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To,

The Secretary,

Central Electricity Regulatory Commission, 3rd & 4th Floor, Chanderlok Building, 36,

Janpath, New Delhi-110001

Subject: - Comments /Observations/Suggestion sought by Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) Regulations, 2022

Dear Sir,

At the outset, we extend our gratitude to hon'ble Central Electricity Regulatory Commission for inviting Comments/Suggestions/Observations on Draft Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Indian Electricity Grid Code) Regulation, 2022. We wish to submit our observations/comments and objections/suggestions as attached herewith.

We humbly request the hon'ble Commission to consider our comments/suggestion in larger interest of Stakeholders.

Thanking You,

For M/s GREENKO ENERGIES PRIVATE LIMITED

Authorised Signatory



	Comments on Draft Indian Electricity Grid 2022			
SI. No.	Clause No.	Existing Clause	Proposed Clause	Comments
1.	Chapter 1: Auxiliary Energy Consumption (Additional insertion)	Additional Insertion	'Auxiliary Energy Consumption' or 'AUX' in relation to a period in case of a generating station / ESS means the quantum of energy consumed by auxiliary equipment of the generating station / ESS, such as the equipment being used for the purpose of operating plant and machinery including switchyard of the generating station / ESS and the transformer losses within the generating station / ESS, expressed as a percentage of the sum of gross energy generated at the generator terminals of all the units of the generating station; Provided that Auxiliary Energy Consumption, in case of ESS, shall not include cycle loss occurred during charging and discharging of ESS. Provided that auxiliary energy consumption shall not include energy consumed for supply of power to housing colony and other facilities at the generating station and the power consumed for construction works at the generating station and integrated coal mine.	'Auxiliary Energy Consumption' definition need to be inserted as regulation is referring the Auxiliary Consumption at many places.
2.	Chapter 1: Deemed ISTS Line	Additional Insertion	"Deemed Inter-State Transmission System (Deemed ISTS)" means the transmission system utilised to evacuate at least 75% of interstate power. Such transmission system should have received regulatory approval of the	There are many instances wherein transmission line being developed by State Transmission Utilities (STUs) or Intra State transmission licensees, and such transmission lines are mainly utilised to evacuate the Inter-State Power. Such transmission lines / system



	(Additional		Commission as being used for interstate	should be qualified as deemed ISTS under CERC
	insertion)		transmission of power and qualified the ISTS	IEGC Grid Code.
			status from respective regional power	
			committee.	
3.	Chapter 2:	Additional Insertion	(C) Each Distribution Licensee shall have a	Ministry of Power (MoP)vide its order dated 22 nd July
			responsibility to assess the Energy Storage	2022 has issued Renewable Purchase Obligation
	Resource		requirement in different time horizons, namely	(RPO) and Energy Storage obligation (ESO) trajectory
	Adequacy		Long Term, Medium Term, and Short Term.	till 2029-30. Hence, while Generation resource
	Planning		Additionally, while assessing the generation	planning / demand forecasting, distribution licensees
			resource adequacy, distribution licensee has to	must access the requirement of ESS in long term,
	5 (3)		ensure that ESS has to be utilised to store the	medium term as well as in short term period. Further,
	Generation		over generation capacity during certain time	under scenarios, wherein distribution licensee
	Resource		periods. Under such scenario, such stored	anticipates any excess generation from RE resource,
	Adequacy		energy shall be utilised later as per requirement.	instead of curtailing, the same can be stored and
	Planning:			utilised during non-RE hours.
4.	Chapter 2:	For the sake of uniformity in	For the sake of uniformity in approach and in	The referred clause stipulates the requirement to
		approach and in the interest of	the interest of optimality in generation resource	comply with generation resource adequacy
	Resource	optimality in generation	adequacy in the States, FOR may develop a	assessment.
	Adequacy	resource adequacy in the	model Regulation stipulating inter alia the	
	Planning	States, FOR may develop a	methodology for generation resource adequacy	It has been seen in the past that distribution licensee is
		model Regulation stipulating	assessment, generation resource procurement	not complying with the RPO requirement, similarly,
	5 (3)	inter alia the methodology for	planning and compliance of resource adequacy	Distribution Licensee may forgo to comply with
		generation resource adequacy	target by the distribution licensees and levy of	resource adequacy targets unless such non-compliance
	Generation	assessment, generation	penalty for non-compliance of such target.	linked with strict penal charges.
	Resource	resource procurement planning		
	Adequacy	and compliance of resource		
	Planning:	adequacy target by the		
	G1 2	distribution licensees.	T	
5.	Chapter 2:	Additional insertion under	Transmission deferral – ESS derive most their	Renewable energy sources have relatively limited
		regulation 4 (a)	value inter alia from averting the installation of	utilization (expressed as C.U.F) (Solar ~25% & Wind
			excessive amounts of transmission	~30%) as against conventional sources particularly



