## **ANNEXURE-9**

## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The proposed OFC line is generally laid on the Balwada to Vapi via Valsad highway in between Balwada to Vapi. Such road side area is declare as the social forest of central government under the forest Conservation Act 1980.

Under this proposal OFC we would use 49.684 km linear forest land (2.23578 hectors) area along Balwada to Vapi highway.

The area required for laying OFC is bare minimum which is a part of social forest land.

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