

Draft Procedure for Approval of Change in Renewable Energy Source(s) for Projects with Granted Connectivity

[For Stakeholder Consultation]

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Subject: 'Draft Procedure for Approval of Change in Renewable Energy Source(s) for Projects with Granted Connectivity' under the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission (Connectivity and General Network Access to the inter-State Transmission System) Regulations, 2022

1. As per the mandate of Regulation 39.1 read with Regulation 9.3.6; CTU has prepared the '**Draft Detailed Procedure for Approval of Change in Renewable Energy Source(s) for Projects with Granted Connectivity**'. The same is available on CTU website, www.ctuil.in [under the tab – **Regulatory Section** as well as under the rolling ticker for **Updates**].
2. Notice is hereby given inviting comments/suggestions/objections from the stakeholders and interested persons on the provisions of above draft Regulation.
3. The comments/ suggestions/ objections may be sent to the office of **COO (CTUIL)** at **Floors No. 5th-10th, IRCON International Tower, Tower 1, Plot No. 16, Institutional Area, Sector 32, Gurugram, Haryana 122003** or may be e-mailed to **contact-ctu@ctuil.in** and may be copied to **swapnilverma@powergrid.in**. The Last date for submission of the comments/suggestions/objections on the aforesaid Draft Detailed Procedure shall be **27th December 2025**.
4. The comments/ suggestions/ objections received after the stipulated date may not be considered while finalizing the Detailed Procedure for submission to the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission for notification.

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Central Transmission Utility of India Limited
Draft Detailed Procedure for Approval of Change in Renewable Energy Source(s) for
Projects with Granted Connectivity

Subject: Conditions and Process for Allowing Change in Renewable Energy Source(s) for Projects with Granted Connectivity

A. Objective

This procedure is issued by CTUIL under Regulation 9.3.6 of the CERC (Connectivity and General Network Access) Regulations, 2022 to specify the conditions, documentation requirements, and process for permitting a Connectivity grantee to change its declared renewable energy source(s), either fully or partially, in the same Connectivity quantum.

B. Scope of Change of Renewable Energy Source

Change of renewable energy source can be sought by a generation project based on a specific renewable energy source, with or without an Energy Storage System (ESS), and seek to change the renewable energy source(s) as approved in the in-principle or final intimation for grant of Connectivity. The changes shall be in terms of MW capacity corresponding to respective Solar, Wind, Hybrid, and addition/removal of ESS components.

C. General Conditions

1. Except as specifically provided, all Regulations and Procedures governing the processing and grant of applications for Connectivity (under Regulation 5) shall apply mutatis mutandis to applications received for source change under Regulation 9.3.6. This shall include the processing of applications, rectification of deficiencies (as notified by CTU).

Provided that until expressly specified, all deficiencies shall be treated as minor deficiencies.

2. Change in source(s) allowed only once per Connectivity grant.
3. Change shall not result in an increase in the granted Connectivity quantum.
4. Change shall not result in any extension or relaxation in the start date of Connectivity and any of the post-grant compliances.
5. Change applies only to projects not yet commissioned or injecting power under Regulation 10.8.

6. Application to CTU for approval for such change shall be within 18 months from the in-principle grant of Connectivity or 18 months prior to the firm Start date of Connectivity, whichever is later or such period as provided under CERC Order dated 08.12.2025 in 14/SM/2025 as a one-time measure.
7. All requests for source change shall be made through the NSWS portal in FORMAT CONN-SC.

Provided that until the operationalization of source application on NSWS portal, the applications shall be made formally on company letter head incorporating the details as provided below. For all such cases, the application shall be deemed received at 2400 hours of the date of application.
8. Change of source shall be considered for entity with solar hour access only to the extent the non-solar hour access has not been granted to another entity(ies).
9. Subject to the provisions under Regulation 5.11 and the directions under CERC Order dated 08.12.2025 in 14/SM/2025 as a one-time measure, the inter-se priority between the date of the application for source change under Regulation 9.3.6 and an application for grant of Connectivity for non-solar hours under Regulation 5, shall be as per the relative date & time stamp of the application.
10. A source change request shall not be permitted if the new source's 50% land requirement (as per Reg. 5.9) exceeds the land documents already submitted except where this arises from a LOA or PPA award mandating the revised source.
11. No application fee is mandated for application under Regulation 9.3.6.

D. Conditions Subsequent

1. If approved, the applicant seeking change in energy source shall submit the technical connection data for the changed renewable energy source(s) within a period of one (1) year prior to the SCOD of the re-configured composition of renewable energy sources under the Connectivity grant. In case of default, the Connectivity or such quantum for which technical details have not been submitted within the stipulated time period shall be liable for revocation and associated consequences.
2. The Applicant shall sign the Connectivity Agreement incorporating the modifications in the energy source(s) as approved by CTU within a period of 30 days of the approval for change of energy source(s).

E. Technical Reasons for Rejection of Applications under Regulation 9.3.6

1. Applications under Regulation 9.3.6 shall be liable for rejection in case the applied quantum for change (whether for solar hours or non-solar hours) in energy source exceeds the margin for solar-hour or non-solar hour access available at the specific location (sub-station or poolin-station) and ISTS margins, as specified by CTU or found by CTU as a part of its system studies.
2. Applications may also be rejected if the source change is found technically unfeasible for any other ground. In such cases, CTU shall record the reasons and its findings in the letter of rejection.

F. Application Requirements

Applicant seeking change in source(s) shall submit an online request with the following documents:

Document	Description
Cover Letter	Reason for change in source(s) and expected benefits
Board Resolution / Authorization	Authorizing the request for change in renewable energy source(s)
Updated Project Profile	New technology type, source mix (%), ESS configuration
Land Document Update	Updated plan confirming adequacy for changed technology
Financial Closure Update	Revised estimated project cost/MW
Technical Parameters	Updated generator/inverter data, fault studies, simulation files
Declaration	Affirming no increase in Connectivity quantum and compliance with CEA standards