

**Issues of Public Hearing in the Matter of**  
**Application of Punjab Grid Company Limited for the Consideration**  
**of Grant of Provincial Grid Company**

- (a). What is the status of the Punjab Grid Company Limited (PGCL) in terms of the eligibility criteria prescribed in the NEPRA Act for the grant of Licence as a Provincial Grid Company? In the absence of the said rules is it legally plausible to make a request to the Authority for the grant of Licence?
- (b). What is the Experience of the Applicant (i.e. PGCL) and its Management in the Electric Power Sector, especially in the Transmission Line Business to justify itself as Provincial Grid Company in the province of Punjab?
- (c). Whether PGCL for its proposed scope as a Provincial Grid Company has carried out any proper bankable feasibility study for the project to ascertain the exact scope of work being envisaged?
- (d). The proposed scope of the Provincial Grid Company includes laying of various type of Transmission lines of 132 KV, 220 KV and 500 KV. Does PGCL possess the required capability to design, construct own and operate Transmission Lines having voltage level of 132KV, 220 KV and 500 KV?
- (e). Whether there are specific projects which PGCL as Provincial Grid Company intends to undertake after the grant of licence and what will be the source of funding/options for financing in this regard?
- (f). Whether the envisaged scope of PGCL as a Provincial Grid Company is consistent/in compliant with the scope of the proposed Integrated Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) and Transmission System Expansion Plan (TSEP) or not?
- (g). NTDC, FESCO, GEPCO, LESCO and MEPCO have been constructing Transmission Lines in the province of Punjab for dispersal of electric power from the generation facilities set up in the province. Has any coordination been made to avoid any duplication of work?

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(h). Right of Way (RoW) is a precious resource and considering the fact that most of the resources for generation of power are located in the south of the country in the province of Punjab. What measures have been taken up with NTDC and other DISCO(s) to ensure that RoW is utilized in an optimum manner?

(i). Whether, the applicant/PGCL has the required capability, expertise and other relevant skills to acquire the required Right of Way (RoW) for the construction of the proposed Transmission Line as stated above?

(j). What is the ability of the applicant/PGCL and its Management to raise the required funds for the construction of the proposed Transmission Lines connecting various generation facilities being constructed in the Province for wheeling the power to various locations?

(k). In terms of Section-18B of the NEPRA Act, the provincial grid company is required to operate and provide safe and reliable transmission services on a non-discriminatory basis. Does PGCL understand that it will be able to adhere to the said provision or otherwise?

(l). According to Section-18B of the NEPRA Act, a Provincial Grid Company is required to fulfil a number of requirements for providing transmission and inter-connection services to the national grid company and to others. Does PGCL understand that it will be able to adhere to the various provisions or otherwise?

(m). Whether the infrastructure to be developed by PGCL as a Provincial Grid Company will be subject to non-discriminatory open access and centralized system operation and dispatch by the system operator i.e. NPCC or NTDC as National Grid Company as the case may be?

(n). What type of infrastructure will be deployed by PGCL as a Provincial Grid Company for the purpose of coordination, interconnection services and connecting its facilities with National Grid Company?

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- (o). Will PGCL as a Provincial Grid Company adhere to the performance standards laid down by the Authority for transmission of electric power, including safety, health and environmental protection instructions issued by the Authority or any Governmental agency?
- (p). Whether the grant of Licence to PGCL as Provincial Grid Company will result in infringement of the rights of NTDC under Section 17(2) of the NEPRA Act as National Grid Company or not?
- (q). If the Authority approves the grant of Licence to PGCL as a Provincial Grid Company, what should be the term of the proposed Licence and its justification for the same?
- (r). Whether PGCL for its proposed Licence for Provincial Grid Company has obtained necessary/requisite authorizations from the relevant Government agencies including but not limited to Safety, Health and Environment?