Audit is considered
8	NA	Provision of video phones at Control Centre for higher officials
9	NA	Sufficient numbers of licenses considered to cater future RE/ ISTS/ ISGS/ IPP and STU substations locations.
10	Recording done at one location	Recording at each Control Centre shall be done locally and later at regular intervals transferred to a backup server for storage and archival

Annexure-II C

Broad Specifications of proposed VOIP System

1. Server based architecture: Multiple level (4 level) of redundancy as compared to no redundancy in existing system.
2. SLDC & RLDC servers has Local (Control Centre phones) and Remote (Substation, Generators) Phone support. However, at NLDC only local phone support has been considered.
3. Power over ethernet (PoE) switches with dual DC supply ports has been considered for all VOIP phones at remote stations for redundancy and powering the phones.
4. One set of three servers are proposed for Voice (VOIP), NMS & Call Recording at each control centre.
5. There is no duplication of licenses for backup servers.
6. Server size and software has been considered by taking future requirement of phones.
7. Support for integration of future exchange of other utilities considered (their control centres).
8. NMS for adding/ deleting users shall be provided at RLDC/ SLDC levels
9. Operator console shall be provided to manage calls at RLDC/SLDC
10. Call recording features shall be provided at RLDC & SLDC level with backup.
11. VOIP, Analog & Four Wire E&M (at PLCC locations) phones are considered
12. Video Phones at RLDC/ SLDC for Senior officials
13. Sufficient numbers of licenses to cater future RE/ ISTS/ ISGS/ IPP and STU substations locations. The licenses for present and future requirement of the phones are considered under the scope of project, however phones for present requirement only shall be procured.
14. Firewall at control centres is considered
15. Installation with 100m Cat-6 cable considered at remote locations.
16. Integration with existing STU exchanges has been considered.
17. One Exchange for international communication for cross border links has been considered at NLDC main and Backup NLDC.
18. **6 year of AMC has been considered after 1 year warranty.**
19. Cyber Security Audit has been considered.

Annexure-IID

Cost Breakup Between Regions and Central Sector and State Sector

Region	Central Sector (ISTS) (in Crs.)	State Sector (in Crs.)	Total (including 6yr AMC after completion of 1 yr warranty period & excluding taxes) (in Crs.)
NR	₹18.54	₹15.92	₹ 34.46
SR	₹15.3	₹ 12.68	₹ 27.98
WR	₹14.61	₹ 11.74	₹ 26.35
ER	₹12.32	₹ 7.44	₹ 19.76
NER	₹16.91	₹5.45	₹ 22.36
National Component (NLDC, International exchange and Cyber audit)	₹ 6.55	₹ 0	₹ 6.55

Grand Total ₹ 137.46 Crs. (including 6year of AMC after completion of 1 yr warranty period) (excluding GST/TAXES)

Northern Region Cost Breakup

Northern Region Utility	Servers		Phones			POE Switch (with dual DC) (No.)	Cat 6 cable (100m set) incl. installation (No.)	NGFW* (No.)	Total Cost with AMC (6 Yr after 1 Yr. warranty (in Crs.)	Total cost (in Crs.)	Central Sector (CS)/State Sector (SS)
	Main (No.)	Backup (No.)	VOIP (Local) (No.)	VOIP (Remote) (No.)	Analog Phone (including gateway) (No.)						
NRLDC	1	1	28	450	350	450	450	2	18.44	**18.44**	**CS***
SLDC DTL	1*	1*	33	193	0	193	193	2*	1.59	**16.02**	**SS**
SLDC, RRVPNL	1*	1*	24	0	49	24	25	2*	0.180		
SLDC, BBMB	1*	1*	30	152	116	152	152	2*	1.55		
SLDC, PSTCL, Patiala	1*	1*	6	197	8	197	197	2*	1.62		
SLDC, HPSEBL	1*	1*	30	152	164	152	152	2*	1.57		
SLDC, UPPTCL	1*	1*	20	800	0	800	800	2*	6.40		
SLDC, HVPNL	1*	1*	0	0	0	0	0	2*	0		
SLDC, JKPTCL	1*	1*	30	152	148	152	152	2*	1.56		
SLDC, PTCUL	1*	1*	30	152	116	152	152	2*	1.55		

***Servers and NGFW shall be physically placed at SLDCs for STUs but their cost has been included in Central Sector Portion**

Grand Total ₹34.46 Crs. (including AMC) (excluding GST/TAXES)

