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LONG TERM GENERATION EXPANSION PLAN 2022-2041 (LTGEP)

We write this in reference to our letter to you dated 2021-07-26 submitting the draft LTGEP 2022-2041 for your approval, your letter ref. PUC/LIC/AP21/01 dated 2021-08-09 requesting us to resubmit the same and the meeting we had with you on 2021-09-10.

As indicated by us at the meeting, we have already requested from the Ministry of Power by way of our letter dated 2021-08-23 (with copy to Chairman PUCSL) the issuance of the complete "General Policy Guidelines on Electricity Industry" document for us to commence planning studies. In the meantime, we have learnt that the Cabinet at its meeting held on 2021-09-13 had approved a proposal put forward by the Ministry for the issuance of the new General Policy Guidelines as per section 5 of the Sri Lanka Electricity Act. Thus, we expect that the new Policy Guidelines would be issued soon.

However, we wish to bring to your kind attention that if we are to re do a new LTGEP as requested by you (that contained revised renewable targets), CEB would require to carry out "renewable energy integration studies" again. As such studies would take about nine to ten months to complete, the resulting plan would not be LTGEP 2022-2041. However, until this new LTGEP (most likely for the period 2023-2042) is prepared and submitted for your approval, we would not have a valid/approved LTGEP based on which we could carry out future transmission and generation development work (as the existing Commission approved LTGEP 2018-2037 does not reflect the latest system requirements or comply to latest policies and priorities).

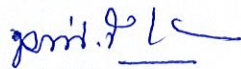
Thus, considering that the draft LTGEP 2022-2041 that was submitted for approval;

- 1) Is in compliance to the General Policy Guidelines prevalent at the time of its preparation and submission,
- 2) Complies to the power sector's ultimate Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) target of achieving a 25% reduction in GHG emissions (that was about to be submitted to the UNFCCC, at the time of our submission of LTGEP),

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we earnestly request the Commission, to grant approval to the already submitted draft LTGEP 2022-2041 and thereby enable us to start working on near term power projects and plan for transmission development beyond 2027, (that were stalled without a new LTGEP, after 2018).



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