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Version	1.0
Scale of the project activity	Large Scale
Completion date of the MR	01/04/2024
Project participants	Project Proponent: IndiGrid Limited. Mumbai, Maharashtra-400098, India.
	UCR ID: 310768132
Host Party	India
SDGs	SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth SDG 13: Climate Action
Applied methodologies and standardized baselines	Type I (Renewable Energy Projects)
	UNFCCC CDM Methodology Category
	UNFCCC Methodology Category, "ACM0002: Grid- connected electricity generation from renewable sources - Version 21.0
	UCR Protocol Standard Baseline Emission Factor
Sectoral scopes	01 Energy industries (Renewable / Non-renewable Sources)
Estimated amount of GHG emission	2016 : 33,651 CoUs (33,651 tCO ₂ eq)
reductions for r the crediting period per year.	2017 : 42,571 CoUs (42,571 tCO ₂ eq)
	2018 : 50,133 CoUs (50,133 tCO ₂ eq)
	2019 : 50,639 CoUs (50,639 tCO ₂ eq)
	2020 : 46,954 CoUs (46,954 tCO ₂ eq)
	2021 : 47,866 CoUs (47,866 tCO ₂ eq)
	2022 : 48,470 CoUs (48,470 tCO ₂ eq)
	2023 : 49,711 CoUs (49,711 tCO ₂ eq)
	Total: 3,69,995 CoUs (3,69,995 tCO ₂ eq)

SECTION A. Description of project activity

A.1. Purpose and general description of project activity >>

The project activity 30 MW Solar Power Project TKSPL, Tamil Nadu, India is located in Village Alliyandal, Taluka Chengam, District Tirunannamalai, State Tamil Nadu, India.

Purpose of the project activity:

Terralight Kanji Solar Pvt. Ltd. (TKSPL) Solar Power Project stands as a ground-mounted solar energy generation hub located in Village Alliyandal, Tamil Nadu, India. With an impressive capacity of 30 MW of Solar PV plant, it harnesses photovoltaic (PV) technology to convert solar energy into electricity, thereby contributing to India's renewable energy objectives and combating carbon emissions by replacing fossil fuel-based electricity generation with clean, sustainable solar power.

Promoted by Terralight Kanji Solar Private Limited (TKSPL), a subsidiary of INDIGRID, also called as Project Proponent (PP), this project epitomizes innovation and sustainability in the power transmission sector. As part of INDIGRID, India's pioneering Infrastructure Investment Trust (InvIT), TKSPL is aligned with a larger mission of owning, operating, and managing power transmission networks and renewable energy assets across the nation. TKSPL is just one among thirty-five power projects within IndiGrid's diverse Portfolio Assets, which includes operational transmission projects, greenfield ventures, and solar generation projects dispersed across 20 states and 1 union territory in India.

Operating in Tirunannamalai, Tamil Nadu, TKSPL's project activity represents a new venture (Greenfield), exporting electricity to the Indian grid and effectively displacing fossil fuel-generated power. This strategic move ensures that electricity generated by the project replaces an equivalent amount that would otherwise be sourced from the fossil fuel-dominant grid. In essence, the project mitigates the need for additional grid-connected power plants and new generation sources, thereby paving the way for a greener, more sustainable energy landscape.

The primary objective of this project is to generate clean electricity through renewable solar energy sources. It involves the installation of 30 MW solar projects as part of a bundled project activity.

TKSPL specializes in establishing, generating, and distributing renewable power from its groundmounted solar power plants situated in Tiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu. Through a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with TANGEDCO, TKSPL has committed to implementing a 36.00 MWp (30.00 MW AC) solar photovoltaic power generation unit in Tamil Nadu. This agreement allows TKSPL to sell electricity to TANGEDCO for a duration of 25 years from the Commercial Operation Date (COD). The project is fully owned by the Project Proponent (PP).

Operating as an operational activity, this project continuously reduces greenhouse gas emissions. It is currently enrolled in the "Universal Carbon Registry" (UCR), a program that rewards solar

initiatives with carbon credits. These credits serve as incentives for promoting positive climate action in the Global South, distinguishing it from carbon finance in other international voluntary carbon programs.

As of March 2023, India has made significant strides in the realm of renewable energy. The installed capacity for renewable energy has surged from 115.94 GW in March 2018 to 172.00 GW in March 2023, marking a remarkable increase of approximately 1.48 times. Throughout the year 2022-23, the nation generated a total of 365.60 billion units (BU) of electricity from renewable sources, demonstrating a strong commitment to sustainable energy practices.

On a global scale, India stands as the fourth-largest nation in terms of installed renewable energy capacity, as per the Renewable Energy Statistics 2023 released by the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

India has set an ambitious target to achieve around 450 GW of installed renewable energy capacity by 2030, with solar energy expected to contribute over 60% of this capacity. Projections from the International Energy Agency (IEA) indicate that India's installed renewable energy capacity is on track to reach 174 GW by 2023, accounting for approximately 37% of the country's total energy supply.