Cost breakup of Southern Region

Southern Region Utility	Servers		Phones			POE Switch (with dual DC) (No.)	Cat 6 cable (100m set) incl. installation (No.)	NGFW* (No.)	Total Cost with AMC (6 Yr after 1 Yr. warranty (in Crs.)	Total cost (in Crs.)	Central Sector (CS)/State Sector (SS)
	Main (No.)	Backup (No.)	VOIP (Local) (No.)	VOIP (Remote) (No.)	Analog Phone (including gateway) (No.)						
SRLDC	1	1	232	400	150	400	400	2	15.30	**15.30**	**CS***
KSEB	1*	1*	17	546	0	546	546	2*	4.43	**12.68**	**SS**
TSTRANCO	1*	1*	62	800	20	800	800	2*	6.64		
KPTCL	1*	1*	2	0	0	0	0	2*	0.0015		
Puducheery	1*	1*	34	41	64	41	41	2*	0.49		
TANTRANSCO	1*	1*	11	130	18	130	130	2*	1.12		
APTRANSCO	1*	1*	0	0	0	0	0	2*	0.00		

***Servers and NGFW shall be physically placed at SLDCs but cost has been included in Central Sector Portion**

Grand Total **₹27.98 Crs. (including AMC) (excluding GST/TAXES)**

Cost breakup of Western Region

Western Region Utility	Servers		Phones			POE Switch (with dual DC) (No.)	Cat 6 cable (100m set) incl. installation (No.)	NGFW* (No.)	Total Cost with AMC (6 Yr after 1 Yr. warranty (in Crs.)	Total cost (in Crs.)	Central Sector (CS)/State Sector (SS)
	Main (No.)	Backup (No.)	VOIP (Local) (No.)	VOIP (Remote) (No.)	Analog Phone (including gateway) (No.)						
WRLDC	1	1	100	500	20	500	500	2	14.61	**14.61**	**CS***
SLDC, Panjim	1*	1*	10	48	84	48	48	2*	0.87		
SLDC, Bhopal	1*	1*	30	400	220	400	400	2*	3.35		
SLDC, Raipur	1*	1*	30	400	148	400	400	2*	3.30		
SLDC, Vadodara	1*	1*	30	150	244	150	150	2*	1.75	**11.74**	**SS**
SLDC, Mumbai	1*	1*	30	200	244	200	200	2*	1.60		
SLDC Daman & Diu	1*	0	10	40	84	40	40	1*	0.48		
SLDC DNH	1*	0	10	40	0	40	40	1*	0.39		

***Servers and NGFW shall be physically placed at SLDCs but their cost has been included in Central Sector Portion**

Grand Total ₹26.35 Crs. (including AMC) (excluding GST/TAXES)

Cost breakup of Eastern Region

Eastern Region Utility	Servers		Phones			POE Switch (with dual DC) (No.)	Cat 6 cable (100m set)incl. installation (No.)	NGFW* (No.)	Total Cost with AMC (6 Yr after 1 Yr. warranty (in Crs.)	Total cost (in Crs.)	Central Sector (CS)/State Sector (SS)
	Main (No.)	Backup (No.)	VOIP (Local) (No.)	VOIP (Remote) (No.)	Analog Phone (including gateway) (No.)						
ERLDC	1	1	150	200	100	200	200	2	12.32	**12.32**	**CS***
SLDC, Ranchi	1*	1*	10	50	100	60	60	2*	0.58	**7.44**	**SS**
OPTCL	1*	1*	16	92	85	92	92	2*	0.84		
SLDC Bihar Patna	1*	1*	30	152	212	152	152	2*	1.59		
SLDC WB Howrah	1*	1*	30	152	212	152	152	2*	1.59		
SLDC DVC backup Maithan	0	1*	17	70	150	70	70	1*	0.70		
SLDC DVC Kolkata	1*	0	27	54	150	54	54	1*	0.60		
SLDC Sikkim	1*	1*	30	152	84	152	152	2*	1.54		

***Servers and NGFW shall be physically placed at SLDCs but their cost has been included in Central Sector Portion**

Grand Total ₹19.76 Crs. (including AMC) (excluding GST/TAXES)

