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नवीन और नवीकरणीय ऊर्जा मंत्रालय/ Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)

ग्रिड सौर ऊर्जा प्रभाग / Grid Solar Power Division

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Date: 25th January, 2023

To

1. The Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), 6th Floor, Plate-B, NBCC Office Block Tower-2, East Kidwai Nagar, New Delhi-110023
2. The Chairman & Managing Director, NTPC Ltd., NTPC Bhawan, Scope Complex, 7, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
3. The Chairman & Managing Director, NHPC Limited, N.H.P.C Office Complex, Sector-33, Faridabad – 121003, Haryana

Sub: Time-extension to under-implementation solar PV/ solar PV-wind hybrid power projects wherein last date of bid submission was prior to 09.03.2021 – reg.

Madam / Sir,

It was announced on 9th March, 2021 that from 1st April, 2022 any import of solar PV modules would attract Basic Customs Duty (BCD) of 40% and import of solar PV cells would attract BCD of 25%. There are several projects for which bids were finalized by agencies of the Government (SECI/ NTPC / NHPC) before the said announcement. Normally, these projects would have been completed before the imposition of customs duty; however, because of COVID and the resultant supply chain disruption, these projects could not be completed before the customs duty took effect. While a decision on bids which were finalized before the announcement of customs duty is pending, in the mean-time, the extended completion dates of many projects have expired.

2. It has therefore been decided that solar PV / solar PV - wind hybrid projects, for which bids were finalized before 9th March, 2021 (i.e. the last date of bid submission was prior to 9th March, 2021), may be given time for completion of projects upto March, 2024.

3. This issues with the approval of Hon'ble Minister (Power and New & Renewable Energy).

Yours faithfully,



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