This remarkable growth underscores India's unwavering commitment to sustainable energy practices and its transition towards cleaner and more eco-friendly power sources. Carbon incentive policies, such as the UCR CoU program, are poised to play a crucial role in driving India closer to achieving its renewable energy goals.

a) **Purpose of the project activity:**

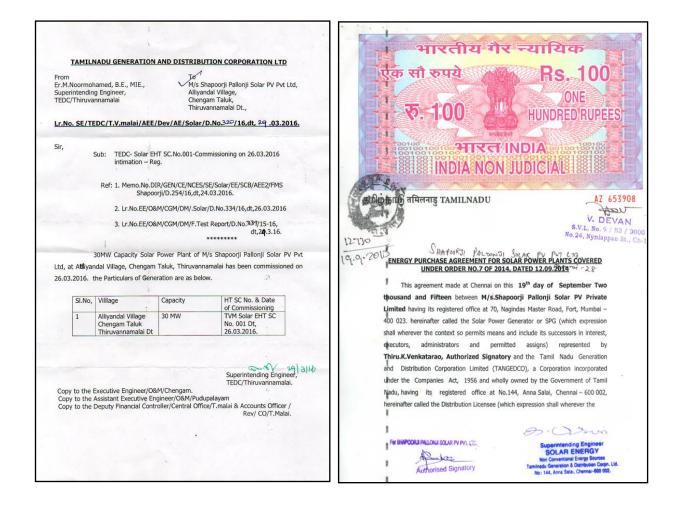
The proposed project aims to generate electricity using clean and renewable solar radiation as its source of energy. By harnessing solar power, the project activity effectively reduces grid electricity consumption at the user end, thus displacing the need for grid imports. With a total capacity of 36 MWh, the project involves the installation and operation of a solar power plant located in the Tirunannamalai district of Tamil Nadu.

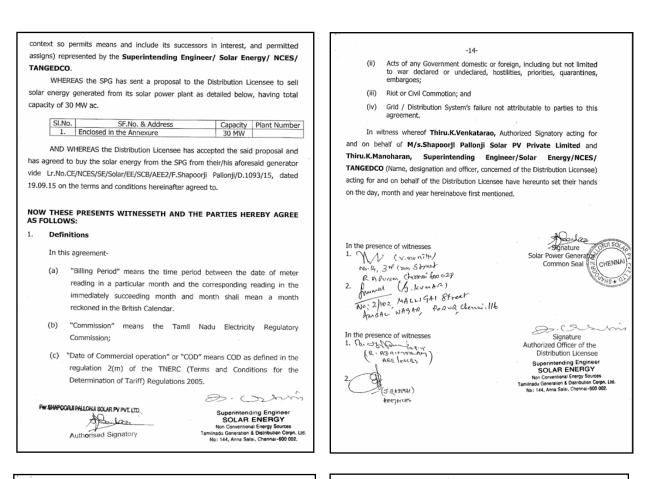
Village	Taluka	District	State	Туре	Total installed capacity MW	Commissioning Date
Alliyandal	Chengam	Tirunannamalai	Tamil Nadu	Ground mounted	30	26.03.2016

As per the ex-post calculations, this project generated approximately <u>4,11,110</u> MWh of renewable electricity over the entire monitored period. The project employs Polycrystalline solar photovoltaic

technology to generate environmentally friendly energy.

Solar photovoltaic power generation inherently contributes to environmental sustainability by avoiding the combustion of fossil fuels and the associated greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. Each photovoltaic module comprises interconnected photovoltaic cells enclosed in an environmentally protective laminate. These modules serve as the fundamental building blocks of a complete photovoltaic generating unit. When multiple photovoltaic panels are arranged on a frame, they form a photovoltaic array. By displacing fossil fuel-based electricity generation within the regional grid, this project plays a significant role in reducing GHG emissions.