Cost breakup of North Eastern Region

Northern Eastern Region Utility	Servers		Phones			POE Switch (with dual DC) (No.)	Cat 6 cable (100m set) incl. installation (No.)	NGFW* (No.)	Total Cost with AMC (6 Yr after 1 Yr. warranty (in Crs.)	Total cost (in Crs.)	Central Sector (CS)/State Sector (SS)
	Main (No.)	Backup (No.)	VOIP (Local) (No.)	VOIP (Remote) (No.)	Analog Phone (including gateway) (No.)						
NERLDC	1	1	210	600	100	600	600	2	16.91	**16.91**	**CS***
SLDC Imphal	1*	1*	30	40	24	40	40	2*	0.46	**5.45**	**SS**
SLDC, Meghalaya	1*	1*	16	92	63	92	92	2*	1.01		
SLDC Guwahati	1*	1*	85	180	10	180	180	2*	1.66		
SLDC Mizoram	1*	1*	30	38	23	38	38	2*	0.44		
SLDC (Nagaland)	1*	1*	30	44	26	44	44	2*	0.49		
SLDC Agartala	1*	1*	30	60	34	60	60	2*	0.64		
SLDC Itanagar	1*	1*	30	84	46	84	84	2*	0.75		

***Servers and NGFW shall be physically placed at SLDCs but cost has been included in Central Sector Portion**

Grand Total **₹22.36 (including AMC) (excluding GST/TAXES)**

National Component of VOIP System

Utility	Servers		Phones			POE Switch (with dual DC) (No.)	Cat 6 cable (100m set)incl. installation (No.)	NGFW (No.)	Total Cost with AMC (6 Yr after 1 Yr. warranty (in Crs.)	Central Sector (CS)/State Sector (SS)
	Main (No.)	Backup (No.)	VOIP (Local) (No.)	VOIP (Remote) (No.)	Analog Phone (including gateway) (No.)					
NLDC	1	1	42	0	400	0	0	2	2.60	CS
International Exchange	1	1	30	0	0	0	0	2	1.19	
Cyber Audit Cost									2.76	
Grand Total ₹6.55 (including AMC) (excluding GST/TAXES)										

ANNEXURE-5.1

CRISIS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR POWER SECTOR

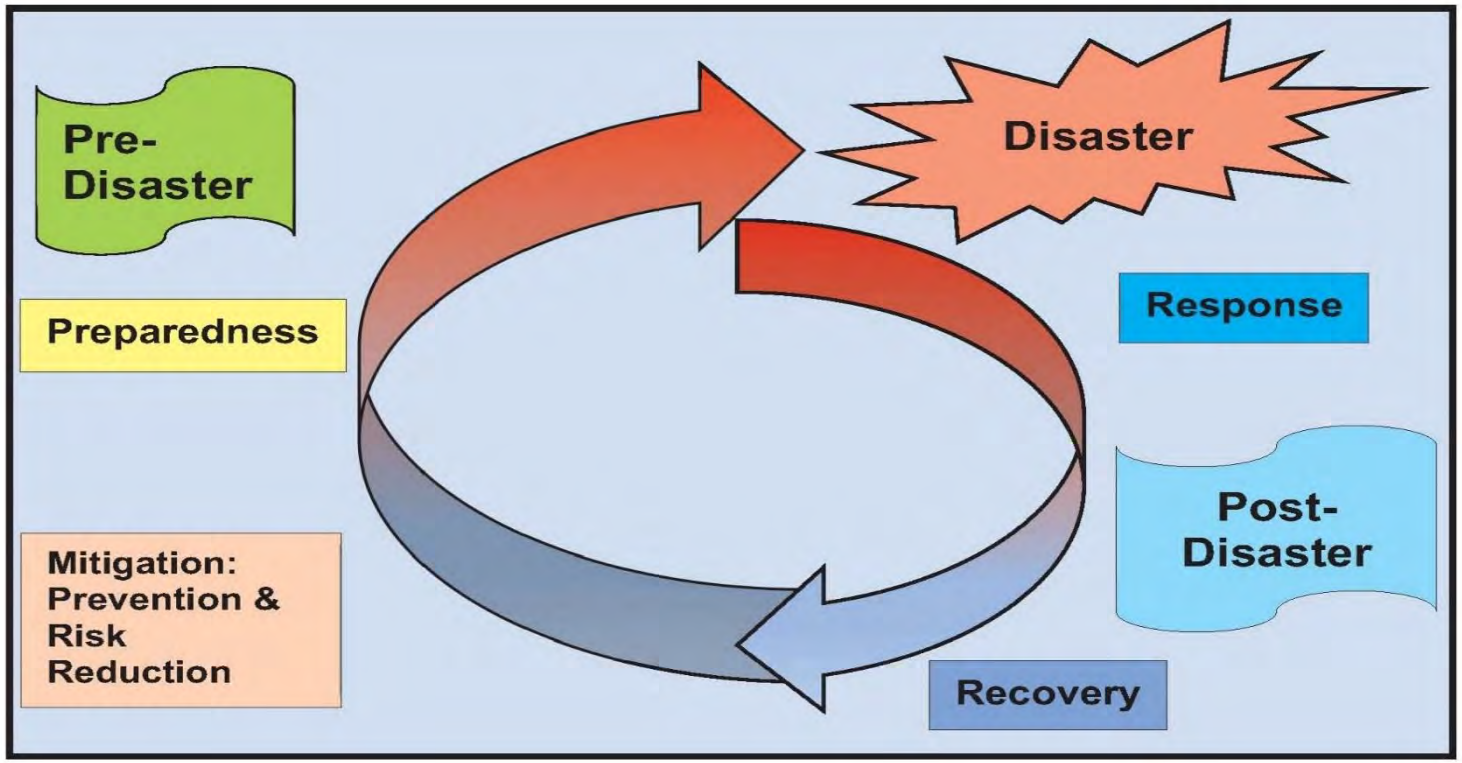
- **Section 37 of the Disaster Management Act 2005 mandates each Ministry or Department of the Government of India to prepare a Disaster Management Plan related to their sector.**
- Crisis Management Plan (CMP) of the Government of India prepared by the Cabinet Secretariat
- Each Central Nodal Ministry is required to prepare a detailed Crisis Management Plan for dealing with crisis situations falling in the areas of their responsibility.
- **Ministry of Power, in association with CEA, prepares Disaster Management Plan and Crisis Management Plan for the power sector.**
- Based on the suggestion of NDMA “Crisis” and “Disaster” Management Plan are prepared separately.

