

Frequently asked Questions w.r.t. submission of Connectivity / GNA applications under GNA Regulations 2022:

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Application Form

1. Is there any other way of submission of application other than NSWS portal?

No. All applications should be applied online through NSWS portal only. The link for NSWS portal is <https://www.nsws.gov.in/>

2. What are the properties of Digital Signature to be applied on application form?

Application shall have a legally valid digital signature certificate (Class 3 - SHA2 – Signing Component) mapped with the name of applicant company as per Interoperability guidelines of Controller of Certifying Authorities (CCA) of India.

3. Can connectivity be applied for less than installed capacity in case generator is already connected or intending to connect to intra-state transmission system also?

Yes, however, the applicant has to submit copy of application already made to STU or intimation issued by STU clearly indicating actual quantum of STU Connectivity (out of installed capacity) and for the balance quantum (Installed Capacity – STU Connectivity) application to be submitted to CTU.

Affidavit

4. Is same person required to submit affidavit and application?

Yes, affidavit should be signed by the authorized person submitting the application.

5. Is it mandatory to notarize the affidavit?

Yes

6. Is a unique affidavit required each time a new application is filed?

Yes, a new affidavit is required each time a new application is filed. If an application is reverted for deficiencies, the affidavit submitted in the original application may be used in the corresponding revised application.

7. Can applicant submit affidavit with affixed revenue stamps / special adhesive stamps in place of non-judicial stamp paper?

Affidavit shall be on Non-judicial Stamp Paper of min Rs. 10/-. Affidavits with affixed revenue stamps / special adhesive stamps in place of non-judicial stamp paper shall not be accepted. Affidavit shall be complete i.r.o all the formalities including physical signatures, attestation from Notary, placement of company seal and name of signatory.

8. On whose name should the stamp paper for affidavit be purchased?

Stamp paper of min Rs. 10/- for the affidavit should be purchased in the name of applicant company.

LoA/PPA

9. Can same LOA/PPA be repeated in different applications?

Total cumulative Connectivity quantum should not be more than quantum of LOA/PPA. Further, same LoA can be utilized in cases where LoA has been issued on RTC basis for multi located REGS projects. In such cases, details of each location and capacity at each location duly submitted by REIA/distribution licensee shall have to be submitted.

10. Can the LOA/PPA issued in the name of parent company be used for grant of Connectivity to subsidiary.

For Connectivity Application, LOA/PPA should be issued in the name of the Applicant company only.

Bank Guarantee

11. On whose name should the stamp paper for Bank Guarantee be purchased?

Stamp paper of BG to be submitted to CTU should be purchased in the name of the Bank issuing the BG.

12. Is there any provision to change the text of BG slightly?

Text of the Bank Guarantee shall be strictly as per the format available on CTU website. No deviation is acceptable.

Authorization Certificate

13. What are the details to be mentioned in the authorization certificate to be submitted by RPPDs?

Certificate may be obtained from Central / State Govt authorizing the RPPD to undertake infrastructural activities including arrangement for Connectivity on behalf of solar/wind power generators as per Para 5.8 (vii)(a) of CERC Connectivity Regulations.

Board Resolution

14. Is there any specific format for Board Resolution to be submitted along with the application? What should be the contents of BR?

There is no specific format for Board Resolution. However, the same should authorize a designated person for filing of application for grant of Connectivity/GNA. Additionally, the following para may preferably be inserted in the BR: "*The nominated person is authorized to carry out all activities related to Connectivity and GNA under GNA Regulations, 2022*".

URN

15. Do I have to mandatorily register my project with CEA e-gen portal before applying for Connectivity?

Yes, CEA vide its Order dated 09.11.2020 (Ref. No.: CEA-PL-15-13(11)/1/2020-PSLF) has directed that all power generating units of the country having installed capacity of 0.5 MW or above are required to register themselves on CEA e-GEN portal, <http://egen.cea.gov.in>. URN need to be entered in the connectivity application form.

Application Fees

16. Can I deposit the application fees directly in the Bank account of CTUIL or any other means in addition to the options available on NSWS portal?

No. All the Connectivity/GNA applications to CTU are now being received through NSWS Portal only. Accordingly, the application fee (plus 18% GST) as prescribed in the CERC GNA Regulations, 2022 is to be paid online through NSWS portal at the time of submission of the application.

Land Documents

17. Which type of land documents are acceptable as per 5.8(xi)(b) and 5.8(vii) of CERC Connectivity & GNA Regulations 2022?

