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1 PROJECT DETAILS

1.1 Summary Description of the Implementation Status of the Project

The main purpose of this project activity is to generate clean form of electricity through renewable solar energy sources. The project activity involves installation of a 50 MW solar power project in Tamil Nadu state of India.

Over the 10 years of first crediting period, the project will replace anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG's) estimated to be approximately 77,356 tCO_2e per year, thereon displacing 81,643 MWh/year amount of electricity from the generation-mix of power plants connected to the Indian grid, which is mainly dominated by thermal/fossil fuel based power plant.

The details of the project and their location of installation are mentioned in the table below:-

Name of Investor	Capacity in MW	COD	Connection with Grid	State	Usage
SEI Kathiravan Power Private Limited	50 MW	09/03/2017	Indian Grid	Tamil Nadu	Sale to State DISCOM

During the Current Monitoring Period from 26/07/2018 to 30/09/2019 (First and last date included), the project activity has supplied 117,924 MWh of electricity, and thus contributing to the GHG reductions 111,732 tCO_2e.

1.2 Sectoral Scope and Project Type

The project activity falls under the following Sectoral scope and Project Type:

Sectoral Scope : 01 - Energy industries (renewable / non-renewable sources)
Project Type : I - Renewable Energy Projects
Project Category : Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources ACM0002- Version 18.1[1]
The project is not a grouped project activity.

1.3 Project Proponent

Organization name	SEI Kathiravan Power Private Limited
Contact person	Murali Krishnam Raju M

[1] http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/DB/5725LCHYPYM4I1V8OD9SFYVAMFFWNP

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1.4 Other Entities Involved in the Project

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1.5 Project Start Date

Start date of the project activity is the earliest date of interconnection with the grid i.e. 09-03-2017. This is the date of commissioning of 50 MW solar Project activity by SEI Kathiravan Power Private Limited.

1.6 Project Crediting Period

Crediting Period Start date : 09/03/2017
Crediting Period End date : 08/03/2027
The project activity adopts renewable crediting period of 10 years period which can be renewed for maximum 2 times.

1.7 Project Location

The details of the project locations are mentioned in the table below

Name of Investor	Capacity (MW)	Village(s)	Tehsil / Mandal	District	State	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
SEI Kathiravan Power Private Limited	50 MW	Koothanarkottai, Kamalipuliankulam & Veerakudi	Thiruchuli	Virudhnagar	Tamil Nadu	9° 34' 39.9"	78° 18' 34.3"

The project locations have been shown in the map below :





Figure 1. Satellite Project locations

1.8 Title and Reference of Methodology

Title : Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources
Reference : The project activity meets the eligibility criteria of large scale project as it is more than 15 MW
Methodology : ACM0002: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources - Version 18.1[2]
Type I : Energy industries (renewable / non-renewable sources)

[2] http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/DB/5725LCHYPYM4I1V8OD9SFYVAMFFWNP

Category : Approved Consolidated Methodology (ACM0002)

Tools referred with above methodology and applicable for project activity are:

- Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system[3] - Version 07.0 (EB 100, Annex 04)
- Methodological Tool- Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality[4] - Version 07.0.0 (EB 70, Annex 08)

1.9 Participation under other GHG Programs

Not Applicable, as the project activity is not registered with any other program.

Further, an undertaking from PP has been submitted for avoiding double accounting via any means for current monitoring period. Also, the project is only registered in VCS mechanisms.

1.10 Other Forms of Credit

The project activity is not availing any REC benefits and the same can be confirmed from publically available link of REC generators.

Web-link: https://www.recregistryindia.nic.in/ (RE Generators tab then select accredited) PP has also submitted undertaking for not availing other forms of environmental credit for the same crediting period under consideration.

1.11 Sustainable Development

Contribution to sustainable development:

Ministry of Environment and Forests, has stipulated economic, social, environment and technological well-being as the four indicators of sustainable development. The project contributes to sustainable development using the following ways.