Disaster Management Plan for the Power Sector

- Based on “National Disaster Management Plan 2019” (in accordance with the template circulated by NDMA)
- Apart from three landmark global agreements i.e. Sendai, COP21 & SDG, it is also consistent with **PM’s 10 points agenda for Disaster Risk Reduction**
- **The latest plan was published in December 2022. Updated annually on the basis of inputs/suggestions of the Power Utilities**
- Earlier DMP was response based, **Sendai Framework places significant emphasis on mitigation strategies rather than just response and recovery.**

Disaster Management Cycle

The approach now emphasises on all four stages of disaster management cycle – Mitigation, Preparedness, Response and Recovery covering pre, peri and post strategies for a disaster.



Compliance with Sendai Framework

Six Thematic Areas (TA) of action for each hazard for achieving -four priorities of Sendai Framework.

Four priority envisaged under Sendai Framework	Six Thematic Areas (TA) of action
1. Understanding disaster risk. 2. Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk. 3. Investing in disaster risk reduction for resilience. 4. Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.	1. Understanding Risk, 2. Inter-Agency Coordination 3. Investing in DRR – Structural Measures 4. Investing in DRR – Non-Structural Measures 5. Capacity Development 6. Climate Change Risk Management

- **CEA is responsible for developing, maintaining, reviewing and updating the Disaster Management Plan for Power sector at the National level**.
- **The document is reviewed annually**.
- **A Permanent Standing Committee under Chairmanship of Member (Planning), CEA,** with representatives of CPSUs, State utilities/IPPs and other concerned organizations has been constituted **for reviewing the document.**

Institutional Framework

- A four-tier structure with intervention and response depending on the severity of the disaster.

- The composition of the Groups at various levels :
  - ✓ Central level Disaster Management Group (CDMG) : Chairperson - Secretary , Power
  - ✓ **Regional Level Disaster Management Group : Chairperson - Member Secretary (RPC).**
  - ✓ State Level Disaster Management Group : Chairperson - Principal Secretary / Secretary (Energy) of the State.
  - ✓ Plant Level Disaster Management Group: Chairperson - In-charge of the installation.