	Resource		infrastructure. CTU/STU should optimize	thermal sources where design utilization is typically
	Adequacy		transmission system requirement with co-	85%. Hence, the utilisation of the associated
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	Planning		located ESS, particularly while designing	transmission asset is comparatively low. Since
	- (1) () (7)		evacuation system for wind-solar projects	transmission assets are typically created to cater the
	5 (4) (a) (V)		located in such resource rich area.	peak power requirement. This issue assumes
	Transmission			significance in case of India which has embarked on
	deferral		Transmission system for RE dense area shall be	an accelerated RE capacity addition i.e. 500 GW by
	(Additional		developed for lower peak and such energy may	2030. A transmission system which is being used
	insertion)		be stored in ESS for dispatch in non-RE hours.	partially have both technical and cost implications. In
				view of same, ESS needs to capture under
				Transmission resource adequacy assessment so that
				transmission system requirement can be deferred, and
				system would be optimally utilised.
6.	Additional	Additional Chapter insertion	It should cover the followings:	We suggest that a separate chapter covering
	Chapter		a sino did do yor did rono yinigo	transmission system adequacy planning code is
	incorporation		Dedicated transmission system for generation	required to be incorporated, and it should also cover
	meorporation		assets / PSPs, which are distantly far located	the various methods needs to be adopted to enable the
	4 (C)		•	advance planning of transmission system in India.
	Transmission		from grid connection should be reduced to ~	advance planning of transmission system in findia.
			25 KM.	
	adequacy		Advance strategic transmission planning	There is a strong consensus among the various
	planning code		needs to be carried out for PSPs to provide	stakeholders in the Indian power sector on need of
			transmission system ahead of start date of	energy storage assets in India. Pump Hydro Storage
			operation of such assets.	Plants are well recognised as a cost-effective long
			• Transmission planning should also cover	duration energy storage solution to mitigate the
			transition process of LTA to GNA.	challenges of grid stability and curtailment of must-
				run RE generation.
				It is to be noted that generally such PSPs are located
				far from the nearest ISTS substation. In many cases
				the requirement of dedicated transmission line is
				beyond ~100 km. Therefore, it is need of hour to
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				provide transmission system to all such PSPs at its doorstep.
7.	Chapter 5: Commissioning and Commercial Operation Code Clause 3 (a)	(3) Trial Run of Wind / Solar / Storage / Hybrid Generating Station (a) corroborated with the solar irradiation recorded at site during the day and plant design parameters. For the trial run, a declaration shall be given by the generating company that no panel has been replaced or added or taken out or design	 (3) Trial Run of Wind / Solar / Storage / Hybrid Generating Station (a) corroborated with the solar irradiation recorded at site during the day and plant design parameters. For the trial run, a declaration shall be given by the generating company that no panel has been replaced or added or taken out or design of the plant has been altered: 	Such condition is in contradiction with the condition mentioned in bidding documents being issued by the Central and State Government Implementing Agencies like SECI/NTPC/NHPC. Considering the same, we suggest not to incorporate the same.
8.	Chapter 5: Commissioning and Commercial Operation Code Clause 22 3 (f)	of the plant has been altered: (f) Where on the basis of the trial run, solar / wind / storage / hybrid generating station fails to demonstrate its rated capacity, the generating company shall have the option to either to go for repeat trial run or de-rate the capacity subject to a minimum aggregated de-rated capacity of 50 MW. If the generating company decides to de-rate the unit capacity, the de-rated		



