

# SOLAR AND WIND POWER PROJECT BY NTPC LIMITED



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**Summary:**

**Validation purpose:** The main purpose of this project activity is to generate clean form of electricity through renewable solar and wind energy source and Sale to State Utility. The project is a bundled project activity in four different states of India which involves installation of 560 MW solar project & 50 MW wind power project thus total 610 MW of electricity generation. The project activity involves installation solar power plants & windmills in various states of India, viz. 50 MW solar project in Anantapur District of Andhra Pradesh, 260 MW solar project in Bhadla- Rajasthan, 250 MW solar project in Mandsaur District of Madhya Pradesh and a 50 MW wind power project in Gujarat, India.

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The objective of this validation activity is to have an independent third party assessment of the project design, estimated ER sheet and to ensure a thorough assessment of the proposed project activity against the applicable CDM and VCS requirements. In particular;

- the project's baseline is assessed against "ACM0002 version 18.1"
- the project's monitoring plan is assessed against "ACM0002 version 18.1"
- the projects compliance with the requirements of Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol, the CDM Modalities and Procedures as agreed in the Marrakech Accords under decision 3/CMP.1, the annexes to this decision, subsequent decisions and guidance made by COP/MOP & CDM Executive Board and other relevant rules, including the Host Country legislation and sustainability criteria along with VCS guideline and standard version 3.7
- CDM Validation and Verification Standard for project activities version 01
- CDM Project Standard for project activities version 01
- CDM project cycle procedure for project activities version 01

- VCS standard v3.7<sup>1</sup>
- VCS guideline v3.7

Validation is a requirement for all VCS projects and is seen as necessary to provide assurance to stakeholders of the quality of the project and its intended generation of estimated verified emission reductions (VERs)

A risk-based approach has been followed to perform this validation and verification activity. In the course of Validation, 05 Corrective Action requests (CARs) and 00 Clarification Requests (CLs), 00 Forward action request (FARs) were raised and successfully closed. The review of the project description and additional documents related to baseline and monitoring methodology; the subsequent background investigation, follow-up interviews and project owners have provided LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) with sufficient evidence to verify the fulfilment of the stated criteria of VCS.

**Verification purpose:**

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During the Current Monitoring Period from 10/08/2016 to 30/06/2018 (First and last date included) the project activity has supplied 1,124,009 MWh of electricity, and thus contributing to the GHG reductions 1,085,005 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.v-c-s.org/project/vcs-program/rules-and-requirements/>

The project activity is a new facility (Greenfield) and the purpose of the project activity is to generate energy electricity by the utilization of renewable Solar & wind power technology and further selling the generated energy to the Indian Grid. In this process there is no consumption of any fossil fuel and hence the project does not lead to any greenhouse gas emissions. Thus, electricity would be generated through sustainable means without causing any negative impact on the environment.

During the current monitoring period, project activity undergoes continued operation since their commissioning and no major breakdown had taken place.

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Objective

LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Hereinafter referred as Applus+ Certification) has been appointed by “M/s. NTPC Limited” to perform the validation and verification of the project entitled “Solar and Wind Power Project by NTPC Limited” under VCS standard and guideline version 3.7. The objective of this joint validation & verification activity is to have an independent third party for the assessment of the project design, ER sheet and to ensure a thorough assessment of the proposed project activity against the applicable CDM and VCS requirements. In particular;

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### 1.2 Scope and Criteria

The scope of the Joint validation and verification is the independent and objective review of the Joint Project Description & Monitoring Report. The Joint VCS PD & MR are reviewed against the relevant criteria (see 1.1) and decisions by the CDM Executive Board and VCS executive board, including the approved baseline and monitoring methodology. The validation and verification was based on the guidance given in the CDM Project Standard for project activities version 01.0, CDM Project Cycle Procedure for project activities version 01.0, VCS guideline and standard version 3.7

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The assessment team has employed a risk based approach to assess the completeness and accuracy of the claims and conservativeness of the assumptions in the Joint VCS PD & MR. The main focus of the assessment team is to identify the significant risks for the project implementation and the generation of VERs. The validation and verification is not meant to provide any consulting towards the project participants. However, stated requests for clarifications and/or corrective actions may have provided input for improvement of the project design and monitoring report combined.

The only purpose of the validation and verification is its usage during the registration/issuance process as part of the VCS project cycle. Therefore, LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) can't be held liable by any party for decisions made or not made based on the validation/verification opinion, which will go beyond that purpose.

### 1.3 Level of Assurance

The verification and validation has been planned and organized to achieve a Reasonable Level of assurance as per the requirement of VCS.

### 1.4 Summary Description of the Project

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**Project Technology Details –**

The project activity aims to harness solar energy through installation of Solar PV project with total installed capacity of 560 MW and harness wind energy from 50 MW wind power project.

The technical specification of 50 MW solar plant at Anantapur are as follows:

Sl. No.	Technical details of the equipment	Description
1	Technology Used	Solar PV technology
2	Module capacity and number of the modules of each capacity	Total no. of modules- 932596 Module Ratings -240,243,245,246,249, 250,252,255,258,290,295,300,305,310,315
3	Number of Inverters and its capacity	100 Inverters of 1 MW capacity each (ABB make), 120 Inverters of 1.25 MW capacity each (Hitachi Make).
4	Number of Transformers and its capacity	25 Nos of 4 MVA Inverter Transformers (Raychem/Sudhir). 60 Nos of 2.5 MVA Inverter Transformers (Kirloskar/Raychem).

The technical specification of 260 MW solar plant at Bhadla, Rajasthan are as follows:

Sl. No.	Technical details of the equipment	Description
1	Technology Used	Solar PV technology
2	Module capacity and number of the modules of each capacity	Total no. of modules- 842220 Module Ratings- 281,288,291,294,295,297,297.5,300,302.5,303,305,306, 307.5,309,310,312,312.5,315,317.5,320,322.5
3	Number of Inverters and its capacity	65 Inverters of 1 MW capacity each (ABB make), 156 Inverters of 1.25 MW capacity each (Hitachi Make).
4	Number of Transformers and its capacity	4 Nos of 63 MVA, 132/33 kV 5 Nos of 2 MVA Inverter Transformers. 52 Nos of 2.5 MVA Inverter Transformers 14 Nos of 4 MVA Inverter Transformers 13 Nos of 5 MVA Inverter Transformers

The technical specification of 250 MW solar plant at Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh are as follows:

Sl. No.	Technical details of the equipment	Description
1	Technology Used	Solar PV technology
2	Module capacity and number of the modules of each capacity	Total no. of modules- 821340 Module Ratings- 285,288,290,291,294,295,297,297.5,300,302.5,303,305, 306,307.5,309,310,312.5,315,317.5,318,320,322.5
3	Number of Inverters and its capacity	184 Inverters of 1.25 MW capacity each (Hitachi Make), 465 Inverters of 43 KW capacity each (Huawei Make)
4	Number of Transformers and its capacity	80 Nos of 2.5 MVA Inverter Transformers (Pete Hammond). 10 Nos of 2 MVA Inverter Transformers (Pete Hammond). 12 Nos of 2.5 MVA Inverter Transformers. (Kirloskar)

*The module configuration may be changed in the future due to operational issues or physical damage to modules. However, modules will be replaced with same capacity hence there will be no impact on capacity of the project activity.*

The technical specification for 50 MW Wind project at Rojmal, Gujarat is given below.

WTG Make and Model No.	INOX WIND DF/2000/100
Generator Type & Rating	Doubly-Fed Induction generator, 2000kW
WTG configuration	25 X 2000kW
Rotor Diameter	100m
Hub Height	92
Tower Type	Conical Tubular Steel
Cut-in-wind speed	3.0 m/s
Rated wind speed	11.0 m/s
Cut-out wind speed	20.0 m/s
Survival wind speed	52.5 m/s
Operational Mode	Variable Speed
Power Regulation	Electrical Blade Pitch control, variable speed inverters, power back up with ultra-capacitor

## 2 VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION PROCESS

### 2.1 Method and Criteria

**Validation and Verification Scope:** The scope is defined as an independent and objective review of the Joint project design document and Monitoring report (MR). The Joint VCS PD and MR is reviewed against the criteria stated in Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol, the CDM modalities and procedures as agreed in the Marrakech Accords and the relevant decisions by the CDM Executive Board and VCS standard and guideline version 3.7, including the approved baseline and monitoring methodology ACM0002 version 18.1 (for the present scenario in the project). The validation and verification were based on the requirements in the Validation and Verification Standard for project activities version 01.0, project standard for project activities version 01.0, project cycle procedure for project activities version 01.0 and VCS guideline and standard version 3.7.

The validation and verification are not meant to provide any consulting towards the project participants. However, stated requests for clarifications and/or corrective actions may have provided input for improvement of the combined project document and the Monitoring report.

**Validation and Verification Process:** The project assessment is based on the Clean Development Mechanism Validation and Verification Standard for project activities version 01.0 and VCS standard and guideline version 3.7 and is conducted using standard auditing techniques to assess the correctness of the information provided by the project participants. Before the assessment begins, members of the team covering the technical scope(s), sectoral scope(s), and relevant host country experience for evaluating the VCS project activity are appointed.

Once the project is received by the assessment team, the members of the assessment team carried out:

- I A desk review of the Joint project design documentation and monitoring report;
- II Follow-up interviews with project stakeholders;
- III The resolution of outstanding issues and the issuance of the final verification/ validation report and opinion.

In order to ensure transparency, assumptions must be clear and stated explicitly and background material must also be referenced. LGAI TECHNOLOGICAL CENTER S.A. (APPLUS+ CERTIFICATION) has developed a specific checklist customized for the project. The checklist demonstrates, in a transparent manner, the project criteria (requirements), discussion on each criterion by the assessment team, and the results from validating/verifying the identified criteria.

#### **Appointment of the assessment team**

According to the sectoral scope / technical area and experience in the sectoral or national business environment, LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) has composed a project assessment team in accordance with the appointment rules in the internal Quality Management System of LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification).

The composition of audit team shall be approved by the LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) ensuring that the required skills are covered by the team.

The four qualification levels for team members that are assigned by formal appointment rules are as presented below:

- Lead Auditor (LA).
- Auditor (A) / Auditor in Training (AiT).
- Technical Expert (TE).
- Technical Reviewer (TR).

The sectoral scope / technical area knowledge linked to the applied methodology/ies shall be covered by the assessment team.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>SS Coverage</b>	<b>TA Coverage</b>	<b>Financial aspect</b>	<b>Host country experience</b>
Dr. Atul Takarkhede	LA/TE	YES	YES	YES	YES
Denny Xue	TR	YES	YES	YES	NA

The complete list of CVs is included as Appendix 3 of this report.

**Document review**

The Joint Project Document and Monitoring report submitted by the Client was reviewed against the approved methodology and other relevant criteria to verify the correctness, credibility, and interpretation of the presented information. Furthermore, a cross-check between information provided and information from other sources has been done. A complete list of all documents and evidence material reviewed is included in this report below in appendix 1.

**Follow-up interviews**

A site visit is conducted by LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) performed interviews, telephone conferences, and physical site inspection with project stakeholders to confirm selected information and to resolve issues identified in the document review. The detail is provided in this report in the below sections.

**Resolution of Clarification and Corrective Action Request**

The objective of this phase of the joint validation and verification was to resolve the requests for corrective actions and clarification and any other outstanding issues which need to be clarified for LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) positive conclusion on the project design and Monitoring report. The Corrective Action Requests and Clarification Requests raised by LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) were resolved during communications between the Client and Applus + Certification to guarantee the transparency of the validation process, the concerns raised and responses given are summarized below in the appendix 2.

The Joint VCS PD & MR Version 02 submitted by project owners on 30/07/2018 respectively serve as the basis for the final assessment presented. Additional changes to the project during the joint validation and verification process are not considered to be significant with respect to the main CDM/VCS objectives. The two CDM/VCS main objectives are the reduction of anthropogenic GHG emissions and the contribution of sustainable development to the host country.

### **Internal quality control**

As final step of a joint validation and verification of the final documentation including the final Joint validation and verification report and the checklist have to undergo an internal quality control by the technical review committee, i.e. each report has to be finally approved either by the head of the technical review committee or the deputy. In case one of these two persons is part of the assessment team approval can only be given by the other one to avoid any conflict of Interest.

After confirmation of the project owners the positive validation/verification opinion and relevant documents are submitted to the VCS secretariat through the VCS web-platform.

## **2.2 Document Review**

The details of the document observed during the joint validation and verification process are listed below in appendix 1 of this report.

## **2.3 Interviews**

The site visits for the project activity were carried out from 26/07/2018 to 29/07/2018 which covers all the sites (includes all the locations) in the state of Adhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan in India. No sampling procedures were adopted either in document verification and all the document were cross checked to ensure conservative estimation of emission reduction. Kindly find below names of the persons interviewed (during onsite and telephonic interview later) for all the sites.

Sr. No.	Name of Persons	Role/Designation
1)	Mr. Bibek Kumar	PP Representative
2)	Mr. S. Krishna (AP)	Farmer
3)	Mr. Ajit Singh (RJ)	Shopkeeper
4)	Mr. Sanjay Rathore (RJ)	Villager
5)	Mr. Ajay Kumar (MP)	Villager
6)	Mr. Jatin Shah (GJ)	Farmer
7)	Mr. Sorabh Patel (GJ)	Shopkeeper
8)	Mr. Kingshuk Das	Consultants
9)	Mr. Ramkrishna Patil	Consultants

## **2.4 Site Inspections**

Duration of on-site inspection: 26/07/2018 to 29/07/2018				
No.	Activity performed on-site	Site location	Date	Team member
1.	Assessment team checked the implementation of the project, Baseline emission, Emission reduction calculation, technical description of the project and Monitoring.	Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh & Rajasthan	26/07/2018 (AP) 27/07/2018 (GJ) 28/07/2018 (MP) 29/07/2018 (RJ)	Dr. Atul Takarkhede

## 2.5 Resolution of Findings

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Areas of validation and verification findings	No. of CL	No. of CAR	No. of FAR
Project design document and Monitoring report	00	01	00
Description of project activity	00	00	00
Application of selected baseline and monitoring methodology and selected standardized baseline			
- Applicability of methodology and standardized baseline	00	00	00
- Deviation from methodology	00	00	00
- Clarification on applicability of methodology, tool and/or standardized baseline	00	00	00
- Demonstration of additionality	00	01	00
- Emission reductions	00	01	00
- Monitoring plan	00	01	00
-Stakeholders consultation process	00	01	00
- Public comments	00	00	00
Others (please specify)-Matter related to double counting- <b>for validation</b>	00	00	00
Others (please specify)-Matter related to Emission reduction calculation- <b>for verification</b> ER achieved, Matter related to feeder details, breakdown and Calibration- <b>for verification</b>	00	02	00
<b>Total</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>Validation+ Verification: 07</b>	<b>00</b>

The list of findings and their resolution is presented in appendix 2 of this report.