Control Room at National/Regional/State/Local level

A four-tier structure

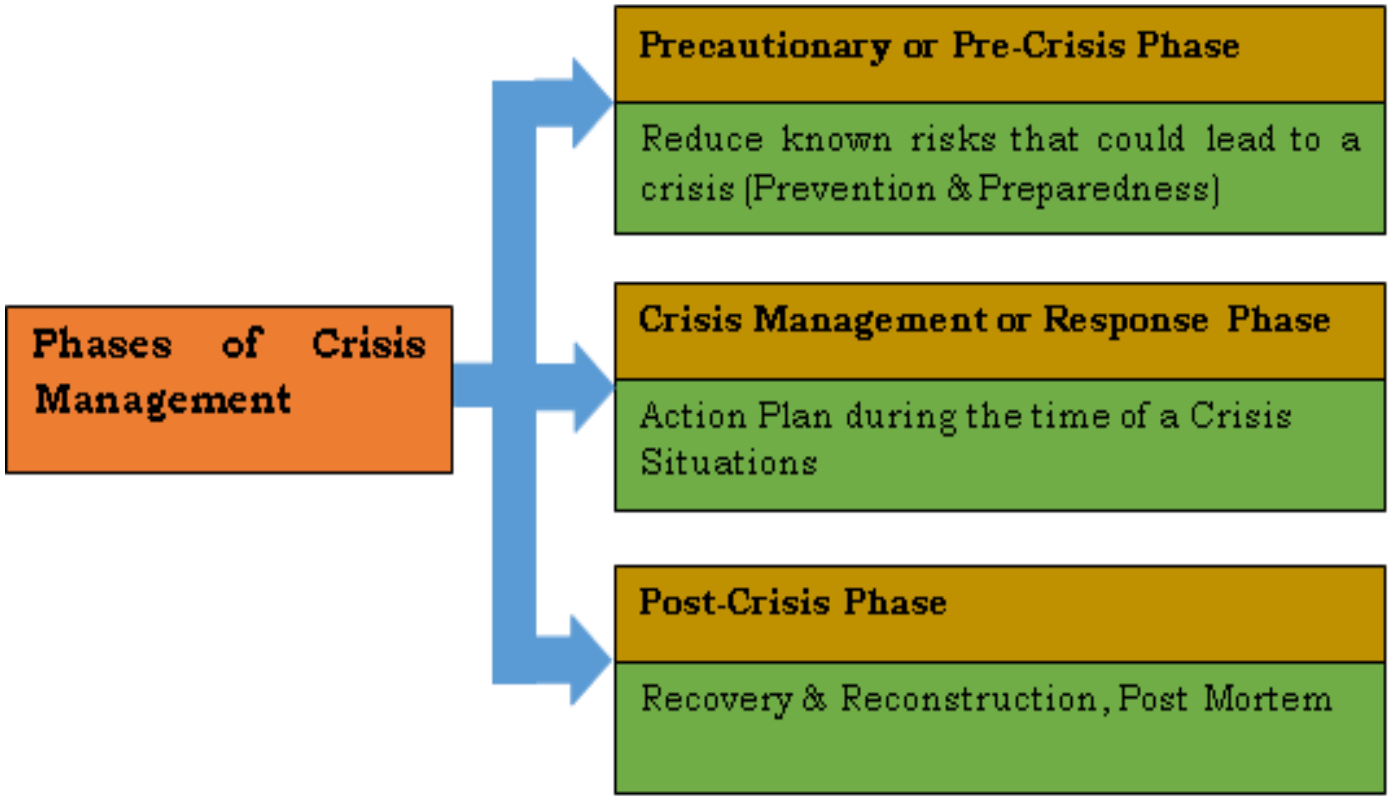
- ✓National Load Despatch Centre (NLDC) as Central Control room with headquarters at New Delhi.
- ✓Regional/ Load Despatch Centre (RLDCs) as Regional control room.
- ✓State Load Despatch Centre (SLDCs) as State level control room.
- ✓Power Plant / Grid sub-station level control room.

Disaster situations covered in the Plan:

- Fire / Forest fire
- Cyclones
- Floods/cloud bursts/urban floods
- Earthquakes
- Tsunamis
- Landslides
- Thunderstorm & Lightning, Squall, Dust Storm, and Strong Wind
- Pandemic / Epidemic
- Environment and Climate Change

Phases of Crisis Management

The approach on all three stages of Crisis management cycle – Precautionary or Pre- Crisis phase, Crisis Management or Response Phase, Post-Crisis Phase



Crisis situations covered in the Plan:

- Terrorist Threats and Attacks
- Bombs Threats, Hoax & Bomb Explosions
- Explosion in Equipment
- Crowd or Mob Attack
- Threat from UAV(Drone) attack
- Strike
- Sabotage
- Cyber-attack
- Fire/ Forest Fire

Action Points:

- **Establishment of RDMG:** NERPC has established RDMG. Needs continuous update.
- **Sensitize and motivate both public and private sector power utilities to conduct mock drills on regular basis and submit the quarterly report.**
- **Involvement of other agencies such as district level authorities/NDRF/SDRF during the mock drill exercises conducted**.
- **The mock drill Report of the power utility must indicate:**
  - Effectiveness of handling emergency situation
  - Scope for improvement
  - New learnings from the mock drill exercise
  - Do's and Don'ts
- **Planning their mock drills based on the crisis/disaster situations to which they are most vulnerable based on their geographical location** such as
  - Cyclones and Tsunami in **coastal regions**,
  - Landslides and avalanches in **hilly regions**,
  - Terrorist threat and drone attacks in **border regions**.

