

SCHEDULE-VII

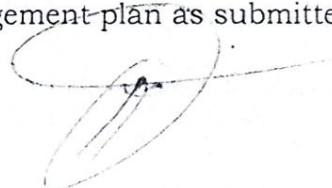
Decision on EIA

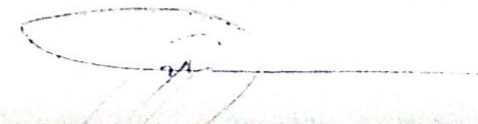
1. **Name, address of proponent:** Chief Engineer (Project Director),
765 kVA Dasu Transmission Line Project,
NTDC, H#459, Service Road East, E-11/3, Islamabad.
Ph. No. +92-51-2712137.
2. **Description of project:** Mansehra Grid Station will be used for Dasu Hydropower project (DHP; 5400 MW) and it will be an important hub of energy in the northern side of the grid serving the northern area of KPK. The DHP will be connected to Islamabad via Mansehra Grid Station through a 250 km long 765 kV double circuit transmission line. The proposed 765 kV Grid Station will occupy an area of 158 acres of land. Some portion of the project falls in billion tree tsunami (BTTAP) project area which is a sensitive receptor. For this purpose forest clearance has been obtained. The grid station will house bay and other substation equipment, such as, transformers, circuit breakers, feeder bay, reactors, isolators, bus bars, wave trapper, loop-in/out lines, and telecommunication mast. It will also have control building to house protective relays, control devices, battery banks for primary control power, and remote monitoring equipment and residential colony for the operation staffs and families. The site is accessible through Mansehra main road to Lassan Nawab road and at Terralla Chowk to village Sawan Maira.
3. **Location of project and GPS** The project is located at village Sawan Maira, District Mansehra, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
Coordinates/GIS map:

A 34.276370	73.010420
B 34.278780	73.018330
C 34.268280	73.012270
D 34.269230	73.018210
4. **Date of filing of EIA:** 29-06-2020 Ref. (EPA Diary No. 607)
5. After careful review, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord conditional approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment of **765 KVA Grid Station Project at village Sawan Maira in District Mansehra of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa** in line

with the guidelines issued under Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014 and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment (KPEA) Rules, 2021, subject to the following terms & conditions:-

- a) The proponent shall adopt all precautionary and mitigation measures identified in EIA Report, replies submitted to this Agency in response of observations as well as any unanticipated impacts during the construction and operation phase of the project.
- b) Water shall be regularly sprinkled on the road within the project site to control dust pollution.
- c) A copy of the agreement made with the contractor for implementation of the proposed mitigation measures for municipal solid waste management, muck material disposal, effluents management and for the control of other environmental / social pollution during construction phase shall be provided to this Agency before commencement of physical activities.
- d) No effluents shall be discharged to any surface water body in violation of the National Environmental Quality Standards (NEQS). Moreover, no solid waste shall be dispose of in any surface water body, natural khwarh etc.
- e) Proper muck material disposal site shall be selected in consultation with EPA concerned regional directorate and detail of the same shall be submitted to this Agency.
- f) Blasting shall be avoided up to the possible extent however, where unavoidable proper mitigation measures shall be adopted. A plan for this reason shall be formulated and be made part of the contract documents. Details of the same shall be submitted to this Agency.
- g) Compensation for crops, trees and other structures shall be paid to the owner (s) at the market rate as per Govt. rules and the same shall be shared with this Agency prior to commencement of construction activities.
- h) All the land / structure acquisition and compensation issues shall be settled prior to commencement of construction activities. A certificate in this regard shall be generated duly verified by concerned revenue officer.
- i) The effluent from the colony / project area shall be properly treated and clearance shall be obtained for the same from the Agency.
- j) Natural / Seasonal khwarh in / near the project area shall not be disturbed.
- k) The link road going to nearby village shall not be disturbed.
- l) The proponent will follow the local norms of area.
- m) The proponent will implement the traffic management plan as submitted.

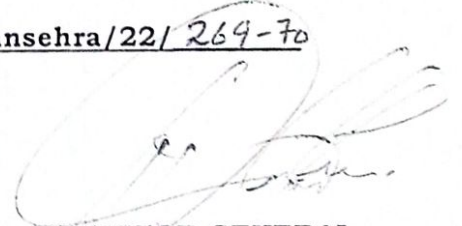


- n) The proposed project area falls in BTTAP zone. However the proponent will ensure compliance of Divisional Forest Officer (DFO), Unhar Watershed Division, Mansehra letter No. 2514/UWS, daed 24/04/2022.
- o) Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) shall be provided to the staff with the direction to use it during working hours.
- p) A certificate of site restoration duly approved by the concerned district administration shall be submitted to this Agency after completion of the project.
- q) Details of CSR activities along with year wise budget allocation shall be submitted to EPA before commencement of physical activities keeping in view quantum of the project and demands of the locals. For this reason a committee with representation of locals shall be formulated with intimation to this office.
- r) Minimum, environmentally safe distance/buffer zone should be maintained between residential and project area to avoid impact of Electro-Motive Force (EMF), Induction Flux etc. on human life.
- s) All non-technical jobs shall be provided to the locals. Moreover, locals shall also be preferred in technical jobs if the required skilled labor is available locally. Employment record for all position shall be provided to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- t) Trees cutting shall be avoided to the maximum possible level. Moreover, the proponent shall carry out the plantation as per submitted plan and details of the same shall be shared with the Agency. A buffer zone in the form of thick plantation shall be established around the project area.
- u) The proponent shall submit biannual compliance report of the aforementioned conditions to this Agency.
- 6.** The proponent shall be liable for correctness and validity of the information supplied by the environmental consultant.
- 7.** The proponent shall be liable for compliance of Rule 14, 15, 18, 19, 20 & 21 of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rule, 2021, regarding approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspections and monitoring.
- 8.** This approval is accorded only for the construction phase of the project. The proponent will obtain approval for operation of the project in accordance with the KPEA Rules, 2021.
- 9.** Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining the approval.
- 10.** This approval shall be treated as null and void if all or any of the conditions mentioned above is/are not complied with.
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11. This approval does not absolve the proponent of the duty to obtain any other approval or clearance that may be required under any law in force.
12. The proponent will testify that there is no legal case pending in the courts against the project.
13. In exercise of the power under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the undersigned is pleased to approve the EIA Report for construction phase of **765 KVA Grid Station Project at village Sawan Maira in District Mansehra of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa** with above mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar 28-06-2023

Tracking/File.No. EPA/EIA/Grid-Stations/765KVA/Mansehra/22/264-70



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