- **Social well-being:** The project would help in generating employment opportunities during the construction and operation phases. The project activity will lead to development in infrastructure in the region like development of roads and also may promote business with improved power generation.

- **Economic well-being:** The project is a clean technology investment in the region, which would not have been taken place in the absence of the VCS benefits the project activity will also help to reduce the demand supply gap in the state.

[3] http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/tools/am-tool-07-v7.0.pdf
[4] http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/tools/am-tool-01-v7.0.0.pdf

The project activity will generate power using zero emissions solar energy based power generation which helps to reduce GHG emissions and specific pollutants like SOx, NOx, and SPM associated with the conventional thermal power generation facilities.

- **Technological well-being:** The successful operation of project activity would lead to promotion of solar power generation and would encourage other entrepreneurs to participate in similar projects.
- **Environmental well-being:** Solar being a renewable source of energy, it reduces the dependence on fossil fuels and conserves natural resources which are on the verge of depletion. Due to its zero emission the Project activity also helps in avoiding significant amount of GHG emissions.

2 SAFEGUARDS

2.1 No Net Harm

The project activity does not involve any major construction activity. It primarily requires the installation of the solar PV panels, interfacing the generators with the State Electricity Board by setting up HT transmission lines and installation of other accessories.

The report on "Developmental Impacts and Sustainable Governance Aspects of Renewable Energy Projects" prepared by MNRE dated September 2013. As per section *3.4.3 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS FROM SOLAR FARMS,* the report clearly mentioned that solar PV project activity operations do not result in direct air pollution, noise pollution. Please refer below web link for the same[5].

Thus there are no any significant impacts due to implementation of project activity on air, water, soil quality and ambience are envisaged due to the project activity.

2.2 Local Stakeholder Consultation

The project has already been registered under VCS mechanism, hence it is not applicable.

2.3 AFOLU-Specific Safeguards

Not applicable to this as this is not an AFOLU project activity.

3 IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

[5] http://www.indiaenvironmentportal.org.in/files/file/report-on-developmental-impacts-of-RE.pdf

3.1 Implementation Status of the Project Activity

The project activity involves the installation of solar project. The total installed capacity of the project is 50 MW Solar project located at Tamil Nadu state in India. The project is promoted by SEI Kathiravan Power Private Limited.

The Project activity is a new facility (Greenfield) and the electricity generated by the project will be exported to the Indian electricity grid. The project will therefore displace an equivalent amount of electricity which would have otherwise been generated by fossil fuel dominant electricity grid. The Project Proponent plans to avail the VCS benefits for the project. In the Pre-project scenario the entire electricity, delivered to the grid by the project activity, would have otherwise been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources.

The project shall result in replacing anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG's) estimated to be approximately 77,356 tCO_2e per year, thereon displacing 81,643 MWh/year amount of electricity from the gird over the 10 years crediting period. The project activity aims to harness solar energy through installation of Solar PV project with total installed capacity of 50 MW solar power project. The commissioning date of the project activity is 09-03-2017. The project is running smoothly since commissioning with regular planned maintenance. No any changes occurred during the current monitoring activity which can alter the design of the project activity. NO change in project proponent or other entity. The details are same as the registered PDD.

The technical specification for 50 MW solar is tabulated below.

Sl. No.	Technical details of the equipment	Description
1	Technology Used	Solar PV technology (Poly-Crystaline)
2	Number of modules and their model capacity	No. of Modules- 192024 Model capacity- 310 Wp, 315 Wp & 320 Wp
3	Number of Inverters , Inverter Make & Model	67 Inverters TMEIC-PVL0750 E(750 KW) – 65 nos TMIEC-PVL0500 E(625 KW) – 2 nos
4	Modules per String	42/2
5	Tilt	Tracking
6	Tracker	Single Axis tracker

3.2 Deviations

2.3.1 Methodology Deviations

No methodology deviation is applied during the monitoring period.