		capacity in such cases shall be		
		not more than 90% of the		
		demonstrated capacity to cater		
		for primary response.		
9.	Chapter 6:	(9) Inertia:	(9) Inertia:	It has been seen in past that wind and solar generators
				connected with state grid have been facing frequent
	Operating Code	The power system shall be	The power system shall be operated at all the	backing down instructions citing grid security and
		operated at all the times with a	times with a minimum inertia to be stipulated by	many such instructions are issued verbally without any
		minimum inertia to be	NLDC so that minimum nadir frequency post	written communications, and APTEL has also
		stipulated by NLDC so that	reference contingency stays above the threshold	recognised the same in its order vide APPEAL NO.
	Clause 30 (4)	minimum nadir frequency post	set for under frequency load shedding (UFLS).	197 of 2019 & IA NO. 1706 of 2019 dated 2nd August
	Control Hierarchy	reference contingency stays	NLDC shall reschedule generation including	2022, wherein it has directed that such state agencies
		above the threshold set for	curtailment of wind, solar and wind-solar	shall pay the compensation during which curtailment
		under frequency load shedding	hybrid generation, if required, in coordination	instruction were issued for the reason other than grid
		(UFLS). NLDC shall	with the respective RLDCs and SLDCs to	security, at the PPA tariff along with interest.
		reschedule generation	maintain the minimum inertia.	
		including curtailment of wind,		In view of same, it is requested to allow deemed
		solar and wind-solar hybrid	Provided that curtailed wind, solar and	generation status/ compensation mechanism for
		generation, if required, in	wind-solar hybrid energy shall be given	curtailing wind, solar and wind-solar hybrid energy as
		coordination with the	deemed generation status.	such generators is losing revenue under such events
		respective RLDCs and SLDCs		and such provisions restrict developers.
		to maintain the minimum	Provided further that NLDC shall	and such provisions restrict developers.
		inertia.	implement the transparent process for data	
		mortia.	posting related to curtailment of wind, solar	
			and wind-solar hybrid energy to ensure that	
			such curtailment with reason of grid security	
			will be corroborated.	
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			Provided further that RE generators shall be	
			<u>provided compensation for generation loss in</u>	



			a particular time-block based on wind speed/	
			solar insolation level in that time-block	
10	Chapter 6: Operating Code Clause 30 (10) E – Primary Control	NLDC may also identify other resources such as ESS and demand resource to provide PRAS for which PRAS Providers shall be compensated in accordance with the Ancillary Services Regulations.	Clarification required in the said clause	CERC Ancillary Service regulation 2022 does not have provision related to compensation of Primary Reserve Ancillary Service. It is requested to clarify under such scenario, how Primary Reserve Ancillary Service provider will be compensated.
11	Chapter 5: Operating Code Clause 30 (10) h	(h) All generating stations mentioned in Table-4 (under clause (g) of this Regulation) shall have the capability of instantaneously picking up to a minimum 105% of their operating level and up to 105% or 110% of their MCR, as the	(h) All generating stations mentioned in Table-4 (under clause (g) of this Regulation) except Wind/ Solar/Renewable Hybrid Energy Project shall have the capability of instantaneously picking up to a minimum 105% of their operating level and up to 105% or 110% of their MCR, as the case maybe, when the frequency falls suddenly and shall provide	It is to be noted that Wind/Solar/Renewable Hybrid Projects do not have capability to operate at 105% or 110% of operating level when Solar insolation / Wind speed is not available at site. Moreover, MCR should not be applicable for RE. In view of same, 105% or 110% of MCR would be applicable on Thermal and Hydro units only and not on the wind, solar and hybrid of wind and solar
		case maybe, when the frequency falls suddenly and shall provide primary response. Any generating station not complying with the above requirements shall be kept in operation (synchronized with the regional grid) only after obtaining the permission of the concerned RLDC.	primary response. Any generating station not complying with the above requirements shall be kept in operation (synchronized with the regional grid) only after obtaining the permission of the concerned RLDC.	projects.
12	Chapter 6:	All renewable energy generating stations and ESS	Clarification required in the said clause	It is requested to clarify, whether it is mandatory requirement which RE generator /ESS are bound to
	Operating Code	shall be enabled with		comply as under CERC Ancillary Service Regulation