Action Points:

- **Sharing the calendar of mock drills** to be conducted by Public sector Power utilities for the next year.
- **Mark the critical power sector facilities as Red or Yellow zone in Digisky portal in consultation with DGCA,** to prevent unauthorized flying of drones over these facilities.
- **Preparation of security related equipment, gadgets and other related items such as deployment of suitable anti drone measures etc.** by power sector utilities in consultation with CISF/ security agencies.

Action Points:

- **DRIPS (Disaster Resource Inventory for Power Sector) Portal** has been developed by CEA to enable transparent, co-ordinated approach for sharing the resources among the Power Utilities in any disaster/crisis situation. All the utilities are requested to register on the portal and update their inventory on monthly basis along with maintenance schedule.
- **The details of local district authorities/ revenue authorities/ law and order authorities/fire etc.,** should be collated/ updated and made available in all the Utilities and in the townships.
- **CMP/DMP plans/ reports shall be up-dated and revised** on a periodic basis to include any new inputs received from various stakeholders/ new learnings during mock drill exercises conducted/ or on the directives of the National Disaster Management Authority or Cabinet Secretariat.

THANKS

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संदर्भ/Ref. No: NERLDC/MO/1/6457 **दिनांक/ Date: 15/07/2024**

To,

As per Distribution List

Subject: Registration of state embedded generators in NOAR for facilitating sale of URS in the Power Market reg.

Reference: Grid-India letter dated 3rd June 2024 regarding procedure for implementation of LPSC Rules 2022 and amendment thereof

Sir,
Ministry of Power has notified Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Rules 2022 on 3rd June 2022 and Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Amendment Rules 2024 on 28th February 2024. As per the LPSC Rule (9) (1):

Quote
"(1) A distribution licensee shall intimate its schedule for requisitioning power for each day from each generating company with which it has an agreement for purchase of power at least two hours before the end of the time for placing proposals or bids in the day ahead market for that day, failing which the generating company, shall offer, the un-requisitioned surplus power including the power available against the declared capacity of the unit under shut down, in the power exchange, subject to the limitation of ramping and start up capability as specified by the Appropriate Commission:
Provided that if the power so offered by the generating company is not cleared in Day-Ahead Market, it shall be offered in other market segments, including the Real Time Market, in the power exchange:"

Unquote

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A line of confirmation in this regard may be given to NERLDC by respective SLDCs.

Thank You,

Yours faithfully

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(Amaresh Mallick)
Executive Director, NERLDC

Copt to:

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b) Chairman and Managing Director, Grid-India
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संदर्भ/ Ref. No: NERLDC/MO/1/6771 **दिनांक/ Date: 03/10/2024**

To,

As per Distribution List

Subject: Registration of state embedded generators in NOAR for facilitating sale of URS in the Power Market reg.

Reference: i. Grid-India letter dated 3rd June 2024 regarding procedure for implementation of LPSC Rules 2022 and amendment thereof

ii. NERLDC letter Ref. No: NERLDC/MO/1/6457 dated 15/07/2024 regarding registration of state embedded generators in NOAR for facilitating sale of URS in the Power Market reg.

Sir/Madam,

Ministry of Power has notified Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Rules 2022 on 3rd June 2022 and Electricity (Late Payment Surcharge and related matters) Amendment Rules 2024 on 28th February 2024. As per the LPSC Rule (9) (1):

Quote

"(1) A distribution licensee shall intimate its schedule for requisitioning power for each day from each generating company with which it has an agreement for purchase of power at least two hours before the end of the time for placing proposals or bids in the day ahead market for that day, failing which the generating company, shall offer, the un-requisitioned surplus power including the power available against the declared capacity of the unit under shut down, in the power exchange, subject to the limitation of ramping and start up capability as specified by the Appropriate Commission:

Provided that if the power so offered by the generating company is not cleared in Day-Ahead Market, it shall be offered in other market segments, including the Real Time Market, in the power exchange:"