2.3.2 Project Description Deviations

No deviation has taken place in project description during the monitoring period.

3.3 Grouped Projects

The project is not a grouped project thus this is not applicable.

4 DATA AND PARAMETERS

4.1 Data and Parameters Available at Validation

Data / Parameter	$EF_{grid, OM, y}$
Data unit	tCO_2/MWh
Description	Operating margin CO_2 emission factor for the project electricity system in year y
Source of data	Calculated from CEA database, Version 13, June 2018[6]
Value applied	0.9726
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied	Calculated as per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system, version 07" as 3-year generation weighted average using data for the years 2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17. The data are obtained from "CO2 Baseline Database for Indian Power Sector" version 13, published by the Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power, Government of India.
Purpose of Data	For the calculation of the Baseline Emission
Comments	This parameter is fixed ex-ante for the entire crediting period.

Data / Parameter	$EF_{grid, BM, y}$
Data unit	tCO_2/MWh
Description	Build margin CO_2 emission factor for the project electricity system in year y
Source of data	Central Electricity Authority (CEA) of India Database Version 13
Value applied	0.8723
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied	Calculated as per "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system, version 07" as per the latest data available for the most recent year 2016-17. The data is obtained from "CO2 Baseline Database for Indian Power Sector" version 13, published by the Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Power,

[6] http://www.cea.nic.in/reports/others/thermal/tpece/cdm_co2/user_guide_ver13.pdf

	Government of India.
Purpose of Data	Calculation of baseline emissions
Comments	The above value is fixed and it is same for the entire crediting period

Data / Parameter	$EF_{grid, CM, y}$
Data unit	tCO_2/MWh
Description	Combined margin CO2 emission factor for the project electricity system in year y
Source of data	Calculated from CEA database, Version 13, June 2018[7]
Value applied	0.9475
Justification of choice of data or description of measurement methods and procedures applied	The combined margin emissions factor is calculated as follows: $EF_{grid,CM,y} = EF_{grid,OM,y} * WOM + EF_{grid, BM,y} * W_{BM}$ Where: $EF_{grid,BM,y}$= Build margin CO2 emission factor in year y (tCO2/MWh) $EF_{grid,OM,y}$= Operating margin CO2 emission factor in year y (tCO2/MWh) W_{OM} = Weighting of operating margin emissions factor (%) = 75% W_{BM}= Weighting of build margin emissions factor (%) = 25%
Purpose of Data	Calculation of baseline emissions
Comments	The above value is fixed and it is same for the entire crediting period

4.2 Data and Parameters Monitored

Data / Parameter	$EG_{PJ, y}$
Data unit	MWh/y
Description	Quantity of net electricity generation supplied by the project plant/unit to the grid in year y (MWh)
Source of data	Monthly joint meter reading reports
Description of measurement methods and	The difference of final value of export and import is used for monthly values of net electricity supplied to the grid by the project activity and

[7] http://www.cea.nic.in/reports/others/thermal/tpece/cdm_co2/user_guide_ver13.pdf

