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To: Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Natural Resources
of the Republic of Armenia
Acting Minister Hakob Vardanyan

Copy: Renewable Resources and Energy Efficiency (R2E2) Fund
Director, Karen Asatryan

Your Excellency,

Pursuant to decision 535-A of the Government of Armenia dated April 26, 2018, the consortium of FRV B.V and FSL Solar S.L. was declared the successful bidder of the Masrik-1 Utility-Scale Photovoltaic Project (“the **Project**”).

In that context the Government of Armenia awarded to us the rights to design, finance, build, own and operate the Project in accordance with the requirements of the RFP documents.

On July 18, 2018, we signed the Government Support Agreement (“the **GSA**”) with the Government and, as the Government is aware, since then we have been making significant and continuous efforts to develop the Project, including the interconnection line which will form part of the “Plant” as defined in the GSA.

In this respect, we make reference to the following undertakings of the Government in the GSA with respect to the development phase:

Article 5.1

“The Government shall: (ii) grant or use its best efforts to cause, at no financial cost to the Government, the grant to the Developer of all necessary rights of way and easements and other rights (including to construct and maintain any Interface or any power, water (or any other utility) interconnections) required by the Developer in order to allow it to implement the Project.”

Article 5.2:

“The Government shall grant, or procure the grant of, all necessary rights of way and easements required to, connect, remain connected to, and use, and evacuate electrical energy

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to the distribution network as required by the Developer to enable it to supply electricity to the delivery point...”

Article 5.3

“The Government shall use its best efforts to cause, at no financial cost to the Government, that sufficient access to and from the Project Site suitable for construction and operation of the Plant, subject to Applicable Laws, is made available so as to ensure that the developer can properly carry out the Project.”

Article 12.1(a)

“The Government shall: (ii)...grant or maintain or employ all reasonable efforts to ... do such other thing required for the Project which only the Government or another Government Authority can grant or do, provided that the Developer has met the requirements of all Applicable Laws.”

We hereby request that the Government grant the Developer all necessary rights required to construct and maintain the interconnection line for the purpose of the development of the Project, at no financial cost to the Government.

We have completed the following processes in respect of the development of the interconnection line, being a 110kV double circuit overhead line across the community of Sotk (Pokr Masrik and Arpunk) with a length of 9.2 km connecting the Plant to the existing grid. The interconnection line development process is obliged to adhere to the Resettlement Policy Framework developed in April 2018 by R2E2. We set out below the processes which we have completed so far:

1. With respect to the identification of the land plots through which the interconnection line will pass to connect the Plant to the delivery point, the cadastral map of the interconnection line is attached to this letter (Attachment 1: Description of each land plot and the ownership rights and cadastral map of the interconnection line approved by the Community). The survey identified the following issues in respect of the affected land:

- 1.1. Three (3) land plots belong to private owners

From those private lands, owners of 2 of the 3 parcels are not in Armenia and are unreachable.

- 1.2. Five (5) land plots are communal and are rented by private users

The tenants do not agree with the compensation package proposed to them. In accordance with Armenian legislation, the servitude contracts should be signed with the community (being the legal owner) and the yearly compensation would be paid to

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the community (Attachment 3: Minutes of the meeting “*Compensation for communal but privately rented lands*”).

1.3.Eight (8) land plots belong to the communities

In accordance with the applicable regulation in Armenia, a Decree from the Government is required to grant:

- Authority to communities to enter into a direct sale (Decree on the Provision of Consent for Direct Sale), or;
- A public interest status to the Project (Eminent Domain Decree)

As per the approved design, 14 towers shall be located in the problematic land areas referred to above (see Attachment 1, land highlighted in grey). Thus, the Eminent Domain Decree would allow FRV Masrik CJSC to acquire both private and communal land, which includes *de facto* communal rented lands.