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Annexure-5.16.2

List of Intra-state Gas based plants

Name of Power Station	Name of the State	Installed Capacity (MW)	Developer	Registration on NOAR
LAKWA GT	ASSAM	97.2	Assam Power	No
LAKWA REPLACEMENT	ASSAM	69.8	Assam Power	No
NAMRUP CCPP	ASSAM	139.4	Assam Power	No
BARAMURA GT	TRIPURA	42	Tripura Power	No
ROKHIA GT	TRIPURA	63	Tripura Power	No

List of Intra-state Hydro based plants

Utilities/Stations	State/UT	Capacity (MW)	Developer	Registration on NOAR
Karbi Langpi	Assam	100	Assam Power Generation Corporation	No
Kyrdemkulai	Meghalaya	60	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation	No
Umiam St. I	Meghalaya	36	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation	No
New Umtru	Meghalaya	40	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation	No
Umiam St. IV	Meghalaya	60	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation	No
Myntdu St-I	Meghalaya	126	Meghalaya Power Generation Corporation	No

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Ref: Grid India/NLDC/SO/Jul 24/87 **Date: 03rd Jul 2024**

To,
MD/CEO
Transmission Licensees
(As per the distribution list)

Sub: Ensuring harmonic content in the All India electricity grid within the safe limits and statutory provisions

Madam/Sir,

A reliable power system operation requires that apart from the grid frequency and voltages within the statutory limits prescribed, the harmonics in the system shall be contained within the safe statutory limits in the Central Electricity Authority (CEA) Standards & Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (CERC) Regulations. If the harmonics are uncontrolled, it could lead to equipment damage and/or protective system mis-operations which could have a large impact on the grid.

Please refer to the Central Electricity Authority (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid), Regulations, 2007 wherein Section B1, Part II, pertaining to 'Connectivity Standard applicable to the generating stations' mandates 'Requirements with respect to Harmonics, Direct Current (DC) Injection and Flicker' applicable to the wind generating stations, generating stations using inverters, wind - solar photo voltaic hybrid systems and energy storage systems. This clause mentions that *"Measurement of harmonic content, DC injection and flicker shall be done at least once in a year in presence of the parties concerned and the indicative date for the same shall be mentioned in the connection agreement; Provided that in addition to annual measurement, if distribution licensee or transmission licensee or the generating company, as the case may be, desires to measure harmonic content or DC-injection or flicker, it shall inform the other party in writing and the measurement shall be carried out within 5 working days."*

Grid India is taking up with respective generators for compliance of the above mentioned provisions of CEA (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid), Regulations, 2007. The measuring and metering of harmonics shall be a continuous process and the periodic assessment of power quality by all stakeholders is required to devise remedial measures. The generating stations using inverters which are applying connectivity are submitting the compliance based on simulation to the above-mentioned provision of CEA (Technical Standards for Connectivity to the Grid), Regulations, 2007. The recent harmonic data and harmonic study report of 'interconnection point' could help these new

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generators in assessment of power quality. Therefore, the necessary equipment for harmonic assessment as per relevant IEEE/IEC standards shall be installed at 'interconnection point', if not done already. CEA (Grid Standards) Regulations, 2010, Para-3, Standards for Operation and Maintenance of Transmission Lines mandates that

Quote

"The transmission licensee shall ensure that the voltage wave-form quality is maintained at all points in the Grid by observing the limits given in Table

S. No.	System Voltage (kV rms)	Total Harmonic Distortion (%)	Individual Harmonic of any particular Frequency (%)
1.	765	1.5	1.0
2.	400	2.0	1.5
3.	220	2.5	2.0
4.	33 to 132	5.0	3.0

Unquote

The compliance of above mentioned provision requires periodic assessment of power quality by transmission licensees at HVAC stations belonging to voltage range of 33 kV (RMS) to 765 kV (RMS). Grid-India is sure that all Transmission Licensees would be carrying out periodic assessments of power quality as a part of prudent utility practices in compliance to CEA Regulations. The detailed report of power quality assessment tests, carried out in line with IEEE/IEC standards would also be available alongwith major findings and suggested remedial measures.

It is kindly requested that aforementioned harmonic measurement test report from your respective sub-station shall be shared with Grid-India and Central Transmission Utility of India (CTUIL). In case the tests are yet to be done, kindly advise all concerned to carry out the tests at the earliest under intimation to us and afterward share a copy of the report with Grid-India and CTUIL. The frequency of carrying out the power quality assessment may be kept like or higher than that recommended for generating stations and distribution licensees for the sake of uniformity.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

03/07

(R. K. Porwal)
Director (System Operation)

Encl.: As above.

