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Secretary
Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)
CGO Complex, New Delhi.

Subject: Industry recommendations & suggestions in Standard Bidding Guidelines (SBG) for procurement of solar energy.

Dear Sir,

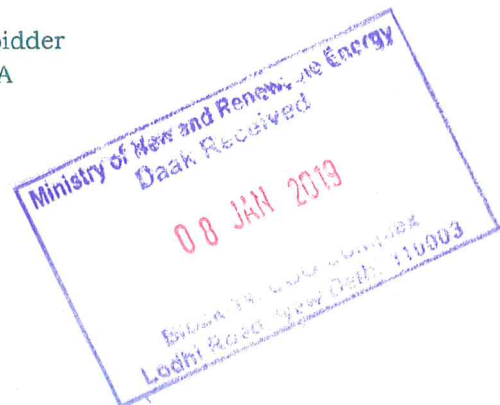
SPDA and its members have been continuously supporting MNRE towards achievement of 100 GW National Solar Mission by 2022. We have been proactive in bringing the feedback, suggestions, challenges faced by Industry members for Ministry to improve on policies program for smoother implementation of the mission. This is with reference to the "**Guidelines for tariff based competitive bidding process for procurement of Power from Grid Connected Solar PV Power Projects**" (Standard bidding guidelines) notified vide ref No 196 dated August 3, 2017 and its amendments issued as on date.

Certain provisions of the SBG needs reconsideration & modifications for much wider participation, with lower tariffs, by removing ambiguities, simplifying the FC & commissioning procedures towards "Ease of Doing Business" for successful achievement of 100 GW Solar mission.

Based on continuous requests received from the industry members, SPDA has collated the provisions of SBG with suggested modifications and rationale on the following (**Ref Annexure**)

- Financial Closure
- Commissioning procedures
- Project commissioning schedule
- Force Majeure
- Change in shareholding
- PPA period
- Generation compensation for Off-take constraints
- Procurement of excess energy
- Capacity Ceiling for allocation to a bidder
- Formation of SPV for signing the PPA
- Project site specified by Procurer

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- NOC for environment clearances
- Bidding Tariff
- Bank Guarantees

In addition to above, we wish to highlight one of the key challenges being faced by the industry members is different interpretation of SBG clauses by Central Agencies i.e. NTPC and SECI and therefore difference in tender conditions & provisions, which is contrary to Ease of Doing Business objective of GOI.

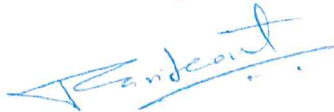
As we understand that SBG guidelines were finalised and being amended after detailed deliberation with SECI & NTPC. Therefore, the guidelines should be accepted and interpreted by both central agencies in total and complete manner without any difference in tender conditions of SECI & NTPC.

We earnestly request MNRE to accept the industry recommendations (**as per attached Annexure**) may kindly notify the changes for effective implementation of policies and successful achievement of 100 GW Solar mission.

Look forward to your kind consideration in this regard.

Thanking you.

Yours sincerely



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Enclosed: Annexure