

**CENTRAL ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION**

**NEW DELHI**

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**DRAFT NOTIFICATION**

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

**1. Short Title and Commencement**

- 1.1. These regulations may be called the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026.
- 1.2. These regulations shall come into force with effect from the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

**2. New Definition in Regulation 2.1**

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

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

**3. New Regulation 3.10**

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

“3.10 Notwithstanding anything contained in Regulations 3.7 to 3.9 of these Regulations, in case the time period between ‘likely start date of connectivity’ intimated in in-principle grant of Connectivity and start date of Connectivity intimated in final grant of Connectivity (tentative or firm), is two years or more, the entity shall be eligible to seek withdrawal of full Connectivity quantum with return of all BGs (Conn-BGs and Land BG, as applicable),

subject to the condition that such request is made to the Nodal Agency within a period of 30 days from intimation of final grant of Connectivity.”

**4. Amendment to Regulation 4.1 of the Principal Regulations:**

- 4.1. The words “, with a minimum discharge (in MWhr) as twice the Connectivity quantum” shall be added at the end of clause (c) of Regulation 4.1 of the Principal Regulations.

**5. New Regulation 4.7**

- 5.1. A new Regulation, namely, Regulation 4.7, shall be added after Regulation 4.6 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

“4.7 Any generating station including REGS or ESS who wishes to seek only non-solar hour access on location other than covered under clause (a) of Regulation 4.5 of these regulations, but not full day access, shall be eligible to seek such non-solar hour access which shall be processed as per clause (c) of Regulation 5.11 of these regulations except the difference that it shall be processed for non-solar hour access in place of solar hour access.”

**6. Amendment to Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

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

**7. Amendment to Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations:**

- 7.1. The words “(with minimum discharge (in MWhr) as twice the Connectivity quantum)” shall be inserted after the words “or ESS” in the main paragraph of Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations.

- 7.2. The words “(along with application fees as per Regulation 3.2)” shall be inserted after the words “shall make an application” in clause (a) of Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations.

- 7.3. The words “(in case of LAND BG, it may be furnished by the existing Connectivity grantee or the entity implementing the additional capacity) shall be added at the end of clause (h) of Regulation 5.2 of the Principal Regulations.

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

- “(l) In case additional capacity is an ESS, such ESS may install REGS for the purpose of charging such ESS only. The installed capacity of such REGS shall be indicated in the application and documents of Land under Regulation 5.8 or Financial Closure under Regulation 11A of these regulations are not required to be furnished for such REGS.
- (m) In case the existing Connectivity Grantee relinquishes the Connectivity or its Connectivity is revoked, the connectivity of capacity under Regulation 5.2 shall also stand relinquished or revoked.
- (n) In case (i) additional capacity is for meeting technical compliance or (ii) such additional capacity does not result in additional solar hour access or non-solar hour access, sub-clauses (e), (g), (h), (i) shall not be applicable for such capacity.”

**8. Amendment to Regulation 5.4 of the Principal Regulations:**

- 8.1. Following proviso shall be added under Regulation 5.4 of the Principal Regulations:

“Provided that ESS shall have a minimum discharge (in MWhr) of twice the Connectivity quantum.”

**9. Amendment to Regulation 5.6 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

**10. Amendment to Regulation 5.8 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

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

Connectivity under Regulation 5.8(xi)(b) or Regulation 5.8(xi)(c) of these regulations.

Illustration:

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

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

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

for the purpose of Regulation 24.6(1)(a) shall be that of LOA or PPA.”

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

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

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

**11. Amendment to Regulation 6.3 of the Principal Regulations:**

- 11.1. The words “the Nodal Agency is unable to carry out the interconnection study to identify the requirement of augmentation to the existing ISTS, if any, for enabling transfer of power over ISTS under General Network Access (within the timeline provided in Regulation 7.2 of these regulations) or the” shall be inserted after the words “In case” in first line of in Regulation 6.3 of the Principal Regulations.

**12. Amendment to Regulation 7.2 of the Principal Regulations:**

- 12.1. The words “, or approval of the identified augmentation by the authority competent to approve such augmentation, whichever is later” shall be added at the end of the main paragraph of Regulation 7.2 of the Principal Regulations.

**13. Amendment to Regulations 9.3 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

- 13.2. A proviso shall be added under Regulation 9.3.5 of Regulation 9.3 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

“Provided that a second source change shall be permitted with a fee of Rs 50,000/MW to the extent of change of source.”

**14. Amendment to Regulations 11A of the Principal Regulations:**

- 14.1. The words “in-principle grant of Connectivity or” shall be inserted before the words “final grant of connectivity has been intimated at an ISTS substation where neither the final coordinates nor the tentative coordinates are communicated” in first proviso to clause (1) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations.”

