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The Electricity Act, 2003

Section 3 - National Electricity Policy and Plan

(1) The Central Government shall, from time to time,prepare the National Electricity Policy and tariff policy, in consultation with the State Governments andthe Authority for development of the power system based on optimal utilisation of resources such as coal,natural gas, nuclear substances or materials, hydro and renewable sources of energy.
(2) The Central Government shall publish National Electricity Policy and tariff policy from time totime.
(3) The Central Government may, from time to time, in consultation with the State Governments andthe Authority, review or revise, the National Electricity Policy and tariff policy referred to insub-section *(1)*.
(4) The Authority shall prepare a National Electricity Plan in accordance with the National ElectricityPolicy and notify such plan once in five years:
Provided that the Authority while preparing the National Electricity Plan shall publish the draftNational Electricity Plan and invite suggestions and objections thereon from licensees, generatingcompanies and the public within such time as may be prescribed:
Provided further that the Authority shall-
(a) notify the plan after obtaining the approval of the Central Government;
(b) revise the plan incorporating therein the directions, if any, given by the Central Governmentwhile granting approval under clause *(a)*.
(5) The Authority may review or revise the National Electricity Plan in accordance with the NationalElectricity Policy.

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