		frequency controller to		2022, SRAS/TRAS is to be provided on voluntary
	Clause 30 (11) (U)	provide secondary control in		basis.
	() ()	accordance with the CEA		
		Connectivity Standards and the		
		communication system shall be		
		established in accordance with		
		the CEA Technical Standards		
		for Communication.		
13	Chapter 6:	TABLE 9: TESTS	Clarification required in the said clause	Please clarify whether these tests are mandatory to
		REQUIRED FOR POWER	-	comply for existing projects? We understand that all
	Operating Code	SYSTEM ELEMENTS		future projects are required to comply before
				commissioning.
	Clause 40 (3).			Please clarify.
	FIELD TESTING			
	FOR MODEL			
	VALIDATION			
14	- T	Additional Insertion	During high Solar isolation period, and if	Solar Projects are generally installed with high DC
	Scheduling and		inverters have margin to increase solar	capacity and there may be scenarios wherein power
	Despatch Code		generation by 5 to 10% of capacity, the same	limited to contracted capacity is flowing out and
	(45) 10)		should be allowed.	inverter has an inherent margin of 5 to 10% beyond
				the rated capacity. We request that the same should be
	Optimum			allowed to inject like hydro power plant in case of high
	Utilization of			insolation period or shortage scenario.
	Hydro Energy and			
1 5	Solar Energy	NI DC shall notify a new - 1	NI DC shall notify a much dum for severely	We agree with the managed Deceletion City 1-1-1
15.	*	NLDC shall notify a procedure	NLDC shall notify a procedure for aggregation	We agree with the proposed Regulation. State level
	Scheduling and	for aggregation of pooling	of pooling stations and at regional level for the	aggregation of schedule by a QCA is implemented by
	Despatch Code	stations for the purpose of combined scheduling and	purpose of combined scheduling and deviation settlement for wind or solar or renewable hybrid	Karnataka and, Andhra Pradesh.
		combined scheduling and deviation settlement for wind	semement for while of solar or renewable hybrid	States follow one of the three levels of aggregation of
		deviation settlement for wind		scheduling i.e., plant-level, pooling station-level, and

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	45 (11)	1		State-level. This specific element of the regulations
	(b)Scheduling of	generating stations within six	notification of these regulations.	has material implications for long term viability of RE
	renewable energy	(6) months of notification of		projects in India. Hence, it is critical that relevance of
	generating station	these regulations.	Provided further that aggregated deviation at	'Aggregating schedule of pooling substations by QCA
	by QCA		regional level shall be charged from such Wind	at regional level is very much required.
			and Solar Generator on proportionate to their	
			individual deviation.	
				It is to be noted that the forecasting of RE projects is
				technically constrained because of the two reasons –
				(i) limited accuracy of weather forecasting models,
				and
				(ii) limited spatial resolution available. In such
				circumstances, RE projects face uphill task to comply
				with DSM regulations
				and absence of aggregation of schedule of various
				pooling substations
				at regional level by QCA at regional leaves RE project
				unreasonably exposed to penalty.
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Germany – Renewable integration and aggregation model

Germany is one of the market leaders in renewable energy deployment in EU and globally. In Germany, the share of solar and wind generation sources in the installed net power generation capacity more than 60 %. The higher share of the installed RE capacity is driven by government incentives and the must run status given to RE generators.