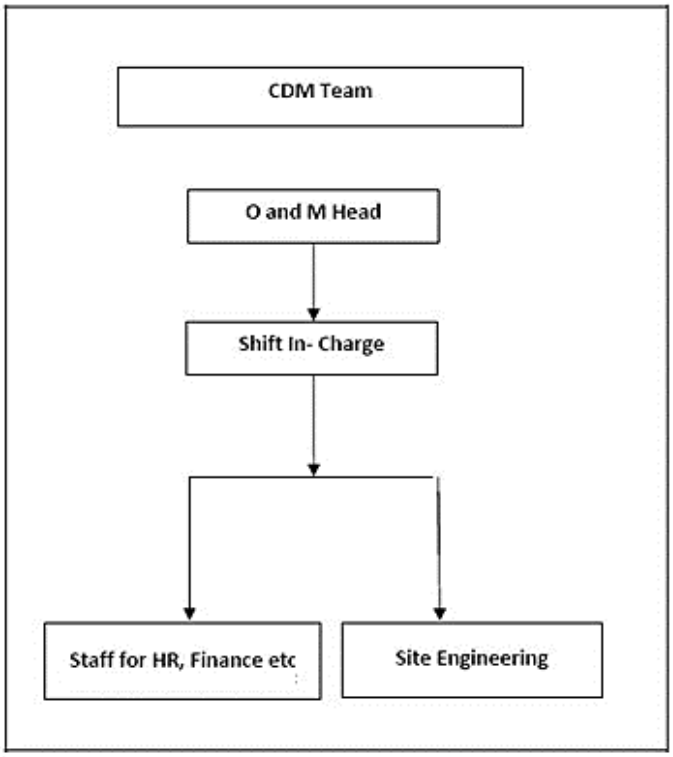
procedures to be applied	same value will be considered for ER calculations.
Frequency of monitoring/recording	Continuous measurement & monthly recording
Value monitored	117924.00
Monitoring equipment	The electricity exported / supplied by the plant to pooling substation and further to substation. This meter also measures electricity imported by the plant from the grid.
QA/QC procedures to be applied	The meters is approved, tested & sealed by the State Utility. The meters are in the custody of State Utility. The frequency of calibration is once in 5 years.[8] The monthly electricity supplied/exported by the project activity in the JMR report is cross checked with the monthly invoices of sale. In the absence or delay in the meter calibration appropriate Guidelines will be applied appropriately to confirm the conservativeness of metering. The metering arrangement, accuracy class of meters, calibration frequency is under control of state electricity board and PP does not have any control on it. PP is getting value of net electricity supplied to grid and the same is considered the monitoring parameter. The billing is raised based on substation meters.
Purpose of the data	Calculation of baseline emissions
Calculation method	Thus, Net electricity supplied to the grid by the project plant in a given month = Export, kWh – Import, kWh. The Net electricity, kWh is then converted to MWh units to obtain the $EG_{PJ,y}$ value.
Comments	Data will be archived in paper & electronic form for two years after the end of crediting period or of the last issuance of VERs for this project activity, whichever occurs later.

4.3 Monitoring Plan

The monitoring plan is developed in accordance with the modalities and procedures for CDM project activities and is proposed for grid-connected solar power project being implemented. The monitoring plan, which will be implemented by the project participant describes about the monitoring organisation, parameters to be monitored, monitoring practices, quality assurance, quality control procedures, data storage and archiving.

The authority and responsibility for registration, monitoring, measurement, reporting and reviewing of the data rests with the project participant. PP proposed the following structure for data monitoring, collection, data archiving and calibration of equipments for this project activity. The team comprises of the following members:

[8] http://www.aegcl.co.in/Metering_Regulations_Of_CEA_17_03_2006.pdf



Responsibility
• Reviewing the monthly and annual generation statistics. • Evaluating the GHG performance of the project activity. • Identifying the opportunities for future improvement • Addressing grievance related to project activity.
• Implementation of corrective appropriate measures in case any discrepancies are identified in the reported parameters. • Review of monthly report. • Ensuring calibration of monitoring equipment as and when required.
• Monitoring and reporting the GHG performance related parameters following the guidance provided in the project design document • Preparation of monthly and annual generation statistics. • Reporting of any discrepancies identified in the reporting parameters. • Ensuring calibration of the monitoring equipments as and when required.

Data Measurement

The export and import energy will be measured continuously using above mentioned Main and Check meters located at the substations. Readings of meters shall be taken on monthly basis by authorized officer of SEB in the presence of PP or representative of PP. Based on the Meter Reading Statement to PP, invoices will be raised. These invoices can be used for cross checking the meter readings taken for the respective project activity.

Data collection and archiving

Readings from meters will be collected in the presence of the plant in-charge. Export and Import data would be recorded and stored in logs as well as in electronic form on a daily basis. The records are checked periodically by the Plant Manager and discussed thoroughly with the plant supervisor. The period of storage of the monitored data will be 2 years after the end of crediting period or till the last issuance of VERs for the project activity whichever occurs later.