### Forward Action Requests

No FAR was raised during this joint validation and verification process.

### 3 VALIDATION FINDINGS

#### 3.1 Project Details

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Assessment team checked the technical details of the project activity from the manufactures specification and the detail are as follow:

#### **Solar PV Project Technology Details –**

The project activity aims to harness solar energy through installation of Solar PV project with total installed capacity of 560 MW and harness wind energy from 50 MW wind power project.

The technical specifications are mentioned in section 1.4 of this report and same was checked during site visit.

Assessment team checked onsite and confirms that the details of the project proponent is as below:

Organization name	M/s. NTPC Limited
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Contact person	Mr. Bibek Kumar
Title	Manager (PE)
Address	NTPC Bhawan, SCOPE Complex, Institutional Area, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003, India
Telephone	
Email	

Assessment team checked onsite and confirms that the details of the other entity involved is as below:

Organization name	<b>EKI Energy Services Limited</b>
Role in the project	Project Consultant
Contact person	Manish Dabkara
Title	CEO & MD
Address	EnKing Embassy, Office No 201, Plot 48, Scheme 78, Part 2, Vijay Nagar, Indore- 452010, Madhya Pradesh, India.
Telephone	+91-731-4289086
Email	<a href="mailto:manish@enkingint.org">manish@enkingint.org</a>

### Project Start Date

Start date of the project activity is the earliest date of interconnection with the grid i.e. 50 MW solar PV project activity which is interconnected with the grid on 10/08/2016. Assessment team checked the commission details from the commissioning certificate provided by the Government agencies and dates of individual project commissioning dates are provided above in this Section.

### Project crediting period Date

Assessment team confirms that the crediting period dates for the project is as below:

**Crediting Period Start date:** 10/08/2016

**Crediting Period End date:** 09/08/2026

The project activity adopts renewable crediting period of 10 years period which can be renewed for maximum 2 times.

### Project Scale and Estimated GHG Emission Reductions or Removals

Assessment team confirms that the project is a large-scale project that involves setting up of 560 MW of Solar power project and a 50 MW Wind power project.

Project Scale	
Project	
Large project	✓

As the estimated annual average GHG emission reductions or removal per year is 940,891 tCO<sub>2</sub>e which is greater than 300,000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year, thus the project falls in the category of Large Project.

Year	Estimated GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
Year 1	322,625
Year 2	982,126
Year 3	1,013,020
Year 4	1,013,020
Year 5	1,013,020
Year 6	1,013,020
Year 7	1,013,020
Year 8	1,013,020
Year 9	1,013,020
Year 10	1,013,020
<b>Total estimated ERs</b>	<b>9,408,911</b>
<b>Total number of crediting years</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Average annual ERs</b>	<b>940,891</b>

The above estimated emission reduction is confirmed by assessment team via emission reduction calculation spreadsheet. The calculation is conservative and thus acceptable to the assessment team.

#### Project location

Assessment team during the validation site visit confirms via google map that the solar plant of respective project investor are located at a single region and the details are as follows<sup>4</sup>:

Capacity (MW)	Village/(s)	Tehsil / Mandal	District/(s)	State	Latitude (N)	Longitude (E)
50 MW	P Kothapalli and NP Kunta	NP Kunta	Anantapur	Andhra Pradesh	14°1'7.45" & 14°3'21"	78°25'7.59" & 78°24'41"
260 MW	Bhadla	Bap	Jodhpur	Rajasthan	27°29'41.44"	71°54'54.77"
250 MW	Runija and Gujakhedi	Suvasra	Mandsaur	Madhya Pradesh	24°05'13.22" & 24°05'37.22"	75°47'41.17" & 75°48'05.32"
50 MW	Amrapur, Kalasar, Ambaradi, Vanala, Kotda, Itariya, Rampara, Taiwadar, Kidi, Anlaka, Iswariya, Chanvad, Sukavada & Shivrajpur	Vinchiya, Jasdan, Gadhada, Babra & Lathi	Rajkot, Amreli & Botad	Gujarat	22° 0' 11"	71° 28' 49.4"

<sup>4</sup> Sourced from Detail Project Report of the project activity. The same is checked during the validation site visit via GPS meters

### Conditions prior to project initiation

Assessment team during the desk review and onsite visit confirms that the project is a Greenfield solar power / wind project and does not involve generation of GHG emissions for the purpose of their subsequent reduction, removal or destruction. The baseline as described in section 3.3.4 of this report will continue to be the baseline in the absence of project activity.

### Project compliance with applicable laws, statutes and other regulatory frameworks

Assessment team confirms that the Project has received necessary approvals for development and commissioning for the proposed Solar PV / wind project from the state Nodal agencies and is in compliance to the local laws and regulations. Assessment team checked the Commissioning certificates, power purchase agreement with state board, Installation report for Solar Plants / WTGs in the name of PP issued by state nodal agency of the respective state to confirm the project capacity and its relevant statutory requirements as per the host country regulations.

Assessment team noted that the project fulfils the norms put down by Central Pollution Control Board norms. As per Central Pollution Control Board (Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India), final document on revised classification of Industrial Sectors under Red, Orange, Green and White Categories (29/02/2016).

Being a renewable power project it falls under the category of White and thus these projects do not need clearance for Consent to operate and only needs to inform the relative State Pollution Control Board. The same is done for the project and thus it can be confirmed that it follows the local laws of the host country.

The relevant national laws and regulations pertaining to generation of energy in India are:

- Electricity Act 2003
- National Electricity Policy 2005
- Tariff Policy 2006

The Project activity conforms to all the applicable laws and regulations in India:

- Power generation using solar/wind energy is not a legal requirement or a mandatory option.
- There are state and sectoral policies, framed primarily to encourage solar/wind power projects. These policies have also been drafted realizing the extent of risks involved in the projects and to attract private investments.
- The Indian Electricity Act, 2003 (May 2007 Amendment) does not influence the choice of fuel used for power generation.
- There is no legal requirement on the choice of a particular technology for power generation.

Thus assessment team confirms that the project activity follows the National and local law and regulation of the host country.

### Project Ownership

**M/s. NTPC Limited** is the project proponent (PP) of project activity and they have the legal right to control and operate the project activities.

The project ownership has been checked by the Assessment Team and demonstrated through below supporting documents:

1. **Commissioning certificates** – The letter from respective State Nodal Agency to the M/s. NTPC Limited for registration of commissioning of generation facility indicates that PP have the legal right to control and operate the project activities.
2. **Contract with EPC contractor** – The purchase order on the name of M/s. NTPC Limited indicates that PP has the legal right to control and operate the project activities.

Assessment team confirms that, the project ownership of each bundle is demonstrated and **M/s. NTPC Limited** is authorised on the behalf of all SPVs.

#### **Emissions trading programs and other binding limits**

Assessment team confirms that the Net GHG emission reductions or removals generated by the Project will not be used for compliance with an emissions trading program or to meet binding limits on GHG emissions in any Emission Trading program or other binding limits. Declaration in effect of the same has been already submitted by project proponent to audit team

#### **Additional Information Relevant to the Project**

##### **Eligibility Criteria for grouped projects**

This is not a grouped project activity. Thus, this section is not applicable for this project.

##### **Leakage Management for AFOLU projects**

Not applicable to the project activity.

##### **Commercially Sensitive Information**

No commercially sensitive information has been excluded from the public version of the project description. The details are presented transparently to the assessment team for analysis which lead to positive conclusion for this validation and verification.

##### **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. Assessment team found that 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.

The project activity will generate power using zero emissions Solar PV / wind based power generation which helps to reduce GHG emissions and specific pollutants like SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, 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 based power generation and would encourage other entrepreneurs to participate in similar projects.

**Environmental well-being:** Solar /wind 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.

Project undergone continuous operation and only scheduled maintenance as per the manufacturer specification is considered. No unforeseen incident observed for the present monitoring period.

### 3.2 Participation under Other GHG Programs

The project has neither been registered nor seeking registration under any other GHG programs. The project is seeking registration only in VCS program. A declaration for the same dated 25/07/2018 is checked and found correct by the assessment team. Also assessment team checked the following registries to confirm the same. The details of the registries checked are as follows:

1. <https://www.recregistryindia.nic.in/>
2. <http://cdm.unfccc.int/>
3. <http://www.goldstandard.org/>

#### Rejection by other GHG programs

The Project is not rejected by other GHG programs. A declaration for the same dated 25/07/2018 is checked and found correct by the assessment team. Also assessment team checked the following registries to confirm the same. The details of the registries checked are as follows:

1. <https://www.recregistryindia.nic.in/>
2. <http://cdm.unfccc.int/>
3. <http://www.goldstandard.org/>
4. [www.v-c-s.org](http://www.v-c-s.org)

The Project has no intend to generate any other form of GHG-related environmental credit for GHG emission reductions or removals claimed under the VCS Program.

Renewable energy certificates are available for trading in the host country However, the same is not availed by the project participant. The undertaking regarding the same is submitted by PP which is acceptable to the assessment team and assessment team also checked the REC web site (<https://recregistryindia.nic.in/>) and found the declaration to be correct.

### 3.3 Application of Methodology

#### 3.3.1 Title and Reference

Assessment team checked that following methodology and tools are applicable for the project activity. The details are as below:

**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 - ACM0002 version 18.1<sup>5</sup>

**Type I :** Energy industries (renewable / non-renewable sources)

**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<sup>6</sup> - Version 06.0 (EB 97, Annex 07)
- Methodological Tool- Tool for the demonstration and assessment of additionality<sup>7</sup> - Version 07.0.0 (EB 70, Annex 08)

#### 3.3.2 Applicability

The applied baseline methodology is justified as it has been demonstrated that the proposed project activity is:

Applicability 1: The project activity is installation of a new grid connected solar/wind power plant (Option 1 (A)) at a site where no renewable power plant was operated prior to the implementation of the project activity (Greenfield plant) and hence this criterion is applicable.

Applicability 2: The proposed project activity is an installation of a new grid connected solar/wind power plant and hence this condition is met. The option (a) of applicability criteria 2 is applicable as project is renewable energy power plant/unit.

Applicability 3: The project is installation of new solar/wind-based electricity generation plants (not a hydro power plant). Hence this criteria is not applicable.

Applicability 4: The project is solar/wind power project and thus the criterion is not applicable to this project activity.

Applicability 5: The project is solar/wind power project and thus the criterion is not applicable to this project activity.

Applicability 6: The project is solar/wind power project and thus the criterion is not applicable to this project activity.

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<sup>5</sup> <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/DB/5725LCHYPYM41V8OD9SFYVAMFFWNP>

<sup>6</sup> <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAMethodologies/tools/am-tool-07-v6.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> <http://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAMethodologies/tools/am-tool-01-v7.0.0.pdf>

Applicability 7: The project activity is installation of a new grid connected solar/wind power project and does not involve switching from fossil fuel to renewable energy and hence this criterion is not relevant to the project activity.

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This is a solar/wind power plant and not a biomass fired plant and hence this applicability criterion is not applicable to the project activity.

Applicability 8: The project activity is a new grid connected solar/wind power plant and not a retrofits, replacement or capacity additions and therefore this criterion is not applicable to the project activity.

Applicability 9: Please refer below.

#### **Applicability conditions of “Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system”**

- OM, BM and CM are estimated using the tool for calculating baseline emissions.
- The project activity is grid connected and thus emission factor is calculated and thus OM, BM and CM are estimated using the tool for calculating baseline emissions.
- The project activity is located in India, a non-Annex I country. Therefore, tool is applicable for the project activity.
- The project is a solar/wind power project and there is no involvement of biofuels. Therefore, this criterion is not applicable for the project activity.

LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) confirms that the application of the baseline methodology is transparent and conservative and confirms that the chosen baseline and monitoring methodology i.e. ACM0002 version 18.1 is applicable to the project activity.

The project activity qualifies as Type I during every year of the crediting period in accordance with applicable provisions for project activity eligibility as discussed above. Also the total installed capacity of project activity is more than 15 MW which is applicable as per large scale project activities methodology ACM0002 version 18.1. The project capacity will be always remain the same and hence the project activity will always be large scale project activities throughout the crediting period and thereafter.

#### **3.3.3 Project Boundary**

Project boundary has been ascertained and confirmed during the site visit using ACM0002 version 18.1 – “The spatial extent of the project boundary includes the project power plant and all power plants connected physically to the electricity system that the CDM project power plant is connected to”.

Hence the project boundary includes the renewable energy power generation, sub-stations, grid and all power plants connected to grid. The proposed project activity will evacuate power to the grid. The boundary also extends to the project power plant and all power plants connected physically to the electricity system that the VCS project power plant is connected to”.

The calculation of net electricity supplied to grid is under purview of state electricity board and project activity Owner or project activity Implementer does not have any control on it. Thus for project activity, net electricity supplied to grid is the monitoring parameter which is used for ER calculations.

It is to be noted that metering arrangement is under control of state electricity board and PP do not have any control on it.