SI.No	Village	Survey Numbers	Document No.	OfLand	
1	Alliyandhal	15/6	1389/2015	6.32	15.05.2015
2	Alliyandhal	20/5	1388/2015	0.56	15.05.2015
3	Alliyandhal	6/5	1317/2015	2.65	08.05.2015
4	Alliyandhal	12/2	1319/2015	0.35	08.05.2015
5	Alliyandhal	12/2&14/2	1318/2015	2.25	08.05.2015
6	Alliyandhal	6/4	1361/2015	2.54	13.05.2015
7	Alliyandhal	5/3	1360/2015	2.59	13.05.2015
8	Alliyandhal	20/5	1316/2015	2.39	08.05.2015
9	Alliyandhal	21/4	1320/2015	1.40	08.05.2015
10	Alliyandhal	20/7	1094/2015	0.78	09.04.2015
11	Alliyandhal	12/1A,12/1B&12/ 1D	1095/2015	1.72	09.04.2015
12	Alliyandhal	4/2&4/4	1096/2015	4.95	09.04.2015
13	Alliyandhal	17/4	1097/2015	1.13	09.04.2015
14	Alliyandhal	17/9	1098/2015	0.88	09.04.2015
15	Alliyandhal	15/10	1126/2015	0.74	09.04.2015
16	Alliyandhal	15/8	1443/2015	2.16	21.05.2015
17	Alliyandhal	7/4	1460/2015	1.40	21.05.2015
18	Alliyandhal	12/2&14/2	1459/2015	4.40	21.05.2015
19	Alliyandhal	15/7	1452/2015	0.96	21.05.2015
20	Alliyandhal	13/6	1455/2015	2.35	21.05.2015
21	Alliyandhal	20/8	1448/2015	1.16	21.05.2015
22	Alliyandhal	14/1&15/4	1438/2015	5.92 1/2	21.05.2015
23	Alliyandhal	4/5 &4/6	1446/2015	2.96	21.05.2015
24	Alliyandhal	7/5 & 7/6	1445/2015	4.33	21.05.2015
25	Alliyandhal	13/2,13/3&15/9	1451/2015	5.54	21.05.2015
26	Alliyandhal	13/5	1457/2015	3.01	21.05.2015
27	Alliyandhal	21/6	1461/2015	1.65	21.05.2015
28	Alliyandhal	8/6	1462/2015	1.62	21.05.2015
29	Alliyandhal	3/2 &3/4	1442/2015	2.69	21.05.2015
30	Alliyandhal	3/3	1444/2015	1.39	21.05.2015
31	Alliyandhal	16/181,16/183,16 /3B,16/3E &17/2B	1441/2015	1.70	21.05.2015
32	Alliyandhal	5/4 &6/3	1440/2015	5.09	21.05.2015
33	Alliyandhal	21/2	1447/2015	1.72	21.05.2015
34	Alliyandhal	20/7	1450/2015	1.50	21.05.2015
35	Alliyandhal	17/9	1449/2015	0.70	21.05.2015
36	Alliyandhal	8/7& 8/8	1456/2015	3.06	21.05.2015
37	Alliyandhal	20/8	1525/2015	1.16	27.05.2015
38	Alliyandhal	4/7	1509/2015	3.00	26.05.2015
39	Alliyandhal	6/1	1926/2015	2.52	02.07.2015
40	Oravandhavadi	172/2	1881/2015	5.06	29.06.2015
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			Total	143.855	
0	Oravandhavadi	149/4	1909/2015	3.96	01.07.2015
9	Oravandhavadi	149/3	1911/2015	4.50	01.07.2015
3	Oravandhavadi	148/3	1910/2015	4.25	01.07.2015
7	Oravandhavadi	148/2	1908/2015	4.61	01.07.2015
6	Oravandhavadi	148/1	2048/2015	5.01	13.07.2015
5	Oravandhavadi	170/3	1906/2015	4.79	01.07.2015
4	Oravandhavadi	170/2	1907/2015	4.05	01.07.2015
3	Oravandhavadi	171/1	1891/2015	4.38	30.06.2015
2	Oravandhavadi	171/2	1889/2015	5.00	30.06.2015
1	Oravandhavadi	172/1	1882/2015	5.00	29.06.2015

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The average estimated reduction in CO_2e emissions resulting from the project activity is **3,69,995** t CO_2eq over the first monitoring period. As the project generates electricity using solar energy, a clean and renewable source, it has no adverse impact on the environment and actively contributes to climate change mitigation efforts.





b) Brief description of the installed technology and equipment>>

The project employs clean renewable solar energy to generate electricity. The utilized technology is regarded as one of the most environmentally friendly options available, as the operation of Solar photovoltaic systems does not emit any greenhouse gases (GHGs) or other harmful substances, unlike conventional power plants.

A Photovoltaic module comprises numerous photovoltaic cells connected by circuits and enclosed in an environmentally protective laminate. These modules serve as the fundamental components of the complete PV generating unit. Multiple PV panels mounted on a frame are collectively referred to as a PV Array. The project has adopted a reliable and well-established technology to ensure that only environmentally safe and sustainable practices are employed, thereby contributing to the reduction of GHG emissions.

Each power production unit will in general constitute the following equipment:

- ✓ Solar Photovoltaic modules
- ✓ Inverters
- ✓ Transformers
- ✓ Circuit breakers
- ✓ Mounting structures
- \checkmark Cables and hardware.
- \checkmark Junction box and distribution boxes.
- ✓ Earthing kit.
- ✓ Control room equipment.
- ✓ System for control and monitoring.
- ✓ Evacuation system

In contrast to fossil fuel-fired power plants, the technology utilized in this project poses no environmental threat. It is a proven and reliable technology, ensuring safety and soundness in its application. Importantly, the project does not entail the transfer of technology from any Annex 1 country, nor does it receive any public funding from Official Development Assistance (ODA) or Annex I countries.

