Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

Between

NEEPCO and NIT Agartala

This memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is entered into on 16th November 2016

BETWEEN

North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Ltd., incorporated in 1976 to plan, investigate, design, construct, generate, operate & maintain power stations in the North Eastern Region of India which is now expanded to the whole Nation and beyond as well, having its Registered office at Brookland Compound, Lower New Colony, Shillong, PIN — 793003, Meghalaya, India (hereinafter referred to as NEEPCO, the expression which unless repugnant to context shall be deemed to include its successors, administrators and executors) of the first part. It is operating under the Ministry of Power and conferred with the Schedule A- *Miniratna* Category-I CPSE status by the Government of India.

AND

National Institute of Technology Agartala, an institute of National importance and center of Excellence under the Ministry of HRD, Government of India, having its Registered office at NIT Agartala campus Jirania. West Tripura, PIN — 799046. Tripura, India (hereinafter referred to as NIT AGARTALA, the expression which unless repugnant to context shall be deemed to include its successors, administrators and executors) of the second part.

1. Preamble

NEEPCO is performing with the very best of its effort for development of the Region and the Country. The organization operates 5 hydro, 3 thermal and 1 solar power stations with a combined installed capacity of 1287MW, besides another 50 MW solar project commissioned in joint venture. NEEPCO has 5 power projects under development which include 110 MW Pare HEP, 600 MW Kameng HEP, 60 MW Tuirial HEP and two Solar Projects of 2MW and 3 MW installed capacities along with another 50 MW solar project in joint venture.

NIT AGARTALA is a national institute imparting education on applied science and professional/technical education focused on unification of traditional disciplines under common

themes, while maintaining the rigor that characterizes individual disciplines and, on convergence of fundamental and applied sciences along with technologies associated to facilitate the emergence of new technologies NIT AGARTALA has been established in Agartala with soft condensed matter being one of the initial focus areas.

It is the shared vision of both organizations (NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA) to develop collaborations that address important problems of National interest, especially in students' internship and Joint collaborative research. It is anticipated that collaborations that leverage the strengths of research groups at NEEPCO and at NIT AGARTALA will result in high quality research with national interest and that will also have implications for development of technology relevant for the Nation.

It is in this context and understanding that NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA have expressed their desires to enter into an MoU encompassing the said intentions and to formalize and put in place mechanisms to build strong collaborative research programs and plan activities of mutual interest.

With a view to achieve these broad objectives, it is now broadly agreed by and between NEEPCO and NIT Agartala as follows:

Mutual co-operation between NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA for building collaborative programs and activities shall be broadly but not restricted to activities under the following heads:-

1. **Collaborative research and academic programs**

   a. **Student internship:** NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA agree to encourage and support students to take part in discussions/ trainings involving joint projects. During these visits, one faculty member will be accompanying the group with intimation to NEEPCO.

   b. **Joint collaborative research:** NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA agree to encourage and support visits of researchers/ engineers and faculty between two organizations. NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA each will support the travel of their staff and will extend accommodation and hospitality to visiting members from the other institution if required.

   c. **Joint guidance:** Collaborative research programs are most effective when they are implemented by jointly supervised M Tech/ B Tech students. In recognition of this, NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA commit to developing mechanisms for appointing joint students guidance on collaborative projects.

   Modalities for implementation of the collaborative research and academic programs will be developed by a committee appointed by the Director of NIT AGARTALA and CMD, NEEPCO.

2. **Joint events and activities:** NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA agree to work together in planning and executing science outreach activities so as to stimulate students' interest in science and engineering careers — a goal of mutual interest. For this purpose, the science/ engineering outreach groups at NEEPCO and NIT AGARTALA shall discuss and arrive at collaborative activities and mechanisms to implement them.

3. General:

a. This MoU is for the purpose of agreement on broad policy matters, *inter se* relations with NIT Agartala and NEEPCO. Any specific matter not provided for in this MoU may be added with mutual consent.
b. Any Communication may be sent to the other party on its known address including electronic means such as emails.

4. Placements and internships:

NEEPCO and NIT Agartala with their mutual consent will be extending the possible help to place the students of NIT Agartala for doing internship and develop engineering skills during periodical industrial visit to their installations and Projects.

5. Terms and duration of the MoU:

The term of this MoU shall be valid for a period of 5 years from 16th November 2016.

6. Resolution of contentious issues

Any contentious issue arising out of this MoU shall be resolved jointly by the Directors/ CMD of NIT Agartala and NEEPCO.

7. Force Majeure:

Neither party shall be held responsible for non-fulfillment of their respective obligations under this MoU due to the exigency of one or more of the force majeure events such as but not limited to acts of God, War, Flood, Earthquakes, Strikes, Lockouts, Epidemics, Riots, Civil Commotions etc., provided on the occurrence and cessation of any such event the party shall give a notice in writing to the other party within one month of such occurrence or cessation. If the force majeure condition continues beyond one month, the parties shall jointly decide about the future course of action.

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