The sources and GHG gases involved for proposed Project activity are as below

Source		Gas	Included	Justification/Explanation
Baseline	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from electricity generation in fossil fuel fired power plants that are displaced due to the project activity.	CO <sub>2</sub>	Yes	Major emission sources.
		CH <sub>4</sub>	No	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative
		N <sub>2</sub> O	No	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative
Project activity	For geothermal power plants, fugitive emissions of CH <sub>4</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub> from non-condensable gases contained in geothermal steam	CO <sub>2</sub>	No	A project activity instance does not involve any Geothermal Power plant. Hence not applicable
		CH <sub>4</sub>	No	A project activity instance does not involve any Geothermal Power plant. Hence not applicable
		N <sub>2</sub> O	No	A project activity instance does not involve any Geothermal Power plant. Hence not applicable
	CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from combustion of fossil fuels for electricity generation in solar thermal power plants and geothermal power plants	CO <sub>2</sub>	No	A project activity instance does not involve solar thermal or geothermal power plants. Hence not applicable
		CH <sub>4</sub>	No	A project activity instance does not involve solar thermal or geothermal power plants. Hence not applicable
		N <sub>2</sub> O	No	A project activity instance does not involve solar thermal or geothermal power plants. Hence not applicable
For hydro power plants, emissions of CH <sub>4</sub> from the reservoir	CO <sub>2</sub>	No	A project activity instance does not involve hydro power plants. Hence neglected	

### 3.3.4 Baseline Scenario

Assessment team confirms that being a grid connected solar & wind energy generation project, PP developed the project based on the Methodology ACM0002 version 18.1. As per methodology *if the project activity is the installation of a new grid-connected renewable power plant/unit, the baseline scenario is the following:*

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, as reflected in the combined margin (CM) calculations described in the “Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system”.

As per CDM Validation and Verification Standard for project activities version 01, “where the baseline scenario is not prescribed in the approved methodology, the DOE shall assess the list of identified credible alternatives to the project activity in the JOINT VCS PD & MR selected to determine the most realistic baseline scenario.” Thus, JOINT VCS PD & MR should mention the credible alternatives to the project activity in order to determine the most realistic baseline scenario. As the selected large-scale methodology clearly mention the baseline scenario and the same has been opted in this project, therefore, no further analysis on baseline is required.

Validation Team, therefore, concludes that the JOINT VCS PD & MR conforms to the guidance given by EB via CDM Validation and Verification Standard for project activities version 01 and VCS via VCS standard version 3.7.

The project activity involves setting up of solar/wind projects to harness the power of sun and wind to produce electricity and supply to the grid. In the absence of the project activity, the equivalent amount of power would have been supplied by the Indian grid, which is fed mainly by fossil fuel fired plants.

In the absence of the project activity, the equivalent amount of power would have been drawn from the Indian grid. Hence, the baseline for the project activity is the equivalent amount of power from the Indian grid.

The combined margin ( $EF_{grid,CM,y}$ ) is the result of a weighted average of two emission factor pertaining to the electricity system: the operating margin (OM) and build margin (BM). Calculations for this combined margin must be based on data from an official source (where available) and made publically available. The Central electricity authority (=CEA) database version 12 is the latest available data at the time of JOINT VCS PD & MR submission to DOE for validation, hence same is considered for emission factor calculations.

The combined margin of the Indian grid used for the project activity is as follows:

Parameter	Value	Nomenclature	Source
$EF_{grid,CM,y}$	0.9653 tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh	Combined margin CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for the project electricity system in year y	Calculated as the weighted average of the operating margin (0.75) & build margin (0.25) values, sourced from Baseline CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Database, Version 12.0, May 2017 published by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Government of India
$EF_{grid,OM,y}$	0.9843 tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh	Operating margin CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for the project electricity system in year y	Calculated as the last 3 year (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) generation-weighted average, sourced from Baseline CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Database, Version 12.0, May 2017 published by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Government of India
$EF_{grid,BM,y}$	0.9083 tCO <sub>2</sub> /MWh	Build margin CO <sub>2</sub> emission factor for the project electricity system in year y	Baseline CO <sub>2</sub> Emission Database, Version 12.0, May 2017 published by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Government of India

Moreover, Annex 3 of the EB 22 states that national and/or sectoral policies and circumstances have to be accounted for when considering the baseline scenario. Paragraph 7(a) states that, only those national and/or sectoral policies or regulations under paragraph 6(a), i.e., type E+ policy that increase GHG emissions, that have been implemented before adoption of the Kyoto Protocol by the COP (decision 1/CP.3, 11/12/1997), shall be taken into account when developing a baseline scenario. The Electricity Act of 2003 promoted cogeneration and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy by providing suitable measures for connectivity with the grid and sale of electricity (Refer Section 86(1) of Electricity Act 2003). Therefore, it could be seen that the provincial and sectoral policies are E- i.e., policies that decrease GHG emissions and are after November 2001. Hence the baseline scenario of electricity generation by grid connected fossil fuel dominated power plants is in accordance with Annex 3 of EB 22.

Assessment team thus confirmed that baseline is selected as per the applied methodology and combined margin is calculated as per the tool and thus acceptable to the assessment team.

**3.3.5 Additionality**

During conceptualization of the project activity, board of directors of the project proponents considered the VCS revenue to improve the project financials. During the board meeting for board of Directors decided that they would consider VCS revenue for their project activity. In continuation to the board decision, PP issued the respective purchase order for the supply of Solar Panels/WTGs. The detail of project commission is as follows:

Capacity in MW	Commissioning Date	State	Usage
50 MW	10/08/2016	Andhra Pradesh	Sale to State Utility
260 MW	08/03/2017	Rajasthan	
250 MW	06/06/2017	Madhya Pradesh	
50 MW	10/11/2017	Gujarat	

**Step 0:** Demonstration whether the proposed project activity is the first-of-its-kind

The proposed project activity is not the first-of-its-kind. Hence not applicable.

**Step 1:** Identification of alternatives to the project activity consistent with current laws and regulations

Alternative 1: The proposed project activity without VCS benefit;

Alternative 2: Continuation of the current situation, i.e., electricity will continue to be generated by the existing generation mix operating in the grid.

Having regard to the fact that the project activity under consideration is a solar / wind power project validation team is convinced that there are no other realistic and credible alternatives. Both the alternatives are in compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements as;

- the implementation of project activity is a voluntary initiative and is not mandatory or a legal requirement;
- the applicable environmental regulations do not restrict the use of solar /wind energy; and

- There is no legal requirement on the choice of a particular technology.

Assessment team noted that the project fulfils the norms put down by Central Pollution Control Board. As per Central Pollution Control Board (Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India), final document on revised classification of Industrial Sectors under Red, Orange, Green and White Categories (29/02/2016).

Being a renewable power project it falls under the category of White and thus these projects do not need clearance for Consent to operate and only needs to inform the relative State pollution control board. The same is done for the project and thus it can be confirmed that it follows the local laws of the host country.

However, of the two alternatives identified, alternative (i) cannot be considered realistic as further analysis in the following paragraph reveals that it is not economically feasible option. Hence, alternative (ii) alone could be justified as realistic, credible and plausible alternative to the PP.

Validation team is, therefore, convinced that the project developer has taken into consideration all realistic and credible alternatives (having regard to the governing methodologies) including the project being undertaken as a non-VCS activity and continuation of current scenario. The identification of alternatives is in conformity with the guidance given by the tool.

Outcome of Sub-step 1a: All the realistic alternatives for the project activity have been enlisted above.

Sub-step 1b: Consistency with mandatory laws and regulations:

The alternative(s) shall be in compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements, even if these laws and regulations have objectives other than GHG reductions, e.g. to mitigate local air pollution. (This sub-step does not consider national and local policies that do not have legally-binding status.)

Both the alternatives are in compliance with all applicable legal and regulatory requirements as;

- the implementation of project activity is a voluntary initiative and is not mandatory or a legal requirement;
- the applicable environmental regulations do not restrict the use of solar /wind energy; and
- There is no legal requirement on the choice of a particular technology.

Moreover, Outcome of Sub-step 1b: Hence, both the alternatives enlisted above are found to comply with the mandatory laws and regulations taking into account the enforcement of the legislations in the region or country and EB decisions on national and/or sectoral policies and regulations. However, Alternative 2 has been selected as the appropriate baseline alternative for this project activity.

Step 2: Investment analysis

Determine whether the proposed project activity is economically or financially less attractive than at least one other alternative, identified in step 1, without the revenue from the sale of emission reductions credits. To conduct the investment analysis, use the following sub-steps:

Sub-step 2a: Determine appropriate analysis method and Sub-step 2b (Option III): Apply benchmark analysis

a) Suitability of investment analysis, financial indicator and benchmark:

Project developer had demonstrated that the financial returns of the proposed VCS project activity would be insufficient to justify the required capital investment as per CDM Validation and Verification Standard

for project activities version 01.0. In the Initial Joint VCS PD & MR version 01. PP has adopted a conservative approach to identify the benchmark for the project activity. The project is earning revenue from the installation of the project activity. Thus simple cost analysis (Option I) is not appropriate. Also in the absence of the project activity grid electricity would have been the obvious choice for the Project which requires no investment. Hence investment comparison analysis (Option II) is also not appropriate for the project activity. Therefore, benchmark analysis (Option III) is used for the project activity as per project type and decision-making context. Therefore, the Expected return on equity is considered appropriate benchmark. Accordingly, the post-tax Equity IRR has been considered as the relevant financial indicator for the project activity which is acceptable to the assessment team. Moreover, the financial indicator selected by the PP is correct based on the fact that tool do not restrict the PP to either use project IRR or Equity IRR. This is under the prerogative of the PP to select appropriate indicator based on his preferences to know the IRR based on his equity investment or debt investment. The same is thus acceptable to the assessment team. Assessment team however checked the Equity IRR calculation and found that input assumptions used for the calculation of Equity IRR are applicable at the time of investment decision of the project and thus is in accordance with the relevant guideline of the tool.

As per EB 85 Annex 12, "In situations where an investment analysis is carried out in nominal terms and the available IRR benchmarks are in real terms, project participants shall convert the real term values of benchmarks to nominal values by adding the inflation rate. The inflation rate shall be obtained from the inflation forecast of the central bank of the host country for the duration of the crediting period. If this information is not available, the target inflation rate of the central bank shall be used. If this information is also not available, then the average forecasted inflation rate for the host country published by the IMF (International Monetary Fund World Economic Outlook) or the World Bank for the next five years after the start of the project activity shall be used".

The investment analysis has been carried out in Nominal terms. Accordingly, default value has been adjusted by adding suitable forecasted inflation rate taken from RBI (Central Bank, India). PROJECT OWNERS have calculated Benchmark based on WPI mean inflation rate. As per Para 7 of appendix A of EB 85, Annex 12, the inflation forecast should be for the duration of the crediting period. However, since RBI provides forecast inflation only for 5 & 10 years, the project investor has calculated benchmark using 10 years durations and the same is considered as Benchmark for the project activity.

As per para 20 of EB 85, Annex 12 the cost of equity is determined by selecting the values provided in the Appendix, i.e. Default values for cost of equity (expected return on equity) is presented below:

Appendix A in EB 85, Annex 12 specifies default value of expected return on equity in real terms for Energy Industries (Group 1) in India = 11.10%

The Required return on equity (benchmark) was computed in the following manner:

$$\text{Nominal Benchmark}^8 = \{(1+\text{Real Benchmark}) \times (1+\text{Inflation rate})\} - 1$$

Where:

- Default value for Real Benchmark = 11.10% (as per Appendix of EB 85, Annex 12)

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<sup>8</sup> As per Fisher Equation, [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisher\\_equation](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fisher_equation)

- Inflation Rate forecast by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) (i.e. Central Bank of India) for India & in case where RBI Inflation forecast was not available, average Inflation rate forecast for India has been sourced from IMF web site.

**Benchmark estimation:**

**(i) For the 50 MW Solar Project by M/s. NTPC Limited at Anantapur**

Appendix in EB 85, Annex 12 specifies default value of expected return on equity in real terms for Energy Industries (Group 1) in India = **11.10%**

Inflation Forecast for India as per RBI website<sup>9</sup>:

Since RBI publishes the inflation forecast for 5 years and 10 years, PP has considered the maximum 10 year inflation considering the renewable crediting period of total 30 years.

Benchmark Calculations	Value	Sources Link	Document Date	Decision making Date
Default Value for India as per UNFCCC guidelines	<b>11.10%</b>	EB 85 Annex 12	24/07/2015	05/02/2015
Inflation forecast (WPI Mean) as per RBI for 10yrs	<b>4.10%</b>	<a href="https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16202">https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16202</a>	03/02/2015	
Benchmark (with 10yrs Forecast)	<b>15.66%</b>	Calculated		

Thus benchmark of **15.66%** has been selected for this project activity.

**(ii) For the 260 MW Solar Project by M/s. NTPC Limited at Bhadla, Rajasthan**

Appendix in EB 85, Annex 12 specifies default value of expected return on equity in real terms for Energy Industries (Group 1) in India = **11.10%**

Inflation Forecast for India as per RBI website<sup>10</sup>:

Since RBI publishes the inflation forecast for 5 years and 10 years, PP has considered the maximum 10 year inflation considering the renewable crediting period of total 30 years.

Benchmark Calculations	Value	Sources Link	Document Date	Decision making Date
Default Value for India as per UNFCCC guidelines	<b>11.10%</b>	EB 85 Annex 12	24/07/2015	20/02/2016

<sup>9</sup> <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16202>

<sup>10</sup> <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16731>

Inflation forecast (WPI Mean) as per RBI for 10yrs	<b>3.60%</b>	<a href="https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16731">https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16731</a>	05/02/2016
Benchmark (with 10yrs Forecast)	<b>15.10%</b>	Calculated	

Thus benchmark of **15.10%** has been selected for this project activity.