Parameter	Description
Total number of Photovoltaic Modules	116172
Rating of Photovoltaic Module	310 WP- watt peak
Technology	Poly Crystalline Silicon
Solar Panel Maker	Talesun
Commissioning Date	26.03.2016
Inverter Make	Shilchar Technologies Limited

c) Relevant dates for the project activity (e.g. construction, commissioning, continued operation periods, etc.)>>

UCR Project ID: 419 Commissioning Date: 26.03.2016 1st CoU Issuance Period: 31/03/2016 to 31/12/2023 (07 years 08 months) 1st Monitoring Period: 31/03/2016 to 31/12/2023 (07 years 08 months) d) Total GHG emission reductions achieved or net anthropogenic GHG removals by sinks achieved in this monitoring period>>

The total GHG emission reductions achieved in this monitoring period is as follows:

Summary of the Project Activity and ERs Generated for the Monitoring Period						
Start date of this Monitoring Period	31/03/2016					
Carbon credits claimed up to	31/12/2023					
Total ERs generated (tCO ₂ eq)	3,69,995 tCO ₂ eq					
Leakage	0					
Project Emissions	0					

e) Baseline Scenario>> As per the approved consolidated methodology AMS-I.F. Version 05

Methodology key elements

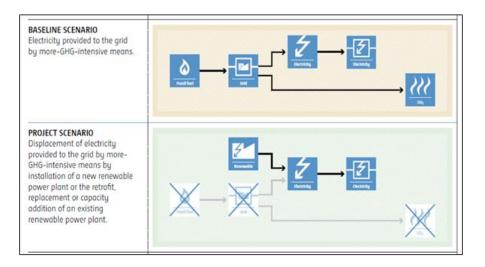
Typical project(s)	Retrofit, rehabilitation (or refurbishment), replacement or capacity addition to an existing power plant or construction and operation of a new power plant/unit that uses renewable energy sources and supplies					
	electricity to the grid.					
	Battery energy storage system can be integrated under certain conditions					
Type of GHG emissions	Renewable energy:					
mitigation action	Displacement of electricity that would be provided to the user(s) by more-					
	GH-intensive means.					

The baseline scenario identified at the MR stage of the project activity is:

As per the UNFCCC Methodology, if the project activity is the installation of a new grid-connected renewable power plant/unit, the baseline scenario is the following:

"The electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity that would have otherwise been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources."

Schematic diagram showing the baseline scenario:

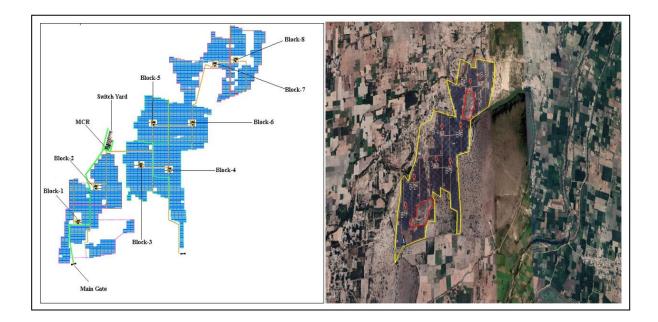


A.2. Location of project activity>>

Country	: India.
District	: Tirunannamalai
Village	: Alliyandal
Taluka	: Chengam
State	: Tamil Nadu
Latitude	: 12.3441527797 "N
Longitude	: 78.9459970541 E
Project Commissioning Year	: 26.03.2016

The representative location map is included below:





A.3. Parties and project participants >>

Party (Host)	Participants				
India	Project Proponent: IndiGrid Limited.				
	Address: Unit No 101, First Floor, Windsor, Village Kole				
	Kalyan Off CST Road, Vidyanagari Marg, Santacruz (East),				
	Mumbai, Maharashtra - 400098, India.				
	Contact Person: Ankur Agarwal - Assistant Manager				
	Email id: <u>ankur.agarwal@indigrid.com</u>				
	UCR ID: 310768132				

A.4. References to methodologies and standardized baselines >>

SECTORAL SCOPE - 01 Energy industries (Renewable/Non-renewable sources)

TYPE I - Renewable Energy Projects

CATEGORY - ACM0002, "(Title: Large-scale Consolidated Methodology: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources, Ver 21.0)

The project activity involves the generation of grid-connected electricity from renewable solar

energy. The project activity has an installed capacity of 30 MW which qualifies for a large-scale project. The project status corresponds to the methodology ACM0002., version 21, and the applicability of the methodology is discussed below:

A.5. Crediting period of project activity >>

First CoU Issuance Period: 31/03/2016 to 31/12/2023 (07 years, 08 months) **First Crediting Period:** 31/03/2016 to 31/12/2023 (07 years, 08 months)

A.6. Contact information of responsible persons/entities >>

UCR Aggregator: Ankur Agarwal UCR ID: 310768132 Email Address: <u>ankur.agarwal@indigrid.com</u> Company Name: IndiGrid Limited. (PP) Company Website: <u>https://www.indigrid.com</u>

SECTION B. Implementation of project activity

B.1. Description of implemented registered project activity >>

a) Provide information on the implementation status of the project activity during this monitoring period in accordance with UCR PCN>>

The project activity is using clean renewable solar energy to produce electricity. The applied technology is considered to be one of the most environment friendly technologies available as the operation of the Solar photovoltaic does not emit any GHGs or any other harmful gases unlike the operation of conventional power plants.

