

No.15/3/2017-Trans  
Government of India  
Ministry of Power  
Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi

Dated, the 20<sup>th</sup> October, 2021

**OFFICE ORDER**

**Sub:- Dissolution of five “Regional Power Committees (Transmission Planning)” (RPCTPs) - regarding**

Reference is invited to Ministry of Power’s Office Order No.15/3/2017-Trans, dated 04.11.2019 regarding constitution of five “Regional Power Committees (Transmission Planning) viz. Eastern Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning), Western Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning), Northern Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning), Southern Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning) and North Eastern Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning) to assess the transmission system requirement in near, medium and long term and draw up transmission schemes to meet these requirements and to forward their views for transmission expansion to National Committee on Transmission (NCT).

2. A meeting was held under the Hon’ble Minister for Power and NRE on 05.10.2021 to discuss various transmission related issues pertaining to Renewable Energy generation. The commitment to increase India’s renewable energy (RE) target to 450 GW by 2030 was reiterated. It was noted that RE Generation takes around 18 months of time for commissioning, while transmission system needs 18-24 months for commissioning. Accordingly, the need for fast tracking the transmission planning and approval process was felt.

3. Presently, Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) expansion planned by Central Electricity Authority (CEA) and Central Transmission Utility (CTU), are discussed in Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning) [RPC-TP] and then the recommendation of RPC-TP are placed before NCT. Recommendation of NCT is considered by Ministry of Power for approving the Inter State Transmission System (ISTS) along with mode of implementation. Separately, as per CERC (Planning, Coordination, and Development of Economic and Efficient Inter State Transmission System by Central Transmission Utility and other related matters) Regulations 2018 and CERC (Grant of Regulatory Approval for execution of Inter-State Transmission Scheme to Central Transmission Utility) Regulations 2010, CTU is required to carry out consultation with Regional Power Committee (RPC) before implementation of ISTS. In case, RPC agrees, then network expansion of the nature of system strengthening scheme and schemes with firm beneficiaries are taken up for implementation and in other cases, CTU has to seek regulatory approval of CERC before taking up implementation of ISTS scheme.

4. It may be noted that five Regional Power Committees (RPCs) had been constituted by Ministry of Power vide Resolution dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2005 for five specified regions for facilitating the integrated operation of the power system in that region. The present practice of going to two regional committees separately makes the process cumbersome and delays the process of planning and approval. This is not suitable for Renewable Energy development in the country. Therefore, a decision has been taken that RPC-TP will be dissolved and RPC will be consulted for planning of ISTS system as well. The constitution and terms of reference of RPC are being suitably modified in line with the decision.

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5. Accordingly, five RPC-TPs viz. Eastern Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning), Western Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning), Northern Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning), Southern Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning) and North Eastern Regional Power Committee (Transmission Planning) constituted by the Ministry of Power vide Office Order No.15/3/2017-Trans, dated 04.11.2019 hereby stand dissolved and regional level consultation for ISTS planning will be done in Regional Power Committees. The constitution and terms of Reference of Regional Power Committees will be modified separately.

6. This issues with the approval of the Hon'ble Minister for Power and New & Renewable Energy.

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To,

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2. Secretary, Ministry of New & Renewable Energy, Govt. of India.
3. Chairperson, CEA, New Delhi.
4. Secretary, Central Electricity Regulatory Commission
5. CMDs of all CPSUs under the Ministry of Power and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Govt. of India.
6. Heads of all autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Power, Govt. of India.
7. Finance/ Budget Section, Ministry of Power.
8. Power/ Energy Secretaries of all States/UTs.
9. Chief Executives of all State Transmission Utilities (STUs).

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