In Germany, the maximum voltage transmission grid is owned by four transmission system operators (TSOs). It is their job to regulate the power supply, including **balancing fluctuating power from renewables with more predictable conventional generation**. Power suppliers must pay the TSOs a "grid fee" for the use of their network. The grid fee also covers the cost of operating the grid and keeping it stable, including voltage and frequency control.

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All electricity generators, including RE generators, and consumers are assigned to a balancing group in Germany, and there are multiple balancing groups within each TSO. The balancing groups are not in charge of physically balancing the system (i.e., it is not a control area). Rather they are entities that aggregate the schedules from multiple generators and consumers and schedule resources accordingly.

There is a financial settlement between the TSOs and balancing groups, which depend on the actual deviations from their schedule. Hence, the balancing groups have an incentive to balance resources internally to avoid being exposed to the balancing market operated by the TSO¹. The Balancing groups are essentially aggregators like QCAs in India. The error in schedules by RE generators under a balancing group gets minimized due to averaging of individual errors by each RE generator.

The operators of electricity supply grids are obliged to maintain a balancing group which exclusively comprises energy that is remunerated with a feed-in tariff from RE suppliers in the grid area for transmission to the balancing group of the operators of transmission grids. On 1 April 2020, 1946 balancing groups were managed by a total of 686 contract partners in the grid area of 50Hertz Transmission GmbH.

17	Chapter	7:
	Scheduling	and
	Despatch Co	de

Clause 11 (F)

Scheduling of renewable energy generating station by QCA Any dispute arising between the generating stations and QCA shall be resolved in accordance with the mechanism in the contracts entered into between them. Any dispute arising between the generating stations and QCA shall be resolved by the appropriate Commission.

It is to be noted that the OCA is not an entity recognized under the Act. DSM Regulation of States have recognized the concept of QCA. Now the Hon'ble Commission has proposed to be recognized though IEGC. Therefore, any commercial impact on account of deviation is fastened to the generator or QCA, which is representing group of generators. However, QCA has no obligation to bear financial consequences and it will only pass on to the generators. Therefore, only generator is liable. This is clearly contrary and in violation to the Section 28 (4) of the Act which clearly states that the Regional Load Dispatch Centre may levy and collect such fee and charges from the generating companies or licensees engaged in inter-State transmission of electricity as may be specified by the Central Commission. QCA require to be registered with the concerned RLDC.

¹ Source - Report from US Department of Energy



			The Hon'ble Commission is requested to notify qualifying criteria, net worth, creditworthiness etc. Moreover, any dispute resolution between Generating Station/QCA should be under the jurisdiction of CERC.
			If the QCA is not capable for any payment due to RLDC, could be possible that it might not have received from the generator, RLDC may not allow such QCA to schedule power without payment of past dues. In such case other generators should not be suffered. Therefore, strict qualifying criteria and bringing QCA under the ambit of Hon'ble Commission is necessary.
Chapter 7: Scheduling and Despatch Code 12) Minimum turndown level for thermal generating stations	The minimum turndown level for operation in respect of a unit of a regional entity thermal generating station shall be 55% of MCR of the said unit: Provided that the Commission may fix through an order a different minimum turndown level of operation in respect of specific unit(s) of a regional entity thermal generating station: Provided further that such generating station on its own option may declare a minimum turndown level below 55% of MCR:	The minimum turndown level for operation in respect of a unit of a regional entity thermal generating station shall be 55% or 40% of MCR of the said unit: Provided that the Commission may fix through an order a different minimum turndown level of operation in respect of specific unit(s) of a regional entity thermal generating station: Provided further that such generating station on its own option may declare a minimum turndown level below 55% 40% of MCR:	It is to be noted that in accordance with Draft Central Electricity Authority (Flexible operation of thermal power plants) Regulations, 2022, the appropriate Load Despatch Centres shall be allowed to schedule all coal based thermal power plants, up to the Minimum Power Level (MPL) of 40%, to support the operation of must run stations. Further, it also specified that minimum loading or unloading shall be 3% per minutes above the MPL and in case of super critical and ultra-super critical units, it shall be 5%. Hence, it is requested that same should be reflected in the CERC IEGC regulation.