Photovoltaic module consists of a number of photovoltaic cells connected by circuits and sealed in an environmentally protective laminate, which forms the fundamental building blocks of the complete PV generating unit. Several PV panels mounted on a frame are termed as PV Array. The project activity has used the reliable and proven technology to ensure that an environmentally safe and sound technology is only being implemented in the proposed project activity leading to the GHG reduction.

The technology used does not pose any threat to the environment in comparison to the fossil fuelfired power plants. The technology to be applied in the project activity is proven technology and can hence be considered safe and sound technology. The project does not involve any transfer of technology from any Annex 1 country. There is no Public funding (ODA and/ or Annex I countries) for the project activity. This MR uses the methodology - UNFCCC Methodology, if the project activity is the installation of a new grid-connected renewable power plant/unit, the baseline scenario is the following:

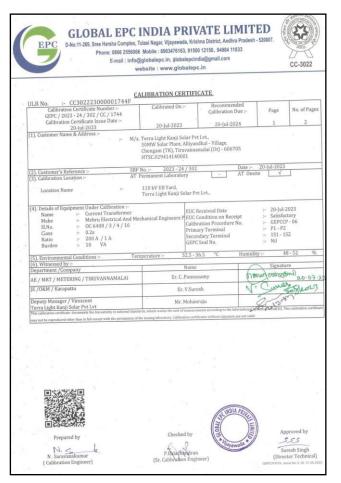
"The electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity that would have otherwise been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources."

b) For the description of the installed technology(ies), technical process and equipment, include diagrams, where appropriate>>

Parameter	Description
	30 MW
Total number of Photovoltaic Modules	116172
Rating of Photovoltaic Module	310 Wp
Module Make	Crystalline (TP672P-310)
Technology	Poly Crystalline Silicon
Solar Panel Maker	JA Solar
Commissioning Date	26.03.2016
EHT SC No.	001
Inverter model no.	PVS-800-57-1000kW-C
Inverter Rooms	8
Inverter Transformer Make	Shilchar Technologies Limited
Rating	2200/1100 - 1100



			Imp	ort Slot						Exp	ort Slot		
		Initial Reading	Final R	eading	Difference	kwh(Unit)	Initia	al	Final			kwh	
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	C2	1.75	1.79		.04	8000	128.3	14	130.77		2.43	486000	484000
	C3	0.59	0.60		.01	2000	0.19		0.19		0	0	0
P	C4	0.91	0.93		.02	4000	0.00		0.00		0	0	0
	C5	4.01	4.10		.09	18000	842.7	7	858.50		15.73	3146000	3142000
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	Tota	Export									3632000		
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	C005			RKvah P	enalty		2900						
^	C006			Negative	Energy Char	ges				1916	543		
	C008			Other Charges				0					
	C001			AMR Meter Reading Charges					500	500			
				Net App	olicant Char	ges				Rs.2	5223217		



B.2 Do no harm or Impact test of the project activity>>

The Indian economy heavily relies on coal as a primary fuel for energy generation and production processes. Thermal power plants, being the major consumers of coal in India, struggle to meet the basic electricity needs of a significant portion of the population. Consequently, there is a surge in electricity demand, placing substantial strain on the environment.

Addressing the issue of coal consumption entails adopting a multifaceted approach. This includes strategies aimed at reducing demand, minimizing energy wastage, and maximizing the utilization of renewable energy sources (RE). The current project, being a greenfield initiative, operates within the framework of grid power as the baseline. While renewable power generation gradually increases its contribution to the grid, the grid emission factor remains relatively high, delineating the grid as a distinct baseline.

The Government of India, recognizing the importance of sustainable development, has outlined specific indicators in the interim approval guidelines for projects involved in GHG mitigation efforts. These indicators encompass economic, social, environmental, and technological well-being.

It is envisioned that the project will foster sustainable development through various means:

- Compliance: The solar project falls under the "White category" as per the Central Pollution Control Board, indicating minimal environmental impact and exempting it from the need for Environmental Clearance or Consent to Operate from the Pollution Control Board.

- Regulatory Exemptions: Small-scale Solar Projects are not subject to Environmental and Social Impact Assessment requirements according to Indian regulations, as discussed in the preceding section.

