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CERC liberalises Grid Access to Green Projects

With the objective of making available easier grid connectivity to the hydro electric power stations and the other generating stations based on renewable sources of energy, CERC has taken an important regulatory initiative. While the threshold capacity for connecting to inter-State grid will be 250 MW for thermal power stations, the threshold has been reduced to 50 MW for the hydro electric generating stations and other generating stations using renewable sources of energy.

2. Another important regulatory change has been made to permit connectivity to inter-State grid to such hydro generating stations and renewable energy source based stations which have individually installed capacity of less than 50 MW but approach the Central Transmission Utility (POWERGRID) collectively with an aggregate installed capacity of 50 MW and above. For example, two hydro generating stations having capacity of 30 MW and 20 MW can collectively seek connectivity with inter-State grid at a single connection point if they mutually agree to undertake operational and commercial responsibilities through a lead generator which can be one of these two generating stations.

3. These changes have been made by CERC in view of the feedback received that State Transmission Utilities in many stations, particularly in North-eastern states, are not presently in a position to extend connectively to their systems and this difficulty was hindering the development of hydro electric stations and renewable source based stations.

4. To implement the above decisions, CERC has amended its Grant of grid connectivity Regulations. The amendment has been notified which can be downloaded from its Web site. (www.cercind.gov.in).

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