## 1. Option for handling intra-day load / generation variation due to RE or otherwise.

Sub-Group under FOR Technical Committee on Grid Integration of Renewable Energy (RE), with reference to regional cooperation had a meeting held on 18.8.2017 in CERC office, New Delhi. Record of proceedings is placed at **Annexure**.

As decided in the meeting various options for handling intra-day load / generation variation due to RE or otherwise, may be discussed with Members of Regional Power Committees and feedback on the same may be provided to facilitate further deliberations and suitable recommendations by the FOR Technical Committee on Grid Integration of RE.

Members may discuss and decide.

FoR Technical Committee on Grid Integration of Renewable Energy (RE), with reference to regional cooperation and other options for managing intra-day load / generation variation due to RE or otherwise — Record of Proceedings of the meeting held on 18.8.2017.

In order facilitate implementation of Framework on Renewables at State Level, FoR constituted a Technical Committee under the Chairmanship of Shri A.S. Bakshi, Member, CERC. The mandate given to the Committee *inter alia* includes evolving a roadmap for implementation of Framework on Forecasting, Scheduling and Deviation Settlement of Wind & Solar generating stations at State Level, implementation of ABT Framework, introduction of Ancillary Services and Reserves, implementation of Automatic Generation and Primary Control etc.

2. The Technical Committee in its meeting held on 28.3.2017 at Chennai, discussed the matter related to Co-operation among States for Optimum Utilization of their Generation Resources, amongst the other issues. During the discussion, it was decided that sub-groups be constituted in the Northern Region, Western Region and Southern Region (the three RE rich regions) headed by the Member Secretaries of the respective Regional Power Committees (RPCs). The Sub-groups were mandated to examine the feasibility and modality of co-operation among States in the respective region for ensuring optimum utilization of generation resources with least cost options for balancing across the region and submit their findings before the Technical Committee.

3. A meeting of the Heads / Representatives of the Sub-Groups was convened under the Chairmanship of Shri A.S.Bakshi, Member, CERC on 18.8.2017 in CERC, New Delhi to review the progress on framework for regional co-operation. The list of participants is at **Annexure - I.** 

4. The following emerged during the deliberations in the meeting:-

- Of late, the States have recognized the value of electricity resource vis-à-vis the cost of generation. Some of the States are not willing to cooperate with other States in the Region on "cost" basis.
- It was also observed that some of the Regions are predominantly "Surplus" in power, leaving little scope for co-operation within the region. This necessitates a national level framework / product for optimum resource utilization.
- Various other options for handling intra-day load / generation variation due to RE or otherwise were also discussed as at Annexure-II, viz. (i) Banking; (ii) DAM price on PX as reference; (iii) Pool based on VC as approved by the Regulator and on payment of cost; (iv) Pool based on VC as approved by the Regulator and on payment of MC; (v) Pool based on auction for intra-day for the rest of the day; (vi) Pool based on auction for intra-day on hourly basis; (vii) Pool based on auction for intra-day on intra-hour basis i.e for 15 min. block-wise etc.

5. During the meeting it was decided to share with all RPCs the options raised therein and seek feedback.

List of participants attended meeting of the Sub-Group under FOR Technical Committee Meeting held on 18.8.2017 under the Chairmanship of Shri A.S. Bakshi, Member, CERC

- 1. Shri A.S. Bakshi, Member, CERC
- 2. Dr. M.K. Iyer, Member, CERC
- 3. Shri M.A.K.P. Singh, Member Secretary, NRPC
- 4. Shri A. Balan, Member Secretary, WRPC
- 5. Shri S.R. Bhat, Member Secretary, SRPC
- 6. Shri S.C. Shrivastava, Chief (Engineering), CERC
- 7. Dr. S.K. Chatterjee, Joint Chief (Regulatory Affairs), CERC
- 8. Shri K.V.S. Baba, CEO, POSOCO
- 9. Shri S.K. Soonee, Advisor (POSOCO)
- 10. Smt. Shilpa Agarwal, Joint Chief (Engg.)
- 11. Shri S.S. Barpanda, GM, NLDC
- 12. Shri Samir Saxena, DGM, NLDC
- 13. Shri M.M. Chaudhari Deputy Chief (Engg.)
- 14. Smt. Shruti Deorah, Advisor (RE), CERC
- 15. Shri Anil, SRPC
- 16. Shri H.K. Pandey, S.E, NRPC
- 17. Shri Rajasekhar Devaguptapu, Regulatory Executive Officer, CERC
- 18. Shri Siddharth Arora, Research Officer, CERC