### (iii) For the 250 MW Solar Project by M/s. NTPC Limited at Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh

Appendix in EB 85, Annex 12 specifies default value of expected return on equity in real terms for Energy Industries (Group 1) in India = **11.10%**

Inflation Forecast for India as per RBI website<sup>11</sup>:

Since RBI publishes the inflation forecast for 5 years and 10 years, PP has considered the maximum 10 year inflation considering the renewable crediting period of total 30 years.

Benchmark Calculations	Value	Sources Link	Document Date	Decision making Date
Default Value for India as per UNFCCC guidelines	<b>11.10%</b>	EB 85 Annex 12	24/07/2015	10/03/2016
Inflation forecast (WPI Mean) as per RBI for 10yrs	<b>3.60%</b>	<a href="https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16731">https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16731</a>	05/02/2016	
Benchmark (with 10yrs Forecast)	<b>15.10%</b>	Calculated		

Thus benchmark of **15.10%** has been selected for this project activity.

### (iv) For the 50 MW Wind Project by M/s. NTPC Limited at Rojmal, Gujarat

Appendix in EB 85, Annex 12 specifies default value of expected return on equity in real terms for Energy Industries (Group 1) in India = **11.10%**

Inflation Forecast for India as per RBI website<sup>12</sup>:

Since RBI publishes the inflation forecast for 5 years and 10 years, PP has considered the maximum 10 year inflation considering the renewable crediting period of total 30 years.

Benchmark Calculations	Value	Sources Link	Document Date	Decision making Date
Default Value for	<b>11.10%</b>	EB 85 Annex 12	24/07/2015	21/11/2016

<sup>11</sup> <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=16731>

<sup>12</sup> <https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=17390>

India as per UNFCCC guidelines			
Inflation forecast (WPI Mean) as per RBI for 10yrs	<b>3.98%</b>	<a href="https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=17390">https://rbi.org.in/Scripts/PublicationsView.aspx?id=17390</a>	04/10/2016
Benchmark (with 10yrs Forecast)	<b>15.52%</b>	Calculated	

Thus benchmark of **15.52%** has been selected for this project activity.

**b) Parameters and assumptions used:**

The project activity is a renewable source of electricity generation and supplies the electricity to the INDIAN Electricity grid. The key parameters which determine the Equity IRR of the project activity are project cost, PLF and profitability estimates.

In the revised Joint VCS PD & MR version 02, the project cost is based on the DPR (=Detailed project report / Feasibility Study). The details of the DPR report are as below:

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	Project Cost (In Million)	DPR Date
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	3,368.97	12/01/2015
Rajasthan		260 MW	15,420.10	10/02/2016
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	14,547.70	01/03/2016
Gujarat		50 MW	3,161.88	10/11/2016

**Actual Project cost as per Purchase Order**

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	Project Cost (In Million)	PO Date
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	3,096.59	20/05/2015
Rajasthan		260 MW	13,935.25	31/03/2016
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	13,429.99	31/03/2016
Gujarat		50 MW	3,100.00	05/12/2016

DPR report has been submitted to validation team. The DPR were available during decision making and financial profitability of the project was decided based on this DPR. Validation team checked the DPR of the project activity and found that consideration of the project cost in revised Joint VCS PD & MR version 02 is correct and it is in line with Appendix of EB85, Annex 12 as well as in compliance to CDM Validation and Verification Standard for project activities version 01. Hence, the project cost consideration is justified. Assessment team checked the actual project cost and still the project do not breach the benchmark. The sensitivity analysis below confirms the same. Since the actual cost is considered there is no way the cost can go up and thus the same is assessed to be correct.

In India, infrastructure projects are generally entitled to a debt equity ratio of 70:30. However, depending on the relationship of the client with the bank, its credit rating and collaterals offered, banks consider higher debt equity ratio also. The debt equity ratio for the project is 70:30. Assessment team checked the order for the respective state regarding ratio of debt and equity which was available at the time of

investment decision and found that the ratio of Debt to equity was considered correctly for the present validation condition.

The profitability of the project, which forms the basis for IRR calculation is based on installed capacity, PLF, electricity tariff, O&M cost, depreciation and taxation.

c) Assessment of Plant Load Factor (PLF):

PP considered the Plant load factor from a third party engineering company/DPR, for expected electricity generation estimation. They are contracted by the PPs for this project. PP has submitted the copies of the PLFs estimation report to the assessment team.

The details are as below:

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	PLF (%)= 3 <sup>rd</sup> party engineering company	DPR Date
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	18.13%	12/01/2015
Rajasthan		260 MW	18.64%	10/02/2016
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	18.11%	01/03/2016
Gujarat		50 MW	28.99%	10/11/2016

PLF estimation in DPR is in line with Para 3 (b) Annex 11, EB 48 and acceptable to the assessment team. The decay factor for IRR calculation is sourced from DPR which was available to the PP at the time of investment decision. Hence the value is considered correct.

D) Assessment of Electricity Tariff:

Tariff rate as per actual PPA and SERC (= State Electricity regulatory commission)/DPR

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Tariff Rate (as per SERC/DPR)	Tariff Rate (as per PPA)	PPA Date
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	6.16	6.16	24/04/2015
Rajasthan		5.0	5.0	31/03/2016
Madhya Pradesh		5.0	5.0	30/03/2016
Gujarat		4.19	4.19	03/12/2016

Validation team assessed the tariff and found that same value was available during decision making and in conformity with guidance Appendix of EB 85, Annex 12. Furthermore, assessment team has also checked the actual tariff in the power purchase agreement signed for further substantiation as these values are available during the validation stage. The values as considered for the financial additionality determination are same as the values mentioned in power purchase agreement.

e) Assessment of O& M cost:

PP considered the O&M cost from the DPR. The details are as below:

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	O&M (In Million) (Without tax)	DPR Date
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	62.50	12/01/2015
Rajasthan		260 MW	299.00	10/02/2016
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	237.50	01/03/2016
Gujarat		50 MW	77.50	10/11/2016

The actual O&M agreements were also signed for individual PP and the values are mentioned in the below table. The IRR is still below the benchmark.

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	O&M (In Million) (Without tax)	PO Date
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	32.60	20/05/2015
Rajasthan		260 MW	139.64	31/03/2016
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	134.36	31/03/2016
Gujarat		50 MW	75.90	05/12/2016

The DPR has been used in the financial calculation as same was available during decision making and hence applicable. According to Appendix of EB 85, Annex 12, the cost should be based on the input parameters available at the time of decision making and the PP has submitted DPR supporting this consideration. Therefore, considering the above assessment, validation team concluded that the O&M cost considered from respective DPR in the computation of financial indicator is in conformity with guidance Appendix of EB92, Annex 5.

**F) Assessment of Tax computation:**

The project developer has adopted book depreciation rates as per Schedule XIV of the Companies Act, 1956 for computing book profit and Income Tax Act 1961 stipulated for income tax calculation, which are in conformity with the accepted accounting principles adopted by the company and income tax laws in the host country. The block of assets has been computed for depreciation purpose as per the accepted accounting principles. Tax liability has been calculated as per the income tax rules and the rulings given. In computing the income tax liability, the project developers have considered Tax holiday (u/s 80IA of the Income Tax Act, 1961). Accelerated depreciation on plant and machinery is also sourced from IT act. The tax rates assumed corresponds to the tax rate prevailing at the time of taking decision (conformity to Appendix of EB85, Annex 12). Hence, these assumptions are appropriate during decision making context.

**g) Cross checking parameters:**

<b>Name of the parameter</b>	DOE assessment			
<b>Project Cost</b>	The details of the proposed project activity are given below.			
	<b>Name of the Investor/Owner</b>	<b>Project Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>Project Cost (In Million)</b>	<b>Project cost in Million per MW</b>
	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	3,368.97	67.38
260 MW		15,420.10	59.31	

	250 MW	14,547.70	58.19
	50 MW	3,161.88	63.24

The project cost has been considered from Feasibility Report and was available at the time decision made for the project activity.

The DOE has also checked the actual cost of the each project site from the PO and found that, the reduction in project cost is within the range of sensitivity analysis. Since the comparison is done with actual project cost and hence, decrease of the same in future is not possible. Thus, the project activity is additional with actual project cost.

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	Project Cost (In Million)- Actual from PO	Project Cost (In Million) per MW- Actual from PO
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	3,096.59	61.93
Rajasthan		260 MW	13935.25	53.60
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	13,429.99	53.17
Gujarat		50 MW	3,100.00	62.00

The difference in actual project cost for different project site is due to time difference, manufacturer, different EPC contractor, negotiation skills of individual PP etc.

The assessment team also checked the respective state tariff orders and found that project cost considered for project is found to be appropriate.

Based on sectoral scope expert and local knowledge, the project cost considered as per feasibility report for the proposed project activity is found to be appropriate for wind/solar projects. Also since the actual cost is available to DOE and IRR is still within benchmark and thus the same is acceptable.

The IRR as per the assumption from the Feasibility Report is as follows:

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	Project Cost (In Million)	IRR	Benchmark
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	3,368.97	9.60%	15.66%
Rajasthan		260 MW	15,420.10	7.48%	15.10%
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	14,547.70	8.10%	15.10%
Gujarat		50 MW	3,161.88	9.62%	15.52%

The IRR as per the actual project cost is defined as below:

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	Actual project cost as per the PO	IRR	Benchmark
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	3,096.59	12.86%	15.66%
Rajasthan		260 MW	13935.25	10.94%	15.10%
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	13,429.99	10.79%	15.10%

	Gujarat		50 MW	3,100.00	10.03%	15.52%
	As described above actual project cost with benchmark, the project is still additional. Since the comparison is done with actual project cost, the decrease of the same in future is not possible. Thus assessment team is of the opinion that project is still additional with the consideration of actual project cost for the project activity.					
<b>O&amp;M cost and Escalation in the operational expense =5(%)- Standard practice in India</b>	The details of the proposed project activity are given below.					
	<b>Name of the Investor/Owner</b>		<b>Project Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>O&amp;M (In Million)</b>		
	M/s. NTPC Limited		50 MW	62.50		
			260 MW	299.00		
			250 MW	237.50		
50 MW			77.50			
The O&M cost has been considered from Feasibility Report and was available at the time decision made for the project activity. The DOE has also checked the actual O&M contract for each project site and found the changes in O&M cost is within threshold limit. Thus the project activity is additional with actual O&M cost.						
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Name of the Investor/Owner</b>	<b>Project Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>O&amp;M (In Million) (Without tax)- Actual</b>			
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	32.60			
Rajasthan		260 MW	139.64			
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	134.36			
Gujarat		50 MW	75.90			
The assessment team also checked the respective state tariff orders and found that O&M cost and its escalation considered for project is found to be appropriate. IRR value as per the assumptions from the Feasibility Report is as below:						
<b>Name of the Investor/Owner</b>	<b>Project Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>O&amp;M (In Million)</b>	<b>IRR</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>		
M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	62.50	9.60%	15.66%		
	260 MW	299.00	7.48%	15.10%		
	250 MW	237.50	8.10%	15.10%		
	50 MW	77.50	9.62%	15.52%		
IRR value based on the actual O&M agreements signed is as below:						
<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Name of the Investor/Owner</b>	<b>Project Capacity (MW)</b>	<b>O&amp;M (In Million) (Without tax)- Actual</b>	<b>IRR</b>	<b>Benchmark</b>	
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	32.60	14.12%	15.66%	
Rajasthan		260 MW	139.64	12.73%	15.10%	

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Sensitivity analysis:

The Guidance on Appendix of EB 85 Annex 12 requires the robustness of the conclusion arrived at to be proved through a sensitivity analysis by varying the critical assumptions to a reasonable variation. The project developer has identified Plant Load Factor (PLF), Project cost, Electricity tariff and O&M cost as critical assumptions. These critical parameters constitute more than 20% of either total project costs or total project revenues. The sensitivity analysis reveals that even under more favourable conditions, the IRR without CDM revenue would not cross the benchmark return as given in the following table:

**Sensitivity Analysis for 50 MW Solar Project by M/s. NTPC Limited at Anantapur**

Sensitivity Analysis	Equity IRR				
	Variation %	-10%	Normal	10%	Breaching Value
PLF		6.12%	9.60%	14.91%	11.48%
O&M		11.20%	9.60%	9.35%	-63.92%
Project Cost		14.36%	9.60%	7.30%	-12.57%
Tariff Rate		6.12%	9.60%	14.91%	11.48%

**Sensitivity Analysis for 260 MW Solar Project by M/s. NTPC Limited at Bhadla, Rajasthan**

Sensitivity Analysis	Equity IRR				
	Variation %	-10%	Normal	10%	Breaching Value
PLF		3.67%	7.48%	11.85%	17.06%
O&M		8.45%	7.48%	6.49%	-79.40%
Project Cost		11.09%	7.48%	4.97%	-18.43%
Tariff Rate		3.67%	7.48%	11.85%	17.06%

**Sensitivity Analysis for 250 MW Solar Project by M/s. NTPC Limited at Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh**

Sensitivity Analysis	Equity IRR				
	Variation %	-10%	Normal	10%	Breaching Value
PLF		6.19%	8.10%	14.79%	10.71%
O&M		11.21%	8.10%	9.48%	-61.09%
Project Cost		14.23%	8.10%	7.37%	-11.82%
Tariff Rate		6.19%	8.10%	14.79%	10.71%

**Sensitivity Analysis for 50 MW Wind Project by M/s. NTPC Limited at Rojmal, Gujarat**

Sensitivity Analysis	Equity IRR			
	Variation %	-10%	Normal	10%
PLF	7.02%	9.62%	12.25%	21.87%
O&M	10.29%	9.62%	8.93%	-100.61%
Project Cost	11.91%	9.62%	7.85%	-21.18%
Tariff Rate	7.02%	9.62%	12.20%	22.58%

The results of sensitivity analysis show that even with a variation of +10% & -10% in project cost, O&M cost, PLF and Tariff Rate Equity IRR is significantly lower than the benchmark. And it is evident from the results given above; the project remains additional even under the most favourable conditions.