Regul V	ling and ch Code tion 47.1	represented by lead ESS or QCA on their behalf, shall	Provided further that a pumped storage plant, having multiple reversible pumped-turbine coupled with motor-generator units, aggregate charging and discharging schedule for each time block shall not be linked to any particular unit to serve contract with beneficiaries.	It is to be noted that pumped storage project having multiple pumped/turbine units and multiple beneficiaries should be treated as cloud storage and charging and discharging from any unit should be allowed to serve the contract with beneficiaries for optimum utilization of plant.
20 47 (1)	B	Provided that the renewable energy generating stations shall not be subjected to merit order despatch, and subject to technical constraints shall be requisitioned first followed by requisition from other generating stations in merit order.	Wind, solar, wind-solar hybrid with or without storage, standalone storage drawing power from renewable energy sources and hydro power plant (in case of excess water leading to spillage) shall be treated as MUST RUN power plants and should not be subjected to curtailment due to merit order despatch as well as due to any commercial consideration. In the event of transmission constraint or system security constraint renewable energy generation may be curtailed after harnessing flexible resources including energy storage systems. In the event of extreme circumstances of curtailment of MUST RUN plant, the details shall be published on the RLDC/SLDC website within 24 hours, as the case may be, giving the date, name of RE generation plant, installed	It is requested that the existing Regulation 5.2 (u) of the IEGC should be retailed. Wind and solar generators in the state of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka face severe backing down due to commercial reason in the past. The Regulation 5.2 (u) supported the RE generators in reducing the curtailment drastically. Hon'ble APTEL in its judgement on deemed energy compensation on curtailment in the Appeal No 197 of 2019 also took shelter of the said Regulations. Now the APSLDC and TANTRANSCO has challenged the said APTEL judgement in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, we request the Hon'ble Commission to retain the said Regulation.



			capacity, curtailment quantum in MWh,	
			duration of curtailment and reasons thereof.	
21		Within transactions under	Within transactions under GNA, curtailment	It has been seen in past generators connected with state
21	Chapter 7:	GNA, curtailment shall be done	shall be done first from generation sources other	grid have been facing frequent backing down
	•	first from generation sources	than wind, solar, wind-solar hybrid and run of	instructions citing grid security and many such
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	Despatch Code	other than wind, solar, wind-	the river hydro plants with upto three hours	instruction are issued verbally without any written
	D .	solar hybrid and run of the river	pondage (in case of excess water leading to	communications, and APTEL has also recognised the
	Power to revise	hydro plants with up to three	spillage), on pro rata basis based on their GNA	same in its order vide APPEAL NO. 197 of 2019 & IA
	schedule	hours pondage (in case of	quantum.	NO. 1706 of 2019 dated 2 nd August 2022, directed that
	47 (3) (a) (ii) (a)	excess water leading to		such state agencies shall pay the compensation for
		spillage), on pro rata basis	Provided further that curtailed generation	during which curtailment instruction were issued for
		based on their GNA quantum.	based on Wind, Solar, and Wind-Solar	the reason other than grid security, at PPA tariff along
			hybrid with and without Storage, shall be	with interest.
			considered as deemed generation and	
			compensated to generator by its procurer at	In view of same, it is requested to allow deemed
			PPA tariff.	generation status/ compensation mechanism for
				curtailing wind, solar and wind solar hybrid energy as
				such generators is losing revenue under such events.
22		(4) Revision of schedules on	(c) Based on the request for revision in schedule	In current regulatory framework, wind and solar
	Chapter 7:	request of regional entities:	made as per sub-clauses (a) and (b) of Clause 4	generators are being allowed to revise its schedule and
	Scheduling and	(a) SLDCs, regional entity	of this Regulation, any revision in schedule	such revision shall become effective from the 4 th time
	Despatch Code	generating stations, regional	made in odd time blocks shall become effective	block, 1st block being the block in which notice has
		entity ESSs, beneficiaries,	from 3 rd time block and any revision in	been given. Moreover, one revision for each time slot
	Clause 47 (4) (c)	buyers or cross-border entities	schedule made in even time blocks shall	of one and half hours starting from 00:00 hours of a
		may revise their schedules	become effective from 4 th time block, counting	particular day subject to maximum of 16 revisions
		under GNA as per clause (b)	the time block in which the request for revision	during the day. Hon'ble Commission in Statement of
		and clause (c) of this	has been received by the RLDCs to be the first	Reasons (SOR) order issued while notifying the DSM
		Regulation in accordance with	one.	Regulations, 2014, observed as under:
		their respective		5.3 Decision of the Commission:
		contracts.		