- Community Engagement: The project offers employment opportunities to local communities through both construction and maintenance activities, thereby contributing to local economic development and empowerment.

United Nations Sustainable Development Goals:

The project generates electrical power by harnessing solar energy through photovoltaic cells, effectively replacing non-renewable fossil resources. This transition contributes to sustainable economic and environmental development. Without the project, the equivalent power generation would have relied on fossil fuel-dominated power stations.

Consequently, the renewable energy generation from the project leads to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions. Positive contribution of the project to the following Sustainable Development Goals:

- SDG13: Climate Action
- SDG 7: Affordable and Clean Energy
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

Development Goals	Targeted SDG	Target Indicator (SDG Indicator)
13 CLIMATE ACTION	13.2: Integrate climate change measures into national policies, strategies and planning	13.2.1: Number of countries that have communicated establishment or operationalization of an integrated policy/ strategy/ plan which increases their ability to adapt to the adverse impacts of climate change, and foster climate resilience and
SDG 13: Climate Action	Target: <u>3,69,995</u> tCO ₂ avoided for the Monitored Period 01	low greenhouse gas emissions development in a manner that does not threaten food production (including a national adaptation plan, nationally determined contribution, national communication, biennial update report or other)
7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY 	 7.2: By 2030, increase substantially the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix Target: <u>4,11,110</u> MWh renewable power supplied for the Monitored Period 01 	7.2.1: Renewable energy share in the total final energy consumption
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth	8.5: By 2030, achieve full and productive employment and decent work for all women and men, including for young people and persons with disabilities, and equal pay for work of equal value Target: Training, O&M staff	8.5.1: Average hourly earnings of female and male employees, by occupation, age and persons with disabilities

B.3. Baseline Emissions>>

If the project activity were absent, the equivalent amount of electricity would have been sourced from the regional grid, which is connected to the unified Indian Grid system. This grid predominantly relies on fossil fuel-based power plants, making it carbon-intensive.

Therefore, this project activity represents a voluntary investment, replacing an equivalent amount of electricity sourced from the Indian grid. The project proponent was under no obligation to undertake this investment, as it was not mandated by national or sectoral policies. Consequently, the ongoing operation of the project will continue to displace fossil fuel-based power plants, contributing to the mitigation of climate change impacts. The Project Proponent anticipates that carbon incentives offered by the UCR program under the CoU from 2019-2023 vintage years, accrued through generated carbon credits, will assist in repaying project costs, expanding project capacity, and ensuring ongoing maintenance. The baseline scenario identified at the MR stage of the project activity is:

• "The electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity that would have otherwise been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources.".

B.4. Debundling>>

This project activity is not a debundled component of a larger carbon or GHG registered project activity.

SECTION C. Application of methodologies and standardized baselines

C.1. References to methodologies and standardized baselines >>

SECTORAL SCOPE – 01 Energy industries (Renewable/Non-renewable sources)

TYPE I - Renewable Energy Projects

CATEGORY - ACM0002, "(Title: Large-scale Consolidated Methodology: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources, Ver 21.0)

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C.2. Applicability of methodologies and standardized baselines >>

This project activity is included within the UCR Standard Positive List of technologies and is within the large-scale CDM thresholds (i.e., installed capacity is above 15 MW). The positive list comprises of the project being a greenfield plant /unit.

Project activity involves installation of a 30 MWh renewable electricity generation plant (solar farm) connected to the regional power grid.

The project activity involves installation of Solar PV (SPV). Hence, the activity is not a hydro power project or combined heat and power (co-generation) systems.

Project is not an activity that involves switching from fossil fuels to renewable energy at the site of the project activity.

The project activity is a new installation, it does not involve any retrofit measures nor any replacement.

Landfill gas, waste gas, wastewater treatment and agro-industries projects are not relevant to the project activity. No biomass is involved, the project is only a solar power project.

The technology/measure allowed under the grid connected Solar PV based generation systems displace equivalent quantity of electricity from the regional grid in India. The testing/certifications; all the equipment of the solar project activity will be complying with applicable national/ international standards. The above details may be verified from one or more of the following documents:

- Technology Specification provided by the technology supplier.
- Purchase order copies
- EPC contracts
- Power purchase agreement
- Project commissioning certificates, etc

The project activity is a voluntary coordinated action.

As per the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Govt. of India Office Memorandum dated 13/05/2011, it had received specific clarification regarding the applicability of EIA Notification, 2006 in respect of Solar Photo Voltaic (PV) Power plants. It was further clarified in the above memorandum that both Solar PV power projects are not covered under the ambit of EIA notification, 2006 and no environment clearance is required for such projects under provisions thereof.

This methodology comprises renewable energy generation units, such as photovoltaic, hydro,

tidal/wave, wind, geothermal and renewable biomass that supply electricity to user(s). Hence this methodology is applicable and fulfilled for the solar project activity.