**Assessment team also confirmed the breaching values for individual parameters (=Individual project owners) and thus confirms that the project is still additional**

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	PLF in DPR	Tariff order PLF	Variation in PLF	Breaching Value for PLF
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	18.13%	19%	5%	11.48%
Rajasthan		260 MW	18.64%	19%	2%	17.06%
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	18.11%	19%	5%	10.71%
Gujarat		50 MW	28.99%	24.5%	18%	21.87%

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	DPR Cost	Actual Cost from PO	Variation in project cost	Breaching value for Project Cost
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	3,368.97	3,096.59	-8%	-12.57%
Rajasthan		260 MW	15,420.10	13935.25	-10%	-18.43%
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	14,547.70	13,429.99	-8%	-11.82%
Gujarat		50 MW	3,161.88	3,100.00	-2%	-21.18%

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	DPR Tariff	PPA Tariff	Variation in Tariff	Breaching value in Tariff Rate
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	6.16	6.16	0%	11.48%
Rajasthan		260 MW	5.0	5.0	0%	17.06%
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	5.0	5.0	0%	10.71%
Gujarat		50 MW	4.19	4.19	0%	22.58%

Site Name	Name of the Investor/Owner	Project Capacity (MW)	DPR O&M cost / MW	Actual O&M cost/MW	Variation in O&M	Breaching value in O&M
Andhra Pradesh	M/s. NTPC Limited	50 MW	1.25	0.65	-48%	-63.92%
Rajasthan		260 MW	1.15	0.53	-53%	-79.40%
Madhya Pradesh		250 MW	0.95	0.53	-43%	-61.09%
Gujarat		50 MW	1.55	1.51	-2%	-100.61

**Common Practice analysis:**

The common practice analysis is proved by following points as per the requirement of Methodological tool “Common Practice”, version 03.1 EB84, Annex 7<sup>13</sup>:

1. Applicable Geographical Area (Para 9): The Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan states have been considered as the applicable geographical area for this project. PP had considered the state of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan states as geographical area due to regulatory regime since applicable power tariff structure for renewable energy projects is unique for all the states across national boundary of India; which is based on Electricity Act 2003 (EA 2003), section 82 which clearly mentions “Every State Government shall, within six months from the appointed date, by notification, constitute for the purposes of this Act, a Commission for the State to be known as the (name of the State) Electricity Regulatory Commission” Appropriateness of the same has been checked and confirmed from EA 2003 (<http://www.cercind.gov.in/08022007/Act-with-amendment.pdf/40/>).

Furthermore, following significant points on the State specific policy & regulatory framework on the renewable energy projects with special emphasis to solar /wind power projects have been validated:

- Electricity Act 2003 (EA 2003) has changed the legal and regulatory framework for the renewable energy sector in India. The EA 2003 mandates policy formulation to promote renewable sources of energy by the federal government, the State governments and the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions (=SERCs) within their jurisdictions.
- The Electricity Act 2003 introduced some enabling provisions conducive to accelerated development of grid connected renewable energy sources. Under Section 61(h), promotion of cogeneration and generation of electricity from renewable sources of energy has been made the explicit responsibility of SERCs, which are bound by law to take these considerations into account while drafting their terms and conditions for tariff regulations. Nearly all SERCs have issued their tariff regulations incorporating suitable clauses, which will enable them to provide a preferential treatment to renewable energy (RE) during the tariff determination process. The SERCs determine the tariff for all renewable energy projects across the States, and the state-owned power Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) ensure grid connectivity to the renewable energy project sites.
- EA 2003 has initiated the adoption of the National Tariff Policy, 2006 as one of the key policies, National Tariff Policy (2006) framed under the Section 3 of the EA 2003. As per the excerpt from National Tariff Policy, 2006; pursuant to provisions of section 86(1)(e) of the EA 2003, the Appropriate Commission shall fix a minimum percentage for purchase of energy from such sources taking into account availability of such resources in the region and its impact on retail tariffs. Such percentage for purchase of energy should be made applicable for the tariffs to be determined by the SERCs latest by 01/04/2006.
- As mandated under section 86(1)(e) of the Electricity Act (2003), by 26/06/2012 SERCs had fixed quotas (in terms of % of electricity being handled by the power utility) to procure power from renewable energy sources. The mandate, which is called a Renewable Purchase Specification

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<sup>13</sup><https://cdm.unfccc.int/methodologies/PAmethodologies/tools/am-tool-24-v1.pdf>

(RPS), varies from 0.5% to 14% in various states over varying time-scales. Few states have come out with technology specific RPSs. Besides, the state regulators determine the tariff for all RE projects in the states and ensure connectivity to the grid through extension of power evacuation from the RE project sites.

- At present thirteen SERCs have declared preferential feed-in tariffs (FITs) for purchase of electricity generated from solar /wind power projects established in respective states, which varies from state to state in India. All the SERCs have adopted a 'cost plus' methodology to fix the feed-in tariff, which varies across the states depending upon the state resources, project cost and more importantly the tariff regulations of SERCs. Solar/wind power related tariff policies in different states also has difference in regulatory and policy incentives. Several states have implemented fiscal and financial incentives for renewable energy generation, including; energy buy back (i.e. a guarantee from an electricity company that they will buy the renewable power produced); preferential grid connection and transportation charges and electricity tax exemptions.

Therefore the investment climate for the renewable energy projects varies from State to State within India due to state specific local policy & regulatory framework as outlined by the State Electricity Regulatory Commissions of the respective state. This difference in investment condition leads to essential distinction among solar/wind energy projects between different States of the host country India.

Thus, the specific geographical area i.e. state of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat and Rajasthan states for the common practice analysis of the proposed project activity is considered and thus the same is acceptable to the assessment team.

2. Measure (Para 10): The project activity reduces greenhouse gas emissions by generating electricity using renewable energy source-solar & wind. Therefore, the project activity falls under the following measure:

(b) Switch of technology with or without change of energy source including energy efficiency improvement as well as use of renewable energies.

3. Output (Para 11): The project activity produces electricity. Therefore, electricity is considered as output of the project activity.
4. Different Technologies (Para 12): The project activity uses solar & wind energy for producing electricity and hence as per Para 12(a), the technologies which use energy source/ fuel other than solar/wind will be considered as the different technologies for the project activity.

The step wise approach to provide common practice analysis as per the guideline is as follows:

Stepwise approach for common practice analysis has been carried out as per Methodological tool "Common Practice", version 03.1 EB84, Annex 7:

For the concerned project activity, Common Practice Analysis has been carried out for 560 MW capacity Solar PV Project developed by **M/s. NTPC Limited**.

Stepwise approach for common practice analysis has been carried out as per Methodological tool "Common Practice", version 03.1 EB 84, Annex 7:

**Step (1):** Calculate applicable capacity or output range as +/-50% of the total design capacity or output of the proposed project activity.

Range	Capacity	Unit
+50%	840	MW
Capacity of the proposed project activity	560	MW
-50%	280	MW

**Step (2):** Identify similar projects (both CDM and non-CDM) which fulfil all of the following conditions:

- (a) The projects are located in the applicable geographical area;
- (b) The projects apply the same measure as the proposed project activity;
- (c) The projects use the same energy source/fuel and feedstock as the proposed project activity, if a technology switch measure is implemented by the proposed project activity;
- (d) The plants in which the projects are implemented produce goods or services with comparable quality, properties and applications areas (e.g. clinker) as the proposed project plant;
- (e) The capacity or output of the projects is within the applicable capacity or output range calculated in Step 1;
- (f) The projects started commercial operation before the project design document (CDM-PDD) is published for global stakeholder consultation or before the start date of proposed project activity, whichever is earlier for the proposed project activity.

Identification of the similar projects (CDM and non-CDM) is carried out as per sub-steps of Step (2) as follows:

- a) As the projects are located in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan states of India, therefore, projects in the geographical area of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan have been chosen for analysis. The project activity involves generation of electricity from solar energy. The project activity are located in the states of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan in India and the policy applicable for the solar projects is regulated by respective state policy. The policies/tariff for each state is regulated by State Electricity Regulatory Commissions of respective states and they differ for respective states. The project implemented in Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan state is claimed as different since the policies and regulations differ in each state. Each state have different policies regarding renewable energy, hence Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan states are considered as geographical region for common practise analysis.
- b) The project activity is a green-field solar power project and uses measure (b) “Switch of technology with or without change of energy source including energy efficiency improvement as well as use of renewable energies”. Therefore, projects applying same measure (b) are candidates for similar projects.
- c) The energy source used by the project activity is solar. Hence, only solar energy projects have been considered for analysis.

d) The project activity produces electricity; therefore, all power plants that produce electricity are candidates for similar projects.

e) The capacity range of the projects is within the applicable capacity range from 280 MW to 840 MW.

f) The start date of the concerned project activity is 10-August-2016. Therefore projects, which have started commercial operation before 10-August-2016, have been considered for analysis.

Numbers of Similar projects identified, which fulfil above-mentioned conditioned are

**$N_{\text{solar}} = 0$**

**Step (3):** Within the projects identified in Step 2, identify those that are neither registered CDM project activities, project activities submitted for registration, nor project activities undergoing validation. Note their number  $N_{\text{all}}$ .

CDM project activities, which have got registered or are under validation have been excluded in this step. The list of the power plants identified is provided to the DOE. After excluding the registered and under validation projects the total number of projects.

**$N_{\text{all}} = 0$**

**Step (4):** Within similar projects identified in Step 3, identify those that apply technologies that are different to the technology applied in the proposed project activity. Note their number  $N_{\text{diff}}$ .

As per the tool on Common Practice, the project activities have been separated from the different technologies on the basis two criteria:

1. Size of Installation – Since project activity is large scale project, small and micro scale projects are considered as different technology project. Based on this criteria, there are no any different technology project out of similar identified projects.

2. Investment climate on the date of the investment decision – The solar projects developed under different phases and different batches of National Solar Mission (NSM) can considered as different technology projects. For proposed project activity, there are no any different technology project considered out of similar identified projects.

Hence, projects where either of the conditions is satisfied those projects are counted for calculating  $N_{\text{diff}}$  projects.

**$N_{\text{diff}} = 0$**

**Step (5):** Calculate factor  $F = 1 - N_{\text{diff}}/N_{\text{all}}$  representing the share of similar projects (penetration rate of the measure/technology) using a measure/technology similar to the measure/technology used in the proposed project activity that deliver the same output or capacity as the proposed project activity.

Calculate  $F = 1 - N_{\text{diff}}/N_{\text{all}}$

$$F = 1 - (0/0) = 1$$

As per methodological tool “common practise” version 03.1, the proposed project activity is a “common practice” within a sector in the applicable geographical area if the factor F is greater than 0.2 and  $N_{all} - N_{diff}$  is greater than 3.

Thus if both conditions are fulfilled, then project activity will be a common practise otherwise, the project activity is treated as not a common practise.

**Outcome of Common Practise analysis:**

As,

- i.  $F = 1$ ; is greater than 0.2
- ii.  $N_{all} - N_{diff} = 0$ ; is not greater than 3

The project activity does not satisfy second condition. Hence, project activity is not a common practice.

The above discussions show that solar power component of the project activity is not a common practice and the solar power component of project activity is not financially attractive; hence the project activity is additional.

For the concerned project activity, Common Practice Analysis has been carried out for 50 MW capacity Wind Power Project at Gujarat which is developed by **M/s. NTPC Limited**.

Stepwise approach for common practice analysis has been carried out as per Methodological tool “Common Practice”, version 03.1 EB 84, Annex 7:

**Step (1):** Calculate applicable capacity or output range as +/-50% of the total design capacity or output of the proposed project activity.

Range	Capacity	Unit
+50%	75	MW
Capacity of the proposed project activity	50	MW
-50%	25	MW

**Step (2):** Identify similar projects (both CDM and non-CDM) which fulfil all of the following conditions:

- (a) The projects are located in the applicable geographical area;
- (b) The projects apply the same measure as the proposed project activity;
- (c) The projects use the same energy source/fuel and feedstock as the proposed project activity, if a technology switch measure is implemented by the proposed project activity;
- (d) The plants in which the projects are implemented produce goods or services with comparable quality, properties and applications areas (e.g. clinker) as the proposed project plant;
- (e) The capacity or output of the projects is within the applicable capacity or output range calculated in Step 1;

(f) The projects started commercial operation before the project design document (CDM-PDD) is published for global stakeholder consultation or before the start date of proposed project activity, whichever is earlier for the proposed project activity.

Identification of the similar projects (CDM and non-CDM) is carried out as per sub-steps of Step (2) as follows:

a) As the projects are located in Gujarat state of India, therefore, projects in the geographical area of Gujarat has been chosen for analysis. The project activity involves generation of electricity from solar energy. The project activity is located in the state of Gujarat in India and the policy applicable for the solar projects is regulated by respective state policy. The policies/tariff for each state is regulated by State Electricity Regulatory Commissions of respective states and they differ for respective states. The project implemented in Gujarat state is claimed as different since the policies and regulations differ in each state. Each state has different policies regarding renewable energy, hence Gujarat state is considered as geographical region for common practise analysis.

b) The project activity is a green-field solar power project and uses measure (b) "Switch of technology with or without change of energy source including energy efficiency improvement as well as use of renewable energies". Therefore, projects applying same measure (b) are candidates for similar projects.

c) The energy source used by the project activity is solar. Hence, only solar energy projects have been considered for analysis.

d) The project activity produces electricity; therefore, all power plants that produce electricity are candidates for similar projects.

e) The capacity range of the projects is within the applicable capacity range from 25 MW to 75 MW.

f) The start date of the concerned project activity is 10-November-2017. Therefore projects, which have started commercial operation before 10-November-2017, have been considered for analysis.

Numbers of Similar projects identified, which fulfil above-mentioned conditioned are

**$N_{wind} = 14$**

**Step (3):** Within the projects identified in Step 2, identify those that are neither registered CDM project activities, project activities submitted for registration, nor project activities undergoing validation. Note their number  $N_{all}$ .