- 14.2. A proviso shall be added as the second proviso under clause (1) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations, as under:

“Provided also that an applicant which is REGS (other than Hydro generating station) or ESS (excluding PSP) covered under sub-clause (a) of clause (xi) of Regulation 5.8 shall submit documents for land in terms of sub-clause (b) of clause (xi) within 15 days of the effective date of GNA.”

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

“(2)An applicant which is REGS (other than Hydro generating station), ESS (excluding PSP) or Renewable power park developer shall furnish the financial closure documents (copy of loan sanction letter or proof of first disbursement of loan amount or copy of Board resolution, if internal funding is planned for 100% of the project cost, along with network and other details as per Detailed Procedure) for the capacity of such Connectivity, within 15 days of effective date of GNA.”

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

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

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

14.6. The words “PPA or” shall be inserted before the words “land or Financial closure” in sub-clause (d) of clause (5) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations.

14.7. The words “the Connectivity Grantee” shall be substituted with the words “an entity to whom, in-principle or final grant of Connectivity has been intimated and” in the main paragraph of clause (6) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations.

14.8. The words “Connectivity Grantee” occurring multiple times shall be substituted with the word “entity” in sub-clauses (a), (b), (d) and in the Explanation under clause (6) of Regulation 11A of the Principal Regulations.

**15. New Regulation 15.4**

- 15.1. A new Regulation, namely, Regulation 15.4 shall be added after Regulation 15.3 of the Principal Regulations, as under:

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

**16. Amendment to Regulations 16.2 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

**17. Amendment to Regulation 17.1 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

**18. New Regulation 17.5 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

“17.5 Connection to ISTS and intra-state transmission system or distribution system by drawee entities

- (1) A drawee entity connected to an intra-State transmission system or distribution system may seek to connect to ISTS directly as an applicant under Regulation 17.1(iii), for such drawl capacity for which it is already connected to an intra-state transmission system or distribution system along with consent of the concerned STU clearly specifying the quantum of Connectivity to STU or Distribution system, as the case may be. Such an entity shall continue to pay the applicable charges under the Act and regulations framed therein.
- (2) A GNA grantee covered under Regulation 17.1(iii) of these regulations may get connected to the intra-state transmission system or the distribution system of the State, as allowed as per the concerned State Regulations, after obtaining consent of the Nodal Agency that such a connection is technically feasible and subject to payment of applicable charges under the Act and regulations framed therein. Such entity shall confirm the quantum of Connectivity to STU or the Distribution system, as the case may be, to the nodal agency.

- (3) The Applicants under Clauses (1) and (2) of this Regulation shall not be applicable to entities having GNARE unless GNARE is converted to GNA.

**19. Amendment to Regulation 20.2 of the Principal Regulations:**

- 19.1. Regulation 20.2 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.
- 19.2. Clause (c) of Regulation 22.2 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.
- 19.3. The words “one month prior to the effective date of GNA” shall be substituted with the words “within 15 days of the effective date of the GNA” and the words “In case no Conn-BGs are subsisting and entity does not furnish the required charges, such entity shall not be eligible for carrying out any transactions with the Grid.” shall be inserted after the words “Conn-BG3 as required.” , in the main paragraph of clause (d) of Regulation 22.2 of the Principal Regulations.

**20. Amendment to Regulation 22.4 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

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

**21. New Regulation 23A**

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

**“23A Transfer of GNA**

An entity which has been granted GNA under clauses (i) to (vi) of Regulation 17.1 of these Regulations, for drawal at a single point for identified load, where such load is connected to intra-state transmission system or distribution system or ISTS and where such load is itself sold to another entity, the GNA shall also be transferred to such new entity owning the load, subject to the condition that such transfer shall be permitted after GNA is effective. Such transfer shall be processed after clearing all dues, if any, by the entity to whom GNA was granted.”

**22. Amendment to Regulation 26.1 of the Principal Regulations:**

22.1. Clause (b) of Regulation 26.1 of the Principal Regulations shall be deleted.

**23. Amendment to Regulation 28.5 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

**24. Amendment to Regulation 37.10 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

**25. New Regulation 37.11**

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

“37.11 Transition provisions in respect of the Fourth amendment of these regulations:

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

**26. Amendment to Regulation 39.1 of the Principal Regulations:**

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

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

**27. Amendment to Annexure-IV of the Principal Regulations:**

27.1. A new clause, namely, clause (e) shall be added after clause (d) under illustration to clause (1) of Annexure-IV of the Principal Regulations, as under:

“(e) For cases covered under sub-clause (c) or (d) where multiple applications of source change, 5.2 and 5.11 have to be processed,

the timeline of processing each application shall be subject to the condition of the maximum permitted processing timeline of any of the applications.”

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Note:

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

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

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

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