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(c) Based on the request for revision in schedule made as per sub-clauses (a) and (b) of Clause 4 of this Regulation, any revision in schedule made in odd time blocks shall become effective from **7th time block** and any revision in schedule made in even time blocks shall become effective from **8**th **time block**, counting the time block in which the request for revision has been received by the RLDCs to be the first one.

5.3.1 The Commission has taken note of the comments. On the issue of frequency of revisions, the Commission recognizes that accuracy of forecasting improves as one gets closer to time of dispatch. This is borne out by plenty of research that is available on how forecasting accuracy improves as more updates are done aligned with shorter scheduling intervals. In the publication, "A Review 20 of Variable Generation Forecasting in the West, Widiss et al, NREL, July 2013-Jan 2014", 14 Operating Entities (OEs) in the Western Interconnection in the United States were interviewed. Nearly all OEs were reported to have hour-ahead forecasts, the frequency of updating varying from every 10 minutes to hourly. The chart below, prepared by Alberta Electric System Operator (AESO), illustrates improving accuracy with decreasing forecast horizon:

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Most stakeholders have supported the proposal of doubling the number of revisions allowed, to 16 per day. Some have suggested even further increase to enable hourly revisions. The Commission is of the view that while increasing frequency of revision would enhance forecasting accuracy, it might be difficult for beneficiaries to manage contracts due to very frequent revisions. As such, the Commission has decided to retain the number of proposed revisions to 16."

It is submitted that the Hon'ble Commission was also in agreement that the increasing frequency of revision would enhance forecasting of accuracy. Considering



				the above observation, we request the Hon'ble Commission that the revision in schedule be made
				effective from 3 rd and 4 th time block.
23		In case of contingencies such as	In case of contingencies such as critical loading	We request you to clarify that the only those pumped
	Chapter 7:	critical loading of lines,	of lines, transformers, abnormal voltages or	storage plants, (i) participating in the Secondary
	Scheduling and	transformers, abnormal	threat to system security, the following steps as	Reserve Ancillary Services (SRAS) and provided
	Despatch Code	voltages or threat to system	considered necessary, may be taken by RLDC:	standing consent to Nodal Agency AND/OR (2)
		security, the following steps as		participating in Tertiary Reserve Ancillary Services
	47 (3) (c)	considered necessary, may be	i. Issue directions to concerned entities to	(TRAS) up and TRAS down bid and same has been
		taken by RLDC:	adhere to the schedules.	cleared in the Day Ahead Market or Real Time
			ii. Deployment of ancillary services.	Market, will be asked by concerned RLDC to
		i. Issue directions to	iii. Switching off pump storage plants operating	switching off its pump storage plants operating in
		concerned entities to adhere	in pumping mode.	pumping mode.
		to the schedules.	iv. Dispatching emergency demand response	
		ii. Deployment of ancillary	measures;	Moreover, pumped storage plant not participating in
		services.		SRAS and TRAS, if required to switching off such
		iii. Switching off pump storage		plants operating in pumping mode, a mechanism need
		plants operating in pumping		to be formulated to compensate adequately to such
		mode.		pumped storage plant and its beneficiaries as well as
		iv. Dispatching emergency		revision of schedules of such pumped storage plants
		demand response measures;		and its beneficiaries within the same time block so that
		-		no DSM implication to be borne by them.