CDM project activities, which have got registered or are under validation have been excluded in this step. The list of the power plants identified is provided to the DOE. After excluding the registered and under validation projects the total number of projects.

**$N_{all} = 2$**

**Step (4):** Within similar projects identified in Step 3, identify those that apply technologies that are different to the technology applied in the proposed project activity. Note their number  $N_{diff}$ .

As per the tool on Common Practice, the project activities have been separated from the different technologies on the basis two criteria:

1. Size of Installation – Since project activity is large scale project, small and micro scale projects are considered as different technology project. Based on this criteria, there are no any different technology project out of similar identified projects.
2. Investment climate on the date of the investment decision –For proposed project activity, there are no any different technology project considered out of similar identified projects.

Hence, projects where either of the conditions is satisfied those projects are counted for calculating  $N_{diff}$  projects.

$N_{diff} = 0$

**Step (5):** Calculate factor  $F=1-N_{diff}/N_{all}$  representing the share of similar projects (penetration rate of the measure/technology) using a measure/technology similar to the measure/technology used in the proposed project activity that deliver the same output or capacity as the proposed project activity.

Calculate  $F=1-N_{diff}/N_{all}$

$$F = 1-(0/2) = 1$$

As per methodological tool “common practise” version 03.1, the proposed project activity is a “common practice” within a sector in the applicable geographical area if the factor F is greater than 0.2 and  $N_{all} - N_{diff}$  is greater than 3.

Thus if both conditions are fulfilled, then project activity will be a common practise otherwise, the project activity is treated as not a common practise.

#### **Outcome of Common Practise analysis:**

As,

- i.  $F = 1$ ; is greater than 0.2
- ii.  $N_{all} - N_{diff} = 2$ ; is not greater than 3

**Thus, the proposed project activity is not a “common practice” within a sector in the applicable geographical area.**

The above discussions show that wind power component of the project activity is not a common practice and the wind power component of project activity is not financially attractive; hence the project activity is additional.

#### **3.3.6 Quantification of GHG Emission Reductions and Removals**

Assessment team checked the baseline, project and leakage calculation and confirm that the evaluation of baseline, project and leakage is as per the approved methodology and formula used to calculate the same is correct. The detail analysis is as below:

**Baseline Emission:**

As per the approved consolidated Methodology ACM0002 version 18.1:

Baseline emissions include only CO<sub>2</sub> 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:

$$BE_y = EG_{P,J,y} \times EF_{grid,CM,y}$$

Where:

$BE_y$  = Baseline emissions in year y (t CO<sub>2</sub>/yr)

$EG_{P,J,y}$  = 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 CO<sub>2</sub> 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<sub>2</sub>/MWh)

The grid emission factor is calculated as the weighted average of the operating margin (0.75) & build margin (0.25) values. The value of combined margin is sourced from Baseline CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Database, Version 12.0, May 2017 published by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Government of India. CEA calculates the data based on Tool to Calculate the Emission Factor for an Electricity System", Ver. 6.0. No further assessment is required for grid emission calculation as the ex-ante value is sourced directly from the Govt of India database.

**Baseline emission factor (EF<sub>y</sub>):**

$EF_y = EF_{grid,CM,y} = 0.9653$  t CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh. This value is fixed ex-ante for the crediting period.

$EG_{P,J,y}$  is calculated based on capacity (Checked from the manufacturer specification), PLF= sourced from 3<sup>rd</sup> party DPR thus fulfilling the requirement of Para 3 (b), Annex 11 EB 48 and 8,760 (365\*24) annual hours. Moreover,  $EG_{P,J,y}$  is a monitoring parameter and the actual value will be obtained during the verification of the project activity.

$BE_y = 1,049,438 \times 0.9653 = 1,013,020$  t CO<sub>2</sub> ( this estimation is with consideration of complete operational days and are applicable from third year onwards)

Based on actual operational days, the estimation for first and second year are calculated and it is 322,625 t CO<sub>2</sub> for first year and 982,126 t CO<sub>2</sub>.

**Project Emission:**

As per the approved consolidated ACM0002 version 18.1: "For most renewable energy power generation project activities,  $PE_y = 0$ . However, some project activities may involve project emissions that can be significant. These emissions shall be accounted for as project emissions by using the following equation:

$$PE_y = PE_{FF,y} + PE_{GP,y} + PE_{HP,y}$$

Where:

$PE_y$  = Project emissions in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr)

$PE_{FF,y}$  = Project emissions from fossil fuel consumption in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>/yr)

$PE_{GP,y}$  = Project emissions from the operation of dry, flash steam or binary geothermal power plants in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr)

$PE_{HP,y}$  = Project emissions from water reservoirs of hydro power plants in year  $y$  (t CO<sub>2</sub>e/yr)

As the project activity is the installation of a new grid-connected Solar PV/Wind Power plant and does not involve any project emissions from fossil fuel, operation of dry, flash steam or binary geothermal power plants, and from water reservoirs of hydro power plants. Therefore  $PE_{FF,y}$ ,  $PE_{GP,y}$ ,  $PE_{HP,y}$  are equal to zero and thus,  $PE_y = 0$ .

**Leakage Emission:**

Leakage emission is not applicable as per the requirement of ACM0002 version 18.1.

**Net Emission reduction:**

Reductions are calculated as follows:

$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y$$

Where:

$ER_y$	=	Emission reductions in year $y$ (t CO <sub>2</sub> e/yr)
$BE_y$	=	Baseline emissions in year $y$ (t CO <sub>2</sub> /yr)
$PE_y$	=	Project emissions in year $y$ (t CO <sub>2</sub> e/yr)

Therefore, Net GHG Emission Reductions and Removals are calculated as follows:

$$ER_y = BE_y - PE_y$$

Year	Estimated baseline emissions or removals (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Estimated project emissions or removals (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Estimated leakage emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Estimated net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
Year 1	322,625	0	0	322,625
Year 2	982,126	0	0	982,126
Year 3	1,013,020	0	0	1,013,020
Year 4	1,013,020	0	0	1,013,020
Year 5	1,013,020	0	0	1,013,020
Year 6	1,013,020	0	0	1,013,020
Year 7	1,013,020	0	0	1,013,020

Year 8	1,013,020	0	0	1,013,020
Year 9	1,013,020	0	0	1,013,020
Year 10	1,013,020	0	0	1,013,020
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,408,911</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9,408,911</b>

### 3.3.7 Methodology Deviations

Assessment team confirms that No methodology deviation is applicable for the present project activity.

### 3.3.8 Monitoring Plan

Assessment team checked the monitoring practice onsite and also checked the guideline of respective State electricity regulatory commission. The detail analysis is as below:

#### **Parameters determined ex-ante:**

Baseline emission factor of INDIAN Grid is establish ex-ante based on Tool to calculate the grid emission factor, using a combined approach consisting 75 % operating margin and 25 % build margin. The emission coefficient from official data published in Central Electricity Authority (CEA) CO<sub>2</sub> Baseline database available to the project participant at the time of submission of PDD for validation and global stakeholder's consultation process. CEA is an official source of Ministry of Power, Government of India have worked out baseline as CO<sub>2</sub> baseline database. The assumption were verified by the validation team and found to be correct.

#### **Parameters determined ex-post:**

The parameters monitored ex-post involves net electricity supplied to the grid (calculated from electricity exported and imported) to the INDIAN grid by the project activity.

As per the Joint VCS PD & MR version 02, Joint Energy Meter Reading Report will be the source of data during verification for each of the respective states. The DOE will use the same source for verification of emission reductions.

In accordance with the methodology requirement, net electricity supplied by the project activity is obtained from Joint Energy Meter Reading Report issued by State electricity authority of the respective states which provide input values (apportioned  $EG_{\text{export},y}$  and apportioned  $EG_{\text{import},y}$ ), used for calculation of  $EG_{P,J,y}$  by the project activity and form the forms the basis for emission reduction calculation. Electricity export to the grid and import from the grid is metered by main and check tri-vector energy meters. The main meter reading is taken jointly on a fixed day of every month for the preceding month at the delivery point and signed by the representatives of state utility and O&M personnel.

In the event of failure of main meter, the check meter will be used in monitoring the electricity data. The agency is experienced in the monitoring system and is managing O&M of numerous other solar/wind farm projects. The validation team therefore is of the opinion that the project participant through the O&M agency is capable of implementing the monitoring plan in the context of the project activity.

Calibration of all the meters is done by state electricity board officials as per the industry standards. However, the calibration will be done once in a 5 year<sup>14</sup> for all the project activity. The energy meter recording the export and import from the grid at substation is under the control and supervision of state electricity board officials. Similarly O&M contractor is responsible for monitoring of the generation data at CMS.

It is reported that the data will be kept for 2 years following the end of the crediting period or till the last issuance of VERs for the project activity whichever occurs later.

The responsibilities and authorities of project management, data handling and recording, measurement methods and QA/QC procedure have been systematically established and formalized and the same was verified during the site visit.

### 3.4 Non-Permanence Risk Analysis

Not applicable for the present project activity.

## 4 SAFEGUARDS

### 4.1 No Net Harm

The project activity promotes environmental and socio-economic well-being as it results in zero GHG emissions due to installation and operation of clean, renewable energy technology for electricity generation.

As project is a renewable energy project hence there is no negative environmental and socio impact effect and the same can be summarized in the below table:

S.No.	Indicator	Assessment team opinion
1	Air quality	<p>The project generates clean energy which replaces the fossil fuel intensive electricity generation.</p> <p>Also report on “Developmental Impacts and Sustainable Governance Aspects of Renewable Energy Projects” prepared by MNRE dated September 2013. This report clearly mentioned that solar/wind farms operations do not result in direct air pollution.</p> <p>Adequate measures were taken to mitigate the envisaged impacts like spraying water on the road side to reduce dust level, etc. This was confirmed by the local stakeholders. Therefore, it is validated that mitigation measures were robustly implemented on ground for air quality issues project will have a positive impact on air quality.</p>
2	Water quality and quantity	<p>The project has no effect on water quality and quantity because it neither generates any waste nor consume any water. It was validated during on-site assessment that there was no requirement of water for operations of Solar Panels /WTGs and the only usage of water was for drinking and sanitation purpose. The consumption of fresh water during construction was also pretty much limited as confirmed by the local stakeholders.</p> <p>Hence the parameter is indicated as neutral and the same is acceptable to the DOE</p>

<sup>14</sup> [http://powermin.nic.in/whats\\_new/pdf/Metering\\_Regulations.pdf](http://powermin.nic.in/whats_new/pdf/Metering_Regulations.pdf), page 12

S.No.	Indicator	Assessment team opinion
3	Soil condition	<p>There are negligible impacts envisaged during operation of the project activity.</p> <p>For mitigating the impacts during construction, various mitigation measures were taken which is validated from the plant records of PP and the interview with local villagers.</p> <p>The top soil excavated during construction, was stockpiled and used for compaction. The roads were not paved and soling was done with excavated earth &amp; rock material, so land disturbance could be minimized.</p> <p>It was also confirmed that, the vegetation done at site helps for soil erosion. The same is confirmed during the stakeholder meetings during onsite visit. Therefore, it can be concluded that the project has no effect on soil conditions during its operation because it has no waste coming out.</p>
4	Biodiversity	<p>During the validation site visit it was observed that the condition of ground vegetation will be gradually improved; No rare species has been found in the around area.</p> <p>The project site is not on the migration route of migratory bird. As Such solar panels/WTGs do not have any obstruction in the path of migratory birds.</p> <p>With the implementation of Project, the greening water will be increased significantly; the biodiversity in the vicinity will be improved with the vegetation improvement.</p> <p>NO negative impact envisaged.</p>
5	Employment Generation	<p>The project activity employed local population as skilled workers as well as security guards which were envisaged during the validation site visit. The personnel employed by the project activity are also provided trainings and exposed to various awareness programs therefore a positive indicator has been accepted.</p>
6	Livelihood of the poor	<p>The project is associated with infrastructure development like roads in the nearby areas and promoting economic activities like grants to local school and communities temples etc. Also, project employed local villagers as guards for the security of solar panels.</p> <p>Positive impact envisaged.</p>

#### 4.2 Environmental Impact

The project activity is expected to have positive impacts and no significant adverse environmental impacts are foreseen. Since, the project activity is an electricity generation from renewable source (i.e. solar & wind energy) therefore no negative impact are envisaged. There is no mandatory legal requirement for carrying out an environmental impact assessment in the host country. The Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate change (MoEFCC), Government of India (GoI) notification<sup>15</sup> dated 14/09/2006 regarding the requirement of Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) studies states that any project developer in India needs to file an application to the Ministry of Environment and Forests (including a public hearing and an EIA) in case the proposed industry or project is listed in a predefined

<sup>15</sup><http://envfor.nic.in/legis/eia/so1533.pdf>

list. The list includes thirty nine project activities that require EIA studies. The solar / wind power projects are not included in this list and thus an EIA study is not required.

### 4.3 Local Stakeholder Consultation

As per the VCS requirements, it is necessary to invite the relevant stakeholders, prior of the validation process. Moreover, the stakeholder meeting took place prior to the start date of the project activity which fulfills the requirement of project standard for project activities version 01. The DOE checked the relevance of the dates during the validation site visit. The detail of the invitation date and stakeholder meeting date is as below:

The details of the Stakeholder Meetings are as follows:

**1. For 50 MW Solar Project at Anantapur by M/s. NTPC Limited**

*Date of invitation – 01/04/2015*

*Date of Meeting – 09/04/2015*

*Location of Meeting - Project site, Andhra Pradesh*

**2. For 260 MW Solar Project at Bhadla, Rajasthan by M/s. NTPC Limited**

*Date of invitation – 15/02/2016*

*Date of Meeting – 22/02/2016*

*Location of Meeting - Project site, Rajasthan*

**3. For 250 MW Solar Project at Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh by M/s. NTPC Limited**

*Date of invitation – 16/02/2016*

*Date of Meeting – 23/02/2016*

*Location of Meeting - Project site, Madhya Pradesh*

**4. For 50 MW Wind Project at Rojmal, Gujarat by M/s. NTPC Limited**

*Date of invitation – 14/11/2016*

*Date of Meeting – 21/11/2016*

*Location of Meeting - Project site, Gujarat*

All the stakeholders have been invited through public notice to attend the stakeholders meeting. The local stakeholders' consultation meeting was attended by local persons including local villagers, local vendors and technology suppliers.