Emergency preparedness

The project activity will not result in any unidentified activity that can result in substantial emissions from the project activity. No need for emergency preparedness in data monitoring is visualized.

Personnel training

In order to ensure a proper functioning of the project activity and a properly monitoring of emission reductions, the staff will be trained. The plant helpers will be trained in equipment operation, data recording, reports writing, operation and maintenance and emergency procedures in compliance with the monitoring plan.

Metering Arrangement

Line diagram with metering arrangement for the solar project activity is shown in APPENDIX 2: Plant metering arrangement.

5 QUANTIFICATION OF GHG EMISSION REDUCTIONS AND REMOVALS

5.1 Baseline Emissions

As per the approved consolidated Methodology ACM0002 (Version 18.1) para 42:

Baseline emissions include only CO2 emissions from electricity generation in fossil fuel fired power plants that are displaced due to the project activity. The methodology assumes that all project electricity generation above baseline levels would have been generated by existing grid-connected power plants and the addition of new grid- connected power plants. The baseline emissions are to be calculated as follows:

$BEy = EG_{PJ,\ y} \times EF_{grid,\ CM,\ y}$

Where:

BE_y = Baseline emissions in year y (tCO_2/yr)
$EG_{PJ,y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation that is produced and fed into the grid as a result of the implementation of the CDM project activity in year y (MWh/yr)
$EF_{grid,\ CM,y}$ = Combined margin CO2 emission factor for grid connected power generation in year y calculated using the latest version of the "Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system" (t CO_2/MWh)

Grid Emission Factor

The GEF is fixed ex-ante in the PD as given below:

Parameter	Value
OM	0.9726
BM	0.8723
CM	0.9475

Therefore,

BEy = 117,924 x 0.9475
= 111,732 tCO_2e (Rundown values)

5.2 Project Emissions

Not Applicable, since emissions from the project activity is zero as per ACM0002 methodology. Hence, $PE_y = 0$.

5.3 Leakage

Not Applicable, since leakage emissions from the project activity is zero as per ACM0002 methodology. Hence, LE_y= 0.

5.4 Net GHG Emission Reductions and Removals

The Formula used to calculate the net emission reduction for the project activity is

$ER_Y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y$

Where,

ER_y = Emission Reduction in tCO_2/year
BE_y = Baseline emission in tCO_2/year
PE_y = Project emissions in tCO_2/year
LE_y = Leakage Emissions in tCO_2/year

For the project activity during the current monitoring period, as per section 5.1

BE_y = 111,732 tCO_2e
PE_y = 0 tCO_2e
LE_y = 0 tCO_2e

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO_2e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO_2e)	Leakage emissions (tCO_2e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO_2e)
26-7-2018 to 31-12-2018	35,477	0	0	35,477
01-01-2019 to 30-09-2019	76,255	0	0	76,255
Total	111,732	0	0	111,732

The achieved GHG emission is 15.51 % is lower than the estimated value. This is due to the lower number of sunshine hours during the monitoring period. The generation of electricity depends upon many other climatic conditions, and not within the control of the project participant. Therefore the lower GHG emission is acceptable.

APPENDIX 1: CALIBRATION RECORDS

Meter and Calibration details of 50 MW Solar power project by SEI Kathiravan Power Private Limited

Meter Details	Main Meter	Check Meter	Standby Meter
Meter Serial No	16194542	16194544	16194553
Meter Make	L & T	L & T	L & T
Accuracy Class	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s
Date of Calibration	09-03-2017	09-03-2017	09-03-2017
Date of Subsequent Calibration	24-05-2019	24-05-2019	24-05-2019
Due date of Calibration	23-05-2024	23-05-2024	23-05-2024

APPENDIX 2: PLANT METERING ARRANGEMENT

