OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Transmission (ECT) held on 20.7.2018- regarding.

The undersigned is directed to forward herewith the Minutes of the 1st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Transmission (ECT) held on 20.07.2018 under the chairmanship of Secretary (Power), for information and further necessary action.

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To
All Members of the ECT:
1. Chairperson, CEA, New Delhi.
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3. Joint Secretary (Trans), MoP, New Delhi.
4. CMD, POWERGRID, Gurugram
5. COO, CTU-Ptg, POWERGRID

Copy to: PPSs/PSs to Secretary(Power)/ JS(Trans)/ Director(Trans), Mi/o Power.
Minutes of the 1st meeting of Empowered Committee on Transmission held under the chairmanship of Secretary(Power), Ministry of Power on 20.7.2018.

List of participants is at Annex-1.

2. At the outset, Secretary (Power), Chairman of the Empowered Committee on Transmission (ECT) welcomed all the members to the 1st meeting of the committee.

3. JS (Trans), MoP as Member Secretary of the ECT, briefed the Members about the agenda to be discussed and gave a brief presentation on the constitution of recently constituted Regional Standing Committees on Transmission (RSCTs) and National Committee on Transmission (NCT).

4. Following agenda items were deliberated in the meeting:

   (i) Mode of implementation of the following schemes:

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   | 1      | Replacement of 1x315 MVA ICT by 1x500 MVA along with two nos. of 220 kV line bays at Lucknow (Rs. 41.4 Crore) | • 400/220kV ICT, 500MVA  
   |        |        | • 400kV ICT bay -1  
   |        |        | • 220kV ICT bay-1  
   |        |        | • 220kV line bay-2 |
   | 2      | 1x315 MVA, 400/220 kV ICT (to be shifted from Lucknow after refurbishment if required) with 2 nos. of 220 kV line bays at Gorakhpur (Rs. 23.8 Crore) | • 400kV ICT bay -1  
   |        |        | • 220kV ICT bay-1  
   |        |        | • 220kV line bay-2 |

   (ii) Exemption from TBCB route for augmentation works in existing POWERGRID Sub-stations, deliberated in 37th erstwhile EC meeting (as requested by POWERGRID).

   (iii) On the recommendations of the erstwhile 37th Empowered Committee, two transmission schemes were notified by MoP vide Gazette Notification No. 15/3/2017-Trans-Pt(2) dated 04.05.2018 for implementation under TBCB Route, as mentioned below:

   **Package-1**: Northern Region System Strengthening Scheme- XL (NRSS-XL), consisting of three parts, namely, Part A: System strengthening Scheme in Northern Region; Part B: Reactive Power Compensation in Northern Region; and Part C: System strengthening Scheme in Northern Region.

   **Package-2**: Western Region Strengthening Scheme- XIX (WRSS-XIX) and North Eastern Region Strengthening Scheme- IX (NERSS- IX), consisting four parts, namely, Part A: Additional 400 kV outlets from Banaskantha 765/400 kV S/S; Part B: Establishment of new substation at Vapi/Ambethi area and its associated transmission lines; Part C: Additional ISTS feed to Navi Mumbai 400/220 kV substation of POWERGRID; and Part D: North Eastern Region Strengthening Scheme – IX.
ECT to review the notification of these transmission schemes (Package-1 & Package-2) in light of the advice given by erstwhile EC.

5. After detailed discussions and deliberation, following decisions were taken:

(i) ECT noted the formation of five Regional Standing Committees on Transmission (RSCTs) along with its Terms of Reference (ToRs) and frequency of meetings.

(ii) ECT also noted the constitution of National Committee on Transmission (NCT), its ToRs and frequency of meetings.

(iii) It was decided that the proposal related to replacement of 1x315 MVA ICT by 1x500 MVA ICT at Lucknow and shifting of 1x315 MVA ICT from Lucknow to Gorakhpur, as mentioned in para 4(i) above, will be examined by the NCT for its recommendation on mode of implementation either through Tariff Based Competitive Bidding (TBCB) or Regulated Tariff Mechanism (RTM).

(iv) It was also decided that NCT would come up with a detailed proposal on the guidelines for augmentation of existing substation works, which will subsequently be taken up by ECT. Further, for making necessary amendments in the Tariff Policy, suggestions related to augmentation related works shall be forwarded to R&R Div of MoP for consideration.

(v) Regarding the two transmission schemes, as mentioned in para 4(iii) above, it was decided that for the Package-1, the mode of implementation may be reviewed by NCT in light of the advice given by erstwhile EC. The bidding process for Package-2, however, may be continued. Modification in Package-2, if any, based on recommendations of NCT may be done at RfP stage.

(vi) ECT advised the Chairperson, CEA to convene NCT meeting at the earliest

6. Meeting ended with thanks to chair.
Date/Time of the meeting: 20.07.2018 at 03.00 PM  
Venue: Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Shram Shakti Bhawan, New Delhi -110001.

Subject: 1st meeting of the Empowered Committee on Transmission (ECT) constituted vide MoP Order dated 13.4.2018.

**List of Participants**

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1. Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Secretary (Power) - In the chair
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