The stakeholders identified by the project participant were local villagers who are the major population of the particular area, local communities and gram panchayat (Village head), panel supplier, project proponent representatives, O&M Team and other people involved in the project. Validation team verified the list of participants who attended the stakeholder meeting and feedback questionnaire and confirms the stakeholders identified are relevant. Validation team verified the list of participants who attended the stakeholder meeting and feedback questionnaire and confirms the stakeholders identified are relevant. The validation team also verified the minutes of meeting to note that no negative comments were received and the same was cross checked with the information obtained during follow up interviews with the stakeholder's. Moreover, assessment team during the validation site visit also noted that a grievance register is also put onsite for the stakeholder to comment on any grievances during the operation lifetime of the project activity, The grievances from the stakeholder if found suitable will be addressed immediately by the top management and thus the approach is found appropriate for the project activity.

The interactions with some of the stakeholders during the site visit are presented below:

Name of the stakeholder	Mr. S. Krishna (AP) (Farmer)
DOE QUESTION: Did this Solar power plant created any type of pollution?	

Answer: No, the plant does not cause any pollution.  
 DOE QUESTION: Is there any employment opportunity in this plant for local peoples?  
 Answer: Yes, The employment is given to locals based on their skills in O&M & other activities.  
 DOE also like to conclude that during the site visit it was observed that local people were employed for security and operation related work like water spraying, vegetation improvement and other unskilled work.  
 DOE also found that skilled local persons were also employed by the organization for the operation and maintenance of the power plant.

Name of the stakeholder	Mr. Ajit Singh (RJ) ( Shopkeeper)
questions: Did the power plant have any adverse impacts in the area?	
Answer: NO the plant does not adverse impacts. Some people got employment in the plant.	

Name of the stakeholder	Mr. Ajay Kumar (MP) Villager
DOE questions: Did the power plant discharge any harmful pollutants?	
Answer: NO the plant does not discharge any harmful pollutants.	
DOE questions: Did the power plant destroy any crop fields?	
Answer: The plant is implemented in barren land and there were no any fertile land or crop which is damaged.	

Thus Validation team is of the opinion that the stakeholder meeting was adequate and appropriate.

#### 4.4 Public Comments

Assessment team noted that this project was open for public comment from 29/06/2018 – 29/07/2018. No comments were received. The same has been checked from the e mail received from VCS Board stating that no comments were received for the project activity.

The detail were checked by the assessment team in the following web platform  
[http://vcsprojectdatabase.org/#/pipeline\\_details/PL1772](http://vcsprojectdatabase.org/#/pipeline_details/PL1772)

## 5 VERIFICATION FINDINGS

### 5.1 Accuracy of GHG Emission Reduction and Removal Calculations

<b>Means of verification</b>	The verification team assessed whether the data and calculations of GHG emission reductions achieved resulting from the Joint VCS PD & MR. The verification team has checked whether calculations of baseline GHG emissions, project GHG emissions and leakage GHG emissions have been carried out in accordance with the formulae and methods described in the monitoring plan of the Joint VCS PD & MR.
<b>Findings</b>	CAR 06 was raised during the verification process and closed successfully.
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>The baseline Emissions for a given year is calculated by multiplying the energy baseline (EB) with the regional grid emission factor. The grid in this case would be the 'INDIAN Grid'</p> <p><b>Formula Used:-</b></p> $BE_y = EG_{P,J,y} \times EF_{grid,CM,y}$ <p>Where:</p> <p><math>BE_y</math> = Baseline emissions in year y (t CO<sub>2</sub>/yr)</p> <p><math>EG_{P,J,y}</math> = 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)</p> <p><math>EF_{grid,CM,y}</math> = Combined margin CO<sub>2</sub> 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<sub>2</sub>/MWh)</p> <p>The verification team has checked the entire monthly JMR report and invoices applicable for the monitoring period as per the project activity applied for verifications and found all the parameters are monitored and recorded as per the monitoring plan in the Joint VCS PD &amp; MR. The verification team has crosschecked the emission reduction sheet and monitoring report data with the JMR sheet and invoice bills and found all the values are matching.</p>

### 5.2 Quality of Evidence to Determine GHG Emission Reductions and Removals

<b>Means of verification</b>	The verification team checked the break down log for the monitoring period. During the verification site visit the feeder wise location of the SPV/WTGs is also checked. The Calibration details are also checked.
<b>Findings</b>	CAR 07 raised during the verification process which was closed successfully.
<b>Conclusion</b>	<p>The metering arrangement is tri-vector bi-directional energy meters (main and check and also one standby meter) at the State Electricity Board (SEB) substation. These meters record several parameters including electricity exported &amp; imported. Moreover, the meters are located at the HT side of the transformer and are of accuracy class of 0.2s for each project activity applied for verification.</p> <p>These electricity meters are being used by state electricity board for JMR (Joint Meter Reading) electricity generation statements. The Net electricity supplied to the grid is then calculated from export and import values. The net electricity exported to the grid is also cross checked from the invoices raised to respective state electricity board which is in line with Methodology requirement for large scale project activity. Hence assessment team confirmed that the value of net</p>

	<p>electricity exported to the grid as used in emission reduction calculation is correct.</p> <p>Electricity export to the grid and import from the grid is metered by main and check tri-vector energy meters. The main meter reading is taken jointly on a fixed day of every month for the preceding month at the delivery point and signed by the representatives of state utility and O&amp;M personnel. In the event of failure of main meter, the check meter will be used in monitoring the electricity data. The agency is experienced in the monitoring system and is managing O&amp;M of numerous other solar/wind farm projects. The validation team therefore is of the opinion that the project participant through the O&amp;M agency is capable of implementing the monitoring plan in the context of the project activity.</p> <p>Calibration of all the meters is done by state electricity board officials as per the industry standards. However, the calibration is done once in a 5 year<sup>16</sup>. The details of Calibration of the meters are mentioned in Appendix 5 of this report. There is no delay observed in calibration of the monitoring meters. The assessment team checked the same and found correct.</p> <p>The energy meter recording the export and import from the grid at substation is under the control and supervision of state electricity board officials. Similarly O&amp;M contractor is responsible for monitoring of the generation data at CMS.</p> <p>It is reported that the data will be kept for 2 years following the end of the crediting period or till the last issuance of VERs for the project activity whichever occurs later.</p> <p>The responsibilities and authorities of project management, data handling and recording, measurement methods and QA/QC procedure have been systematically established and formalized and the same was verified during the site visit.</p> <p>On-site visit and interview with O&amp;M personnel also confirms that the operational and organizational chart as mentioned in Joint VCS PD &amp; MR is as per the site practice and thus assessment team confirms that the details are correct.</p> <p>The break down log is checked and found that the solar Panels/WTGs undergone scheduled maintenance and break down. No unforced error observed and feeder wise solar Panels / WTGs location is also checked and found correct.</p>
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<sup>16</sup>[http://powermin.nic.in/whats\\_new/pdf/Metering\\_Regulations.pdf](http://powermin.nic.in/whats_new/pdf/Metering_Regulations.pdf), page 12

## 6 VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION CONCLUSION

Applus+ Certification has been engaged by **M/s. NTPC Limited** to perform the Joint validation and verification of the “Solar and Wind Power Project by NTPC Limited”

The management of the project participant/owner is responsible for the preparation of the GHG emissions data and the reported/estimated GHG emissions reductions on the basis set out within the project’s Monitoring Plan in the Joint VCS PD & MR and the approved methodology ACM0002 version 18.1.

**Our Validation approach** was based on the requirements as defined under the Kyoto Protocol, Marrakesh accord, as well as those defined by the CDM Executive Board and VCS board. Our approach is risk-based, drawing on an understanding of the risks associated with estimated GHG emissions data and the controls in place to mitigate these. The validation can confirm that:

- The projects description compliance with, the requirements of Article 12 of the Kyoto Protocol, the CDM Modalities and Procedures as agreed in the Marrakech Accords under decision 3/CMP.1, the annexes to this decision, subsequent decisions and guidance made by COP/MOP & CDM Executive Board and other relevant rules, including the Host Country legislation and sustainability criteria along with VCS guideline and standard version 3.7
- The project's baseline and additionality is assessed against “ACM0002 version 18.1 for large scale project
- The project’s monitoring plan is assessed against “ACM0002 version 18.1 for large scale project
- A risk based approach has been followed to perform this validation activity. The review of the project description and additional documents related to baseline and monitoring methodology; the subsequent background investigation, follow-up interviews with Project Owner have provided LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification) with sufficient evidence for positive validation opinion as per the requirement of VCS.

**Our Verification approach** was based on the requirements as defined under the Kyoto Protocol, Marrakesh accord, as well as those defined by the CDM Executive Board. Our approach is risk-based, drawing on an understanding of the risks associated with reporting GHG emissions data and the controls in place to mitigate these. The verification can confirm that:

- the project is operated as planned and described in the project document;
- the monitoring plan is as per the applied methodology;
- the monitoring process in Monitoring Report is as per the PD
- the development and maintenance of records and reporting procedures are in accordance with the monitoring plan;
- the installed equipment being essential for generating emission reduction runs reliably and is calibrated appropriately
- the monitoring system is in place and generates GHG emission reductions data;
- the GHG emission reductions are calculated without material misstatements.

- No limitation observed for the present verification

Verification period: 10/08/2016 to 30/06/2018 (first and last date included)

Verified GHG emission reductions and removals in the above verification period:

Year	Baseline emissions or removals (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Project emissions or removals (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Leakage emissions (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)	Net GHG emission reductions or removals (tCO <sub>2</sub> e)
2016	29,053	0	0	29,053
2017	547,267	0	0	547,267
2018	508,685	0	0	508,685
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,085,005</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,085,005</b>

The estimated emission reduction to be achieved from the project activity for the current monitoring period is 1,197,121 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, whereas actual emission reductions achieved are 1,085,005 tCO<sub>2</sub>e, which is approximately 9% lower than the estimated emission reductions. The generation of electricity depends upon the number of annual days of sunshine availability and many other climatic conditions, and not within the control of the project participant.

Assessment team checked the same found to be appropriate and accepted.

**APPENDIX 1: DOCUMENTS REVIEWED DURING VALIDATION AND VERIFICATION**

No.	Author	Title	References to the document	Provider
1	NA	Commissioning certificates	Commissioning certificates of the Solar Panels implemented & WTGs in the project site.	Project participant
2	NA	Contract of the other entity with the DOE	Contract of the other entity with the DOE	Project participant
3	NA	Technical specifications	Technical specifications of Solar Panels generators & WTGS from manufacturers	Project participant
4	NA	Emission Calculation sheet- version 01- estimated Emission Calculation sheet- version 01 - Actual	30/07/2018 30/07/2018	Project participant
5	NA	The operational lifetime of the project activity from the manufacturer=(Technical specifications)	Manufacturer technical specifications	Project participant
6	NA	Reference link is provided.	SERC order of the respective states RBI: Reserve Bank of India <a href="http://www.rbi.org.in">www.rbi.org.in</a> Ministry of Environment and forest: <a href="http://www.envfor.nic.in">www.envfor.nic.in</a> UNFCCC <a href="http://www.cdm.unfccc.int">www.cdm.unfccc.int</a> CEA: Central electricity authority <a href="http://www.cea.nic.in">www.cea.nic.in</a> Income tax act 1961 <a href="http://law.incometaxindia.gov.in/DIT/">http://law.incometaxindia.gov.in/DIT/</a> VCS: Verified Carbon Standard <a href="http://www.v-c-s.org">www.v-c-s.org</a>	Independent Search
7	NA	Tools/ guidelines used in the project activity	UNFCCC CDM web site <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tool to determine the remaining lifetime of the project activity in line with Annex 15 EB 50</li> <li>• Tool to calculate the emission factor for an electricity system version 06</li> <li>• Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources ACM0002- Version 18.1</li> <li>• Glossary of CDM terms version 07</li> <li>• VCS verification report template version 03</li> </ul>	UNFCCC
8	NA	Joint VCS PD & MR Version 01 Revised Joint VCS PD & MR version 02	29/06/2018 30/07/2018	Project participant
9	NA	Financial Analysis sheet version 01	30/07/2018	Project participant
10	NA	DPR/PLF	DPR/PLF reports for Individual project owners	Project participant
11	NA	Calibration details of the project activity undergoing verifications	Please refer to Appendix 4	Project participant

No.	Author	Title	References to the document	Provider
12	NA	JMR records+ Invoices for the complete monitoring period of the respective states	JMR records+ Invoices for the respective states	Project participant
13	NA	Power purchase agreement dates	Power purchase agreements for all sites	Project participant
14	NA	Actual O&M agreement	O&M agreements for all sites	Project participant

**APPENDIX 2: CLARIFICATION REQUESTS, CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUESTS,  
FORWARD ACTION REQUESTS (CAR/CL/FAR)**