The project activity involves installation of new power plants at listed sites where there was no renewable energy power plant operating prior to implementation of project.

Project and leakage emissions from biomass are not applicable.

C.3 Applicability of double counting emission reductions >>

Renewable electricity units undergo rigorous digital monitoring, facilitated by specialized energy meters strategically placed within the project's boundaries. It's crucial to emphasize that the project will not engage in India's NDC carbon ecosystem/market and has not been enrolled in any other greenhouse gas (GHG) mechanism for carbon offsets or credits in the past.

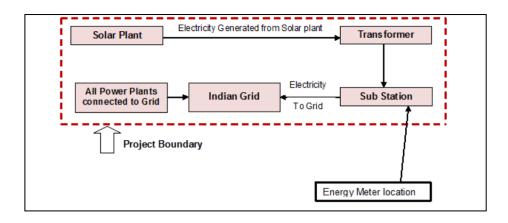
C.4. Project boundary, sources and greenhouse gases (GHGs)>>

The project activity consists of the utilization of the solar radiation as input source of energy. This solar radiation is converted to direct current (DC) through Photovoltaic cell modules and further converted to alternate current (AC) through inverters and fed into the regional grid. There are no sources of gas generation or involvement of gas either as fuel or as exhaust.

As per applicable methodology ACM0002. version - 21, "The spatial extent of the project boundary includes the project power plant and all power plants connected physically to the electricity system that the project power plant is connected to."

Thus, the project boundary includes the Solar Power Plant and the Indian grid system.

A diagrammatic representation of the project boundary of the project activity is provided:



	Source	GHG	Included?	Justification/Explanation	
Baseline	Grid connected electricity.	CO ₂	Included	Major source of emission	
		CH4	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative.	
		N ₂ O	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative.	
Project Activity	Greenfield Solar Power Project	CO ₂	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative.	
		CH4	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative.	
		N ₂ O	Excluded	Excluded for simplification. This is conservative.	

Total Installed Capacity: 30 MW

Commissioning Date of the first installation: 26.03.2016

C.5. Establishment and description of baseline scenario (UCR Protocol) >>

As per the approved consolidated methodology ACM0002. version - 21, if the project activity is the installation of a new grid-connected renewable power plant/unit, the baseline scenario is the following:

"The baseline scenario is that the electricity delivered to the grid by the project activity would have otherwise, been generated by the operation of grid-connected power plants and by the addition of new generation sources into the grid".

Project Activity and Baseline: The project involves establishing a new solar power plant to harness green energy from solar sources. The electricity generated will serve as a captive supply for a specific purpose. In the absence of this project, an equivalent amount of power would have been sourced from the Indian grid, which primarily relies on fossil fuel-fired plants.

Therefore, the baseline for the project activity is the same amount of power produced by the Indian grid.

Grid Emission Factor: The term "grid emission factor" refers to the CO₂ emission factor (measured in tCO₂/MWh) associated with each unit of electricity provided by an electricity system. For Indian projects not previously verified under any GHG program, the UCR recommends using a conservative estimate of 0.9 tCO₂/MWh for the years 2013-2020. Additionally, for the vintage 2021-2022, the combined margin emission factor calculated from the CEA database in India indicates higher emissions than the default value. Consequently, the

same emission factor has been applied to calculate emission reductions using a conservative approach.

Net GHG Emission Reductions and Removals

Thus, $ER_y = BE_y - PE_y - LE_y$

Where:

 $ER_y = Emission reductions in year y (tCO_2/y)$ $BE_y = Baseline Emissions in year y (t CO_2/y)$ $PE_y = Project emissions in year y (tCO_2/y)$ $LE_y = Leakage emissions in year y (tCO_2/y)$

Baseline Emission Reductions:

 $BE_y = EG PJ_{,y} \times EF_{grid,y}$

 BE_y = Baseline emissions in year y (tCO₂)

 $EG_{PJ,y}$ = Quantity of net electricity generation that is produced and fed into the grid as a result of the implementation of the UCR project activity in year y (MWh)

EFgrid, y = UCR recommended emission factor of 0.9 tCO₂/MWh has been considered.

	Net Export	Net Export
Year	Units in KWh	Units in MWh
2016	3,73,90,000	37,390
2017	4,73,01,615	47,302
2018	5,57,04,000	55,704
2019	5,62,66,000	56,266
2020	5,21,72,000	52,172
2021	5,31,85,016	53,185
2022	5,38,56,403	53,856
2023	5,52,34,977	55,235
	Total	4,11,110

Project Emissions (PE_y)

As per ACM0002. version - 21, only emissions associated with fossil fuel combustion, emissions from the operation of geothermal power plants due to the release of non-condensable gases, and emissions from a water reservoir of Hydro should be accounted for the project emission. Since the project activity is a solar electric power project, it's emission from renewable energy plants is nil. Thus, PE = 0

