

Office of the Principle Chief Conservator of Forests

Land Branch, Gujarat State,

A-Wing, 3rd floor, Aranya Bhavan,

Sector-10-A, Gandhinagar.

Phone no. 079-232-54116

Email -dcf.fca.gujarat@gmail.com**To**

The Principal Secretary,

Forest & Environment Department,

New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar

Sub: Diversion of 109.1287 ha. (online applied area 109.689 ha.) (SF Navsari 6.0895 ha., SF Valsad 2.7836 ha., Valsad (North) 1.2631 ha., Valsad (South) 99.6228 ha.) 765 kV D/c Transmission line in Gujarat State.

Online Proposal No. FP/GJ/TRANS/155387/2022

Ref: Government of India's In-principle approval letter no.

FC-6/GJA-82/2023-GNR, Dt. 19/12/2023

Sir,

With reference to the above subject and letter the compliance report of conditions of In-principle approval is as under:

Sr. No.	Conditions	Sr. No.	Reply
A: Conditions which needs to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department:			
1	The cost of compensatory afforestation on the degraded CA land at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	1	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 25,77,46,800/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, construction of 6 feet height wall and solar pump in the CAMPA fund.

File No: PCCFO/per/e-file/129/2023/7915/Land

Approved By: APCCF, Land, PCCFO

Open the document in Adobe Acrobat DC to verify the E-sign

2	The Net Present Value (NPV) for the 109.1287 ha. forest area to be diverted under the proposal shall be deposited by the user agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA-566 in W.P. (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC(pt-II) dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and revision of NPV vide Ministry letter no. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06/01/2022 in this regard.	2	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs. 17,12,30,288/- towards the cost of Net Present Value in the CAMPA fund.
3	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	3	The User Agency has already given the undertaking in this regard.
4	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.	4	FRA certificate of Collector, Navsari, Valsad is attached herewith.
5	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	5	The User Agency has agreed
6	The KML files of diverted area and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval.	6	The KML files of CA area is uploaded on the e-Green watch portal.
7	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA fund only through e-portal.	7	Funds from the user agency has been transferred online to the CAMPA fund through e-portal.



B: Conditions which needs to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:			
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	1	The User Agency has Agreed
2	Forest land will be handed over to the user agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.	2	The User Agency has Agreed
3	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 100.00 ha. degraded forest land Survey no.10pt., Village-Gram Garadiya, Taluka-Sanjeli, District-Dahod & 120.00 ha. degraded forest land Survey no.250pt., Village-Gram Kharoda, Taluka-Dahod, District-Dahod. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.	3	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 25,77,46,800/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, construction of 6 feet height wall and solar pump in the CAMPA fund.
4	User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 8460 trees/ minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department.	4	The User Agency has Agreed
5	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	5	The User Agency has Agreed
6	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.	6	The User Agency has agreed
7	No labour camp shall be establishment on the forest land.	7	The User Agency has agreed
8	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	8	The User Agency has agreed



9	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	9	The User Agency has agreed
10	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.	10	The User Agency has agreed
11	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	11	The User Agency has undertaken that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose, other than that specified in the FCA Proposal.
12	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.	12	The User Agency has agreed
13	The user agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar by the end of March every year.	13	The User Agency has agreed
14	The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	14	The User Agency has agreed
15	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as Para 1.21 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	15	The User Agency has agreed
16	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.	16	The User Agency has agreed



17	User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme before working permission as in case of linear project.	17	The User Agency has agreed
18	User agency shall be obtained Wildlife Clearance as per the provisions of the extant, rules and regulation. If required.	18	The User Agency has agreed
19	The user agency shall comply with the guideline for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide Chapter 10 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	19	The User Agency has agreed
20	The user agency shall comply with the Hon'ble NGT order for transmission line dated 07/03/2012.	20	The User Agency has agreed
21	The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.	21	The User Agency has agreed
22	User agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.	22	The User Agency has agreed
23	The compliance report in letter format of State Govt. of Gujarat shall be uploaded on e-portal.	23	The Compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.
Specific conditions:			
1	The minimum height of transmission tower shall not be less than 62 meters within the forest areas to avoid cutting of big trees.	1	The User Agency has agreed
2	The user agency shall construct 6 feet high wall along the boundary of the proposed CA in both the patches.	2	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 25,77,46,800/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation, construction of 6 feet height wall and solar pump in the CAMPA fund.
3	The user agency shall provide at its cost required number of Solar Pumps as given by the Forest Department for irrigating the CA plantation.	3	



In view of above and since the conditions of In-principle approval have already been complied with, the matter may now be referred to Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar for issuance of formal approval.

Performa

1.	Name of Regional Office	:	Gandhinagar
2.	State/District/Forest Division to which the proposal relates	:	Gujarat / Navsari / Valsad/ SF Navsari/ SF Valsad/ Valsad (N)/ Valsad (S)
3.	Name of User Agency, nature of proposal	:	Power greed corporation of India Transmission line
4.	Extend of forest area involved	:	109.1287 ha.
5.	Whether original, or extension	:	Original
6.	If extension of lease, pl clarify if proposal involves additional forest area, and if so, specify	:	—
7.	Date of 1 st stage clearance	:	Date.19/12/2023
8.	Extend of CAMPA charges, head wise viz	:	
	(a) Compensatory Afforestation	:	Rs. 25,77,46,800/-
	(b) Additional CA	:	
	(c) Penal CA	:	—
	(d) Catchment Area Treatment	:	—
	(f) Additional charges for diversion of area falling under notified/protected areas	:	—
	(g) Net Present Value	:	Rs. 17,12,30,288/-
	(h) Any other charges/Levies(pl specify)	:	—
9.	Details of Bank Drafts (Bank, Draft No., Date & Amount), head-wise against items indicated in paragraph 9 above.	:	—
10.	Whether deposited by RTGS, if so, the particulars & dated of remittance.	:	User Agency online transferred in CAMPA fund through e-portal.
11.	Bank [Corporation Bank, Lodhi complex/union bank of India, Sunder Nagar] in which deposited, with date of deposition.	:	Union Bank of India, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, Date. 02/01/2024
12.	Any other remarks.	:	—

(Dr. Jaipal Singh)



Addl. Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests

Land

Gujarat State, Gandhinagar

Copy to Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Circle Bharuch / Valsad for necessary information.

Copy to Deputy Conservator of Forests, SF Navsari/ SF Valsad/ Valsad (N)/ Valsad (S) for necessary information.