<b>CAR ID</b>	01	<b>Section no.</b>	1	<b>Date:</b> 29/07/2018
<b>Description of CAR</b>				
<p>During the document review it was observed that following details are missing in section 1 of the joint VCS PD &amp; MR version 01:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitoring period is not inclusive of first &amp; last date of monitoring period.</li> <li>2. Section missing “The total GHG emission reductions or removals generated in this monitoring period” in line with Instructions for completing the joint project description and monitoring report.</li> <li>3. Commissioning certificates of each bundle in support of Start Date of project activity.</li> <li>4. Project scale in line with GHG emissions achieved.</li> <li>5. Detailed location and latitude &amp; longitudes are missing for all sites. Corrections requested.</li> <li>6. Technology &amp; detailed technical specifications of project activity.</li> <li>7. Declaration from PP regarding participation in other trading / GHG programs, rejection under other GHG program etc.</li> </ol> <p>Further, various sections of joint VCS PD &amp; MR is not completed as per the <i>VCS Joint Project Description &amp; Monitoring Report Template</i>. Corrections requested throughout the joint VCS PD &amp; MR.</p>				
<b>Project participant response</b>				<b>Date:</b> 30/07/2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Monitoring Period is now made inclusive of the first and the last date of the monitoring period.</li> <li>2. The total GHG emission reductions obtained during the current monitoring period is now mentioned in the section 1.1 of the joint VCS PD&amp;MR version-2.</li> <li>3. Commissioning certificates for all projects are provided.</li> <li>4. Project scale is corrected in the joint VCS PD&amp;MR version-2.</li> <li>5. Detailed location and Latitude &amp; Longitude are provided for all site in the joint VCS PD&amp;MR version-2.</li> <li>6. Technology &amp; detailed technical specifications of the project activity are now provided in section 1.8 of joint VCS PD&amp;MR version-2.</li> <li>7. PP declaration is now provided.</li> </ol>				
<b>Documentation provided by project participant</b>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Joint VCS PD&amp;MR version-2</li> <li>2. Commissioning Certificates</li> <li>3. PP declaration</li> </ol>				
<b>DOE assessment</b>				<b>Date:</b> 31/07/2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The monitoring period is inclusive of first &amp; last date of the monitoring period. The correction has been made in the VCS PD &amp; MR version-2.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Section 1.1. of Joint VCS PD &amp; MR revised for GHG emission reductions achieved.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Commissioning certificates submitted by PP.</i></li> <li>4. <i>Section 1.7 of Joint VCS PD &amp; MR revised for scale of the project activity as per VCS guidelines.</i></li> <li>5. <i>The detailed location along with the latitude &amp; longitudes are now provided in the joint VCS PD &amp; MR version-2.</i></li> <li>6. <i>Information about the technology and the technical details of the project activity are now provided in the joint VCS PD &amp; MR version-2.</i></li> <li>7. <i>Declaration letter from PP is provided.</i></li> </ol> <p>Audit team checked the revised <i>Joint VCS PD &amp; MR &amp; submitted documents and found appropriate. CAR</i></p>				

closed

<b>CAR ID</b>	02	<b>Section no.</b>	2.5	<b>Date:</b> 29/07/2018
<b>Description of CAR</b>				
During the desk review of the PDD and onsite visit document verifications, verification team observed following inconsistency in the additionality determination :				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IRR sheets missing in documents submitted by PP.</li> <li>2. PP requested to submit all supporting documents related to Additionality justification.</li> </ol>				
Additionality section of the joint VCS PD & MR version 01 is reserved till the documents and IRR sheet are submitted.				
<b>Project participant response</b>				<b>Date:</b> 30/07/2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IRR sheets are submitted to the DOE assessment team.</li> <li>2. All supporting documents related to Additionality justification are now submitted to the DOE assessment team</li> </ol>				
<b>Documentation provided by project participant</b>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IRR calculation sheets</li> <li>2. Supporting documents for additionality justification</li> </ol>				
<b>DOE assessment</b>				<b>Date:</b> 31/07/2018
IRR sheets and supporting documents have been submitted by PP along with additionality justification in the revised joint VCS PD & MR. Common practice analysis sheet is checked and found correct. CAR is thus closed. Project has been found additional and thus CAR closed.				

<b>CAR ID</b>	03	<b>Section no.</b>	3	<b>Date:</b> 29/07/2018
<b>Description of CAR</b>				
Estimated emission reserved for submission of Estimated ER Sheet for the project activity.				
<b>Project participant response</b>				<b>Date:</b> 30/07/2018
Estimated ER sheet is now submitted to the DOE assessment team.				
<b>Documentation provided by project participant</b>				
Estimated ER sheet.				
<b>DOE assessment</b>				<b>Date:</b> 31/07/2018
Estimated ER sheet is now submitted and found correct. CAR closed.				

<b>CAR ID</b>	04	<b>Section no.</b>	4.2 & 4.3	<b>Date:</b> 29/07/2018
<b>Description of CAR</b>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Parameter EG<sub>PJ,Y</sub> is reserved for submission of JMR, invoices and other supporting documents.</li> <li>2. Monitoring plan lacks a line diagram containing all the relevant monitoring points with metering arrangements.</li> </ol>				
<b>Project participant response</b>				<b>Date:</b> 30/07/2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JMR and Invoices of all sites for the complete monitoring period are now submitted to the DOE assessment team.</li> <li>2. Line diagram is now included in the monitoring plan.</li> </ol>				
<b>Documentation provided by project participant</b>				
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. JMR and Invoices</li> <li>2. Joint VCS PD&amp;MR version-2</li> </ol>				

<b>DOE assessment</b>	<b>Date:</b> 31/07/2018
Supporting documents for estimation of parameter $EG_{P,J,Y}$ has been now submitted by PP. Revised value given in section 4.2 of revised joint VCS PD & MR is inclusion of all 4 sites and found correct. Further line diagram is now included and found correct. CAR closed.	

<b>CAR ID</b>	05	<b>Section no.</b>	5.3	<b>Date:</b> 29/07/2018
<b>Description of CAR</b>				
During the desk review related to stakeholder consultation following observation is made by the validation & verification team:				
1. The stakeholder documentation is also not provided to the DOE				
2. The site photograph of LSHC meeting is not provided to the DOE.				
Corrective action is this sought for the same.				

<b>Project participant response</b>	<b>Date:</b> 30/07/2018
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1. Stakeholder documentation are now provided to the DOE
2. Site photograph of LHSC meeting are provided to the DOE

<b>Documentation provided by project participant</b>	
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1. Stakeholder documents
2. Site photographs

<b>DOE assessment</b>	<b>Date:</b> 31/07/2018
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The Minutes of meeting for the stakeholder consultation is checked and found correct by the assessment team. Also, the attendance sheet is also cross checked and it is observed that sufficient stakeholders are invited to inform regarding the project activity. All the stakeholders are happy with the implementation of the project activity and no negative comments observed. Stakeholders are happy as the project provide job opportunities to the local villagers and also improved their standard of living which is acceptable to the assessment team. CAR is thus closed.

<b>CAR ID</b>	06	<b>Section no.</b>	6	<b>Date:</b> 29/07/2018
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<b>Description of CAR</b>				
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Achieved GHG Emissions reserved for submission of Actual ER sheet and completion of relevant sections of joint VCS PD & MR and supporting documents. Corrections requested.

<b>Project participant response</b>	<b>Date:</b> 30/07/2018
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Actual ER sheet is now provided and the relevant sections of joint VCS PD&MR are now completed related to Actual ER achieved.

<b>Documentation provided by project participant</b>	
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1. Actual ER sheet
2. Joint VCS PD&MR version-2

<b>DOE assessment</b>	<b>Date:</b> 31/07/2018
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The actual emission reduction sheet for the current monitoring period is submitted to the assessment team and the same is found correct. The JMRs and invoice for the present monitoring period is checked and assessment team confirm that no overestimation of VERs is envisaged and the ER calculation is conservative and correct. CAR is closed.

<b>CAR ID</b>	07	<b>Section no.</b>	Appendix	<b>Date:</b> 29/07/2018
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<b>Description of CAR</b>				
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The calibration certificates and breakdown details for the complete monitoring period is missing. Log records are not submitted to DOE. Corrective action is sought in joint VCS PD and MR and supporting documents are sought for the same.	
<b>Project participant response</b>	<b>Date:</b> 30/07/2018
Calibration Certificates and the breakdown details for the complete monitoring period are now provided to the DOE.	
<b>Documentation provided by project participant</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Calibration certificates</li> <li>2. Breakdown details</li> </ol>	
<b>DOE assessment</b>	<b>Date:</b> 31/07/2018
<p>Following are the observation of the DOE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The calibration details are now mentioned in the revised joint VCS PD &amp; MR. The calibration certificates are also checked and found correct. There is no delay in calibration observed. CAR is closed.</li> <li>2. The breakdown details log sheet is checked by the assessment team. The commissioning panels log records were checked and it is observed that the scheduled maintenance was undertaken as per manufacturer specification which is a normal practice. No unusual activity observed during the current monitoring period. CAR closed.</li> </ol>	

**APPENDIX 3: COMPETENCE OF TEAM MEMBERS AND TECHNICAL**

**Verification team member**

No.	Role	Type of resource	Last name	First name	Affiliation (e.g. name of central or other office of DOE or outsourced entity)	Involvement in			
						Desk review	On-site inspection	Interview(s)	Verification findings
1.	Lead Auditor/ Technical Expert	OR	Takarkhede	Atul	TQC- Outsourced entity	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**Technical reviewer and approver of the verification and certification report**

No.	Role	Type of resource	Last name	First name	Affiliation (e.g. name of central or other office of DOE or outsourced entity)
1.	Technical reviewer (TR)	EI	Xue	Denny	LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification)
2.	Approver	IR	Sendin	Juan	LGAI Technological Center S.A. (Applus+ Certification)

**Short CVs of the Team:**

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**APPENDIX 4: ABBREVIATIONS**

<b>Abbreviations</b>	<b>Full texts</b>
AP	Andhra Pradesh
BM	Build Margin
CAR	Corrective Action Request
CDM	Clean Development Mechanism
CER	Certified Emission Reduction(s)
CEA	Central Electricity Authority
CL	Clarification request
CM	Combined Margin
CMS	Central Monitoring system
CO <sub>2</sub>	Carbon dioxide
CO <sub>2</sub> e	Carbon dioxide equivalent
DNA	Designated National Authority
DOE	Designated Operational Entity
DR	Document Review
EF	Emission Factor
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
ER	Emission Reductions
FAR	Forward Action Request
GHG	Greenhouse gas(es)
GWP	Global Warming potential
JMR	Joint Metering reading
OM	Operating Margin
RBI	Reserve Bank Of India

**APPENDIX 5: CALIBRATION DETAILS**
**Meter and Calibration details of 50 MW Solar power project at Anantapur**

<b>Feeder- 1A</b>			
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>	<b>Standby Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	APX00736	APX00737	APX00738
<b>Meter Make</b>	Secure	Secure	Secure
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	13/03/2016	13/03/2016	13/03/2016

<b>Feeder/ 1B</b>			
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>	<b>Standby Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	APX00739	APX00740	APX00741
<b>Meter Make</b>	Secure	Secure	Secure
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	13/03/2016	13/03/2016	13/03/2016

**Meter and Calibration details of 260 MW Solar power project at Bhadla, Rajasthan**

<b>Block/ P4, Jakson</b>		
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	15624946	15199974
<b>Meter Make</b>	L & T	L & T
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	20/10/2016 to 24/10/2016	

<b>Block- P4, BHEL</b>	<b>Feeder-1</b>		<b>Feeder-2</b>			
	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>	<b>Spare Meter</b>	<b>Spare Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	Y0319906	Y0319907	Y0319909	Y0319910	Y0319908	Y03199011
<b>Meter Make</b>	Secure	Secure	Secure	Secure	Secure	Secure
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	24/03/2017	24/03/2017	24/03/2017	24/03/2017	24/03/2017	24/03/2017

<b>Block- P5, Vikram</b>		
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	16195132	16195133
<b>Meter Make</b>	L & T	L & T
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	10/01/2017 to 11/01/2017	10/01/2017 to 11/01/2017

<b>Block- P6, Vikram</b>		
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	16195109	16195110
<b>Meter Make</b>	L & T	L & T
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	21/12/2016 to 23/12/2016	21/12/2016 to 23/12/2016

<b>Block- P7, Tata</b>		
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	16082424	16082425
<b>Meter Make</b>	L & T	L & T
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	10/01/2017 to 11/01/2017	10/01/2017 to 11/01/2017

**Meter and Calibration details of 250 MW Solar power project at Mandsaur, Madhya Pradesh**

<b>Block- P1, Lanco</b>		
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Feeder-1 Meter</b>	<b>Feeder-2 Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	Y0319695	Y0319685
<b>Meter Make</b>	Secure	Secure
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	16/05/2017	16/05/2017

<b>Block- P2, Lanco</b>	<b>Feeder-1</b>		<b>Feeder-2</b>	
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Spare Meter</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Spare Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	Y0319681	Y0319693	Y0319692	Y0319694
<b>Meter Make</b>	Secure	Secure	Secure	Secure
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	16/05/2017	13/03/2018	16/05/2017	13/03/2018

<b>Block- P3, Vikram Solar</b>			
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>	<b>Spare Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	Y0310625	Y0310626	Y0582663
<b>Meter Make</b>	Secure	Secure	Secure
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	05/05/2017	05/05/2017	23/05/2018

<b>Block- P4, BHEL</b>	<b>Feeder-1</b>		<b>Feeder-2</b>			
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>	<b>Spare Meter</b>	<b>Spare Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	Y0319907	Y0319906	Y0319908	Y0319910	Y0319909	Y03199011
<b>Meter Make</b>	Secure	Secure	Secure	Secure	Secure	Secure
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	24-03-2017	24-03-2017	24-03-2017	24-03-2017	24-03-2017	24-03-2017

<b>Block- P5, Tata</b>	<b>Feeder-1</b>		<b>Feeder-2</b>	
<b>Meter Details</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>	<b>Main Meter</b>	<b>Check Meter</b>
<b>Meter Serial No</b>	XE505968	XE505967	XE505965	XE505966
<b>Meter Make</b>	Secure	Secure	Secure	Secure
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	04/05/2017	04/05/2017	04/05/2017	04/05/2017

**Meter and Calibration details of 50 MW Wind power project at Rojmal, Gujarat**

<b>Meter Serial No</b>	GJ- 3057-A	GJ- 3058-A
<b>Meter Make</b>	EDMI	EDMI
<b>Accuracy Class</b>	0.2s	0.2s
<b>Date of Calibration</b>	24/04/2015	24/04/2015