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3. Member Secretary, NRPC/ERPC/WRPC/SRPC/NERPC
4. COO(CTU) -POWERGRID, Gurugram
5. ED- NRLDC/ERLDC/NERLDC/SRLDC/WRLDC/NLDC

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S.No.	Name of the Transmission Licensee
1	Powergrid Corporation Of India Ltd
2	Adani Transmission (India) Limited
3	Chhattisgarh-WR Transmission Limited.
4	Raipur Rajnandgaon-WR Transmission Limited.
5	Sipat Transmission Limited.
6	Western Transmission Gujarat Limited
7	Western Transco Power Limited
8	Alipurduar Transmission Limited
9	Fatehgarh-Bhadla Transmission Ltd.
10	North Karanpura Transco Limited
11	Bikaner-Khetri Transmission Limited
12	Jam Khambaliya Transco Limited
13	Lakadia-Banaskantha Transmission Limited
14	WRSS XXI (A) Transco Limited
15	Karur Transmission Limited
16	Khavda-Bhuj Transmission Limited
17	Aravali Power Company Private Limited
18	Essar Power Transmission Company Limited
19	Essar Transco Limited
20	Jindal Power Limited
21	Kudgi Transmission Limited
22	Parbati Koldam Transmission Company Limited

ISTS Transmission Licensees

23	Bhopal Dhule Transmission Company Ltd.
24	East North Interconnection Company Limited
25	Gurgaon Palwal Transmission Limited
26	Jabalpur Transmission Company Limited
27	Maheshwaram Transmission Limited
28	Khargone Transmission Company Ltd.
29	Goa Tamnar Transmission Projects Limited
30	Mumbai Urja Marg Limited
31	Lakadia Vadodara Transmission Company Limited
32	NRSS-XXIX Transmission Limited
33	Odisha Generation Phase-II Transmission Limited
34	Patran Transmission Company Limited
35	Purulia & Kharagpur Transmission Company Limited
36	Rapp Transmission Company Limited
37	NER-II Transmission Limited
38	Teestavalley Power Transmission Limited

ISTS Transmission Licensees

39	Torrent Power Grid Limited
40	Darbhanga-Motihari Transmission Company Limited
41	NRSS XXXI (B) Transmission Limited
42	A D Hydro Power Limited
43	Powergrid Himachal Transmission Ltd (Jaypee Powergrid Limited)
44	Kohima Mariani Transmission Limited
45	Raichur Sholapur Transmission Company Private Limited
46	Koppal-Narendra Transmission Limited
47	Damodar Valley Corporation
48	Powerlinks Transmission Limited
49	NRSS XXXVI Transmission Limited
50	Warora-Kurnool Transmission Limited
51	Rajgarh Transmission Limited
52	Powergrid Vizag Transmission Limited
53	Powergrid NM Transmission Limited

ISTS Transmission Licensees

54	Powergrid Unchahar Transmission Limited
55	Powergrid Parli Transmission Limited
56	Powergrid Kala Amb Transmission Limited
57	Powergrid Southern Interconnector Transmission System Limited
58	Powergrid Jabalpur Transmission Limited
59	Powergrid Warora Transmission Limited
60	Powergrid Medinipur Jeerat Transmission Limited
61	Powergrid Mithilanchal Transmission Limited
62	Powergrid Ajmer Phagi Transmission Limited
63	Powergrid Varanasi Transmissoin System Limited
64	Powergrid Fatehgarh Transmission Limited
65	Powergrid Khetri Transmission System Ltd.
66	Powergrid Bhuj Transmission Limited
67	Powergrid Bikaner Transmission System Limited
68	Powergrid Ramgarh Transmission Limited
69	Powergrid Neemuch Transmission System Limited
70	North East Transmission Company Limited
71	Transmission Corporation Of Andhra Pradesh (APTRANSCO)
72	Madhya Pradesh Power Transmision Co. Ltd.
73	Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
74	Delhi Transco Limited

ISTS Transmission Licensees

75	Power Transmission Corporation Of Uttarakhand Ltd
76	Rajasthan Rajya Vidhyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd.
77	Tamilnadu Transmission Corporation Limited
78	Chhattisgarh State Power Transmission Company Ltd
79	Himachal Pradesh Power Transmission Corporation Ltd
80	Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Limited
81	Uttarpradesh Power Transmission Corporation Limited
82	Power Development Department, Jammu & Kashmir
83	Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited
84	Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd
85	West Bengal State Electricity Transmission Company Ltd
86	Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited
87	Assam Electricity Grid Corporation Limited
88	Meghalaya Power Transmission Corporation Limited
89	Kerala State Electricity Board