



No. J-13012/250/2007-IA.II (T)

Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

3rd Floor, Vayu Block,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road,
Aliganj, New Delhi-110003

Dated: 01.09.2017

To

The Chief General Manager
M/s Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd.
Neyveli-607807, Tamil Nadu.

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Sub: Proposed expansion by addition of 1,000 MW (2x500 MW) Lignite based TPP at Neyveli, Tehsil Kurinjipadi, District Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu by M/s Neyveli Lignite Corporation Ltd. - reg. extension of validity of EC.

Sir,

The undersigned has been directed to refer your online application no. IA/TN/THE/12015/2007 dated 14.7.2017 for extension of validity of EC for the above Thermal Power Plant (TPP).

2. It has been noted that Environmental Clearance (EC) was accorded for the above TPP on 21.10.2010 which was valid for five years, i.e. till 20.10.2015. Validity of the EC dated 21.10.2010 has been extended for two years i.e. till 20.10.2017 vide Ministry's letter dated 9.3.2016.

3. It has also been noted that the proposed project is envisaged to replace old units (6x50 MW and 3x100 MW) which are 40 years old. As per the information provided by you, the Govt. of India sanctioned the project on 9.6.2011 at a cost of Rs.5907.11 crores. The LOA for steam generator package was given to BHEL on 31.10.2013 and steam turbine package on 23.12.2013. The physical progress of work as on date is 70% and financial progress is around 67.8%. Both units are expected to achieve COD by 31.9.2018 and 30.3.2019 respectively. Total land requirement is 160 Ha of NLC land. Fuel linkage is from Lignite mine 1 & 1A of NLC. Ground water will be pumped from Mine 1 & 1A to lakes and used for plant operations.

4. The proposal has been considered by the EAC (Thermal) in its 8th meeting held on 24.7.2017. Committee noted that the project has achieved substantial physical progress of 70% and the remaining activities can be completed within the outer limit of EC validity of 10 years.

5. In acceptance of the recommendations of the EAC (Thermal) in its meeting held on 24.7.2017, **the Ministry hereby extends the validity of the said EC dated 21.10.2010 for further two years i.e. till 20.10.2019.**

6. All other conditions mentioned in the said EC letter dated 21.10.2010 and validity extension letter dated 9.3.2016 shall remain the same, as applicable.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. S. Kerketta)
Director

Copy to:-

1. The Secretary, Ministry of Power, Shram Shakti Bhawan, Rafi Marg, New Delhi 110001.
2. The Secretary (Environment), Environment Department, Government of Tamil Nadu.
3. The Chairman, Central Electricity Authority, Sewa Bhawan, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066.
4. The Chairman, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, No. 76, Mount Road, Mount Salai, Guindy, Chennai - 600 032
5. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, Delhi-110032.
6. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Regional Office (SEZ), 1st and IInd Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai- 34.
7. The District Collector, Cuddalore District, Govt. of Tamil Nadu
8. Guard file/Monitoring file.
9. Website of MoEF&CC



(Dr. S. Kerketta)
Director