### I. Options for Intra-Day / Hour Ahead transactions:

Seven options have been proposed for Hour Ahead Transactions.

#### **Option-1:** Banking

- Pros: Voluntary; No price transaction; Easy to implement
- Cons: Still bilateral; Opaque to cheaper options; True marginal cost of meeting demand not known; Elements of Cost and Value missing; No knowledge of gain or loss

### Option-2: Day Ahead Market Price on Power Exchange as reference

- Pros: Well accepted reference price; Dispute free
- Cons: Very remote chance of availability of generation sources with marginal cost equal to or less than Day Ahead Market(DAM) price; Liquidity will always be an issue

# *Option-3: Pool, based on variable cost as approved by the Regulator and on payment of cost*

- Pros: Visibility of all options for purchase decision; Dispute free as regulator approved Variable Cost (VC); All resources get paid as per their cost or marginal cost; Improvement over option 2, liquidity
- Cons: Still based on cost and not on value; VC difficult to ascertain; Merchant plants cannot participate as their tariffs are not determined by regulator

## *Option-4: Pool, based on variable cost as approved by the Regulator and on payment of marginal cost*

- Pros: Same as Option 3; Improvement over Option 3 element of 'value' introduced because of marginal cost based payment
- Cons: VC difficult to ascertain; Merchant plants cannot participate as their tariffs are not determined by regulator; Payment based on marginal cost may lead to heart burn; still administered

### **Option-5:** Pool, based on auction (intra-day for the rest of the day)

- Pros: Market Discovered Price; Dispute free; Not administered; Akin to DAM but closer to real time
- Cons: Preparedness of Power Exchange (PX); Discoms' decision making process; OA registry, a pre-requisite

### **Option-6: Pool, based on auction (hourly)**

- Pros: Market Discovered Price; Dispute free; Not administered; Akin to DAM but closer to real time
- Cons: Preparedness of PX; Discoms decision making process; OA registry, a pre-requisite

#### **Option-7:** Pool, based on auction (intra-hour i.e. 15 min. block)

- Pros: Market Discovered Price; Dispute free; Not administered; Akin to DAM but closer to real time
- Cons: Preparedness of PX; Discoms' decision making process; OA registry, a pre-requisite

### II. Illustration:

- a. Auction: 7.30 Hrs. 8.00 Hrs. window, transaction for <u>'rest of the day' (Intra-day :</u> <u>Option 5)</u> / <u>'for 9.00 – 10.00 Hrs.' (Hourly : Option 6)</u> / <u>'for 9.00 – 9.15 Hrs.' (Intra-hour : Option 7)</u>, and so on
- b. Generators can participate for sale of surplus power (over and above already scheduled on day-ahead basis)
- c. Sellers (other than generators) and buyers can participate for surplus / deficit vis-à-vis their schedule on day-ahead basis
- d. After the trade materializes under Option 5, 6 or 7 as the case may be, net schedule for the buyers and sellers shall be prepared, which will serve as reference point for DSM / UI
- e. However, payment for 'Day-ahead' transaction and <u>'Intra-day' (Option 5)</u> / <u>'Hourly'</u> (Option 6) / <u>'Intra-hour' (Option 7)</u> transactions shall be settled separately based on the schedules for the respective segments
- f. Open Access Registry and delegation of decision making authority to operating level at Discom are pre-conditions to success of this framework.

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