Only following type of land documents are acceptable:

- Title Deed as a proof of Ownership
- Lease Deed as a proof of Lease rights
- Land use rights documents titled as "Land Use Right Agreement". (Model "Land Use Rights Agreement" available on CTU website under the GNA Tab -> Formats under GNA).

All land documents should be duly registered with the appropriate authority of the respective State and should bear the unique Registration Number & the date of registration.

18. Our company has signed sub-lease deed with our parent company, who in turn has signed Lease Deed with landowners. Can I submit the lease as well as sub-lease deed as part of land documents?

No. As stated above, only title deed, lease deed and land use agreement are acceptable. Sub-lease deed, leave and license agreement, power of attorney, agreement to sale/lease are not acceptable documents for grant of Connectivity.

19. Can applicant submit land documents having possession of land on a future date?

No. All land documents should bear clear and existing vesting of land rights including the rights to use and possess the land in favour of applicant at the time of application. No land documents shall have a reference for future date towards possession of land, effective date of agreement/ Sale deed etc. and all rights shall be enforceable as on the date of application. Further, the land rights should correspond with the life of the project.

20. What are the additional documents to be submitted for Connectivity application on Land Route?

Along with title deed/ lease deed / land use right documents, applicants should submit the following documents:

- a. An Undertaking towards submission of Land Documents as per FORMAT-UD-LAND. (www.ctuil.in >> Open Access >> Formats and Agreements)
- b. 'Title Report' in the applicant's favour executed by a registered advocate holding inter alia clear and present vesting of land rights (ownership or lease rights or land use rights) as per FORMAT-TITLE-REPORT. (www.ctuil.in >> Open Access >> Formats and Agreements)

21. In case applicant is applying connectivity as a Lead Generator on behalf of another entity, land documents should be in whose name?

In such case, the land documents should be submitted in the name of entity on whose behalf connectivity is being sought by Lead Generator.

**Common errors encountered in the Connectivity / GNA applications submitted under
GNA Regulations 2022**

Sl. No.	List of errors
1.	Digital signature of the applicant is not linked with the applicant company. Or Digital Signature is not Class 3 in nature.
2.	Use of DSC USB dock having more than one DSC tokens while digitally signing application at NSWS portal which may lead to submission of application with a digital signature which is not intended to be used.
3.	Mentioning different quantum of installed capacity at different places in the application.
4.	Opting "Yes" in the field "Whether generating station is already connected to or intending to connect to intra-state transmission system?" in the application even if same is not applicable.
5.	Opting "Yes" in filed "Whether applied under Regulation 5.6 (sharing of terminal bay or the switchyard and the dedicated transmission lines, if any)" in the application even if same is not applicable (such as in case of applying for enhancement of previous granted connectivity for the same project).
6.	Affidavit is submitted by a different person other than that who has submitted the application.
7.	Affidavit has not been notarized
8.	Affidavit has already been used in a previous other application
9.	Special adhesive stamp paper has been used instead of non-judicial stamp paper in the affidavit.
10.	PPA/LOA for full quantum has already been used in a previous Connectivity application.
11.	LOA/PPA has been issued in the name of the parent company / 100% subsidiary
12.	Stamp paper in the Land Bank Guarantee has not been purchased in the name of issuing bank.
13.	Text of Land Bank Guarantee has been modified.
14.	Authorization certificate by Central / State Govt has not been submitted by RPPD along with the application.
15.	The date of Board Resolution submitted with the application and the one referred in Affidavit are different.
16.	The Board Resolution does not authorize the applicant to file application.
17.	URN from CEA e-gen portal has not been submitted with the application.

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18.	Application fees has been deposited into CTU bank account directly.
19.	Content of BG submitted is different from the CERC Connectivity Regulations / Detailed Procedure.
20.	In case of revised application, validity of Land BG is less than 1 year from the last date of the month in which revised application is being submitted.
21.	Location and capacity of each project is not mentioned in the LOA (for multi-located projects).
22.	Sub-lease deed / Leave and license agreement / Power of attorney / Agreement to lease has been submitted as part of land documents.
23.	Land documents are not registered with appropriate authority.
24.	Unique Registration Number or Date of Registration of the land documents are not available in the deeds.
25.	Land documents are having reference to possession of land on a future date.
26.	Notarized English or Hindi translations are not submitted along with the land documents which are not in English or Hindi language.
27.	Title Report has not been submitted for applicants applying under Land Route.
28.	Title Report has not been counter signed by the applicant.