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To,
Shri Saurabhbhai Patel
The Hon'ble Minister of Energy,
Government of Gujarat,
Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar

Sub: Request to increase banking period for Solar and Wind generation

Respected Sir,

Greetings from Gujarat Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI).

Sir, it is known that Hon'ble Prime Minister has declared Janta Curfew and then lockdown since 25th March, 2020 and has extended the lockdown in the country till 3rd May, 2020. Responding to call of Hon'ble PM of India, industries are closed w.e.f. 25th March, 2020.

To promote Renewable Energy so many units have installed Wind Turbine / Solar plants. As per current policy one month's banking is granted for generation of wind/solar energy. Looking to continuous lockdown it is not possible for most of units to consume wind/solar energy generation in its months of generation i.e. banking allowed of one month. Even after lifting the lockdown units would not be operated on full load for so many days/weeks due to various reasons and as such would not be able to consume full wind/solar energy generation in the month of its generation. It seems that it may take minimum two to three months to stabilize industries.

Sir, you would appreciate that this is force majeure, not controllable by industries.

Therefore, it is requested to modify banking period of solar/wind energy generation (for generation during March to May, 2020) to three months instead of one month allowed at present.

Thanking you.

Yours truly,

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