

Frequently asked Questions w.r.t. submission of Connectivity / GNA applications under GNA Regulations 2022:

Application Form

1. Is there any other way of submission of application other than NSWS portal?

No. All applications should be applied online through NSWS portal only. The link for NSWS portal is <https://www.nsws.gov.in/>

2. What are the properties of Digital Signature to be applied on application form?

Application shall have a legally valid digital signature certificate (Class 3 - SHA2 – Signing Component) mapped with the name of applicant company as per Interoperability guidelines of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) of India.

Affidavit

3. Is same person required to submit affidavit and application?

Yes, affidavit should be signed by the authorized person submitting the application.

4. Is it mandatory to notarize the affidavit?

Yes

5. Is a unique affidavit required each time a new application is filed?

Yes, a new affidavit is required each time a new application is filed. If an application is reverted for deficiencies, the affidavit submitted in the original application may be used in the corresponding revised application.

6. Can applicant submit affidavit with affixed revenue stamps / special adhesive stamps in place of non-judicial stamp paper?

Affidavit shall be on Non-judicial Stamp Paper of min Rs. 10/-. Affidavits with affixed revenue stamps / special adhesive stamps in place of non-judicial stamp paper shall not be accepted. Affidavit shall be complete i.r.o all the formalities including physical signatures, attestation from Notary, placement of company seal and name of signatory.

7. On whose name should the stamp paper for affidavit be purchased?

Stamp paper of min Rs. 10/- for the affidavit should be purchased in the name of applicant company.

LoA/PPA

8. Can same LOA/PPA be repeated in different applications?

Total cumulative Connectivity quantum should not be more than quantum of LOA/PPA. Further, same LoA can be utilized in cases where LoA has been issued on RTC basis for multi located REGS projects. In such cases, details of each location and capacity at each location duly submitted by REIA/distribution licensee shall have to be submitted.

9. Can the LOA/PPA issued in the name of parent company be used for grant of Connectivity to subsidiary.

For Connectivity Application, LOA/PPA should be issued in the name of the Applicant company only.

Bank Guarantee

10. On whose name should the stamp paper for Bank Guarantee be purchased?

Stamp paper of BG to be submitted to CTU should be purchased in the name of the Bank issuing the BG.

11. Is there any provision to change the text of BG slightly?

Text of the Bank Guarantee shall be strictly as per the format available on CTU website. No deviation is acceptable.

Authorization Certificate

12. What are the details to be mentioned in the authorization certificate to be submitted by RPPDs?

Certificate may be obtained from Central / State Govt authorizing the RPPD to undertake infrastructural activities including arrangement for Connectivity on behalf of solar/wind power generators as per Para 5.8 (vii)(a) of CERC Connectivity Regulations.

Board Resolution

13. Is there any specific format for Board Resolution to be submitted along with the application? What should be the contents of BR?

There is no specific format for Board Resolution. However, the same should authorize a designated person for filing of application for grant of Connectivity/GNA. Additionally, the following para may preferably be inserted in the BR: "*The nominated person is authorized to carry out all activities related to Connectivity and GNA under GNA Regulations, 2022*".

URN

14. Do I have to mandatorily register my project with CEA e-gen portal before applying for Connectivity?

Yes, CEA vide its Order dated 09.11.2020 (Ref. No.: CEA-PL-15-13(11)/1/2020-PSLF) has directed that all power generating units of the country having installed capacity of 0.5 MW or above are required to register themselves on CEA e-GEN portal, <http://egen.cea.gov.in>. URN need to be entered in the connectivity application form.

Application Fees

15. Can I deposit the application fees directly in the Bank account of CTUIL or any other means in addition to the options available on NSWS portal?

No. All the Connectivity/GNA applications to CTU are now being received through NSWS Portal only. Accordingly, the application fee (plus 18% GST) as prescribed in the CERC GNA Regulations, 2022 is to be paid online through NSWS portal at the time of submission of the application.

Land Documents

16. Which type of land documents are acceptable as per 5.8(xi)(b) and 5.8(vii) of CERC Connectivity & GNA Regulations 2022?

Only following type of land documents are acceptable:

- Title Deed as a proof of Ownership
- Lease Deed as a proof of Lease rights
- Land use rights documents titled as "Land Use Right Agreement". (Model "Land Use Rights Agreement" available on CTU website under the GNA Tab -> Formats under GNA).

All land documents should be duly registered with the appropriate authority of the respective State and should bear the unique Registration Number & the date of registration.

17. Our company has signed sub-lease deed with our parent company, who in turn has signed Lease Deed with landowners. Can I submit the lease as well as sub-lease deed as part of land documents?

No. As stated above, only title deed, lease deed and land use agreement are acceptable. Sub-lease deed, leave and license agreement, power of attorney, agreement to sale/lease are not acceptable documents for grant of Connectivity.

18. Can applicant submit land documents having possession of land on a future date?

No. All land documents should bear clear and existing vesting of land rights including the rights to use and possess the land in favour of applicant at the time of application. No land documents shall have a reference for future date towards possession of land, effective date of agreement/ Sale deed etc. and all rights shall be enforceable as on

the date of application. Further, the land rights should correspond with the life of the project.

19. What are the additional documents to be submitted for Connectivity application on Land Route?

Along with title deed/ lease deed / land use right documents, applicants should submit the following documents:

- a. An Undertaking towards submission of Land Documents as per FORMAT-UD-LAND. (www.ctuil.in >> Open Access >> Formats and Agreements)
- b. 'Title Report' in the applicant's favour executed by a registered advocate holding inter alia clear and present vesting of land rights (ownership or lease rights or land use rights) as per FORMAT-TITLE-REPORT. (www.ctuil.in >> Open Access >> Formats and Agreements)

**Common errors encountered in the Connectivity / GNA applications submitted under
GNA Regulations 2022**

Sl. No.	List of errors
1.	Digital signature of the applicant is not linked with the applicant company. Or Digital Signature is not Class 3 in nature.
2.	Affidavit is submitted by a different person other than that who has submitted the application.
3.	Affidavit has not been notarized
4.	Affidavit has already been used in a previous other application
5.	Special adhesive stamp paper has been used instead of non-judicial stamp paper in the affidavit.
6.	PPA/LOA for full quantum has already been used in a previous Connectivity application.
7.	LOA/PPA has been issued in the name of the parent company / 100% subsidiary
8.	Stamp paper in the Land Bank Guarantee has not been purchased in the name of issuing bank.
9.	Text of Land Bank Guarantee has been modified.
10.	Authorization certificate by Central / State Govt has not been submitted by RPPD along with the application.
11.	The date of Board Resolution submitted with the application and the one referred in Affidavit are different.
12.	The Board Resolution does not authorize the applicant to file application.
13.	URN from CEA e-gen portal has not been submitted with the application.
14.	Application fees has been deposited into CTU bank account directly.
15.	Content of BG submitted is different from the CERC Connectivity Regulations / Detailed Procedure
16.	Location and capacity of each project is not mentioned in the LOA (for multi-located projects).
17.	Sub-lease deed / Leave and license agreement / Power of attorney / Agreement to lease has been submitted as part of land documents.
18.	Land documents are not registered with appropriate authority.
19.	Unique Registration Number or Date of Registration of the land documents are not available in the deeds.
20.	Land documents are having reference to possession of land on a future date.
21.	Title report has not been submitted for applicants applying under Land Route