Leakage Emission

As per ACM0002. version - 21, 'If the energy generating equipment is transferred from another activity, leakage is to be considered.' In the project activity, there is no transfer of energy-generating equipment, and therefore the leakage from the project activity is considered zero. Hence, LE = 0

Net GHG Emission Reductions

 $\mathbf{E}\mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{P}\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{y}} - \mathbf{L}\mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{y}}$

Where:

 $ER_y = Emission reductions in year y (tCO_2/y)$ $BE_y = Baseline Emissions in year y (tCO_2/y)$ $PE_y = Project emissions in year y (tCO_2/y)$ $LE_y = Leakage emissions in year y (tCO_2/y)$

Total Emission Reduction (ER) by the project activity for the current monitoring period is calculated as below:

Year	ERy (tCO ₂)
2016	33651
2017	42571
2018	50133
2019	50639
2020	46954
2021	47866
2022	48470
2023	49711
Total	3,69,995

C.6. Prior History>>

The project activity is a large-scale solar project and this project was never applied under any other GHG mechanism prior to this registration with UCR. Also, the capacity or the total project as a whole has not been applied for any other environmental crediting or certification mechanism. Hence project will not cause double accounting of carbon offset units or credits (i.e., CoUs).

C.7. Monitoring period number and duration>>

Monitoring Period No: 01

1st Monitoring Period: 31/03/2016 to 31/12/2023 (07 years, 08 months)

C.8. Changes to start date of crediting period >>

There are no changes applicable.

C.9. Permanent changes from PCN monitoring plan, applied methodology or applied standardized baseline >>

There are no changes applicable.

Applied Methodology

ACM0002, "(Title: Large-scale Consolidated Methodology: Grid-connected electricity generation from renewable sources, Ver 21.0)

This methodology comprises renewable energy generation units, such as photovoltaic, hydro, tidal/wave, wind, geothermal and renewable biomass that supply electricity to user(s).

C.10. Monitoring plan>>

As the project implementer, PP assumes responsibility for overseeing and monitoring the electricity generated by the project activity. Comprehensive electronic archiving of relevant data has been ongoing since 31/03/2016.

To maintain data reliability and transparency, PP has instituted robust Quality Assurance and Quality Control (QA&QC) measures. These measures are aimed at efficiently managing and overseeing data reading, recording, auditing, and archiving, along with associated documents. Daily monitoring of data ensures timely submission to PP.

Additionally, PP has implemented QA&QC measures to calibrate metering devices and ensure operational safety. Regular calibration and inspection of metering devices adhere to state electricity board specifications and requirements, thereby ensuring accuracy in readings and compliance with Universal CO2 Emission and Offset Registry Private Ltd.

Data/Parameter	EGy				
Data unit	MWh				
	Year	Net Export Units in KWh	Net Export Units in MWh		
	2016	3,73,90,000	37,390		
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	2022	5,38,56,403	53,856		
	2023	5,52,34,977	55,235		
		Total	4,11,110		
Description	Quantity of net elect	tricity displaced in year y			
Source of data Value(s) applied	Main Meter Unit Readings, Direct measurement.				
Measurement methods and procedures	Daily: Direct measurement using electricity meters				
Monitoring frequency	Continuously, aggregated at least annually. Calibration Frequency: The calibration is done following the relevant applicable National Guidelines updated from time to time during the operation of the project activity. Entity responsible: Aggregator The electricity meter is subject to regular maintenance and testing in accordance with the stipulation of the meter supplier or national requirements. The calibration of meters, including the frequency of calibration, is done in accordance with national standards or requirements set by the meter supplier. The accuracy class of the meters is in accordance with the stipulation of the meter supplier or national requirements. The PP calibrates the meters every 3 years and uses the meters with at least 0.5 accuracy class (e.g. a meter with 0.2 accuracy class is more accurate and thus it is accepted)				
QA/QC procedures:	Monitoring frequency: Continuous Measurement frequency: Hourly Recording frequency: Monthly				
Purpose of data	Calculation of baseline emissions				



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Data / Parameter:	EF, CO2, GRID, y
Data unit:	tCO ₂ /MWh
Value of data applied	0.9 UCR Standard Protocol as per Standard
Description:	Fixed
Measurement	A "grid emission factor" refers to a CO ₂ emission
procedures:	factor (tCO ₂ /MWh) which will be associated with
	unit of electricity provided by an electricity system.
	The UCR recommends an emission factor of 0.9
	tCO ₂ /MWh for the 2019 - 2023 years as a fairly
	conservative estimate for Indian projects not
	previously verified under any GHG program. Hence,
	the same emission factor has been considered to
	calculate the emission reduction under conservative
	approach.
Monitoring frequency:	NA
Purpose of data:	To estimate baseline emissions
Additional comment:	The combined margin emission factor as per CEA
	database (current Version 16, Year 2021 and 2022)
	results into higher emission factor. Hence for 2021-22
	vintage UCR default emission factor remains
	conservative.