2. A Public Consultation (Public Hearing) was conducted by FRV Masrik CJSC representatives (advisors) with Sukt community and Mets Masrik community on the 30th of January 2019 (Attachment 2: Minutes of the Public Hearing) where land owners (individuals and public) voiced their disagreement to selling the identified land plots (they expect to lease those land plots to us which is not possible under applicable Armenian regulation).
3. A consultation meeting was conducted by FRV Masrik CJSC representatives (advisors) on the 24th of April 2019 with the identified Project Affected People (PAPs) to present the compensation package to them (Attachment 3: Minutes of the Meetings).

In light of the above, it is apparent that we have undertaken all possible action to obtain the land rights required to enable us to commence construction of the interconnection line. We kindly request the assistance of the Ministry of Energy, Infrastructure and Natural Resources of the Republic of Armenia in obtaining the consent of the Government to the issuance of an Eminent Domain Decree to enable us to complete the process.

I thank you in advance for your continued support in this process and look forward to receiving your response and meeting again soon.

Best regards,

Nicolas Fasquelle

General Director, FRV Masrik CJSC

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Attachment 1: Description of each land plot and the ownership rights and cadastral map of the interconnection line (41 poles + T-connection) approved by the Community

№	Location (region, community, residence)	Tower number	The area of the land to be alienated (ha)	Cadastral code	Designated Purpose/Category	Land Coordinates WGS-84 in accordance with (ARMREF 02) national geodesical coordinates system		Owner/renter
						Y	X	
1	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Mets Masrik Residence	1	0.009571	05-065-0145-0001	Agricultural	4455265.6920 4455266.6119 4455272.3152 4455265.7045 4455275.3203	8561406.5375 8561402.3295 8561408.2356 8561394.0493 8561396.5147	Community
2	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	2	0.006889	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural	4455486.0410 4455494.0791 4455496.1443 4455488.1096	8561461.3621 8561463.4307 8561455.3917 8561453.3240	Community
3	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	3	0.00689	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural	4455710.7245 4455718.7635 4455720.8321 4455712.7897	8561319.2558 8561521.3210 8561513.2820 8561511.2134	Community
4	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	4	0.00689	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural	4455932.6273 4455940.6653 4455942.7340 4455934.6925	8561576.4317 8561578.5004 8561570.4614 8561568.3962	Community
5	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	5	0.00689	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural	4456157.6746 4456165.7127 4456167.7813 4456159.7398	8561634.4271 8561636.4957 8561628.4567 8561626.3924	Community
6	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	6	0.012996	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural.	4456379.6187 4456390.6599 4456393.4975 4456382.4562	8561693.1985 8561696.0360 8561684.9948 8561682.1573	Community

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7	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	7	0.00689	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural	4456602.9130 4456610.9520 4456613.0206 4456604.9825	8561749.1522 8561751.2174 8561743.1794 8561741.1107	Community
8	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	8	0.00689	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural	4456826.4245 4456834.4685 4456836.5317 4456828.4947	8561806.7482 8561808.8135 8561800.7745 8561798.7093	Community
9	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	9	0.00689	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural	4457050.3642 4457050.4032 4457060.4684 4457052.4337	8561864.4527 8561866.5179 8561858.4790 8561856.4138	Community
10	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	10	0.006844	05-092-0114-0014	Agricultural	4457282.3159 4457276.1869 4457272.2657 4457274.3309 4457282.3699	8561915.8684 8561922.6393 8561921.6320 8561913.5930 8561915.6582	Community
11			0.000045	05-092-0114-0015	Agricultural	4457282.3159 4457280.3046 4457276.1869	8561915.8684 8561923.6972 8561922.6393	Community
12	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	11	0.010461	05-092-0114-0015	Agricultural	4457509.1304 4457507.4449 4457496.4036 4457499.2411 4457499.6738	8561977.2406 8561983.7994 8561980.9618 8561969.9206 8561970.0318	Community/Rent Gurgen Karapetyan
13			0.002534	05-092-0114-0015	Agricultural	4457510.2824 4457509.1304 4457499.6738	8561972.7581 8561977.2406 8561970.0318	Community/Rent Derenik Shahinyan

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14	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	12	0.006889	05-092-0114-0015	Agricultural	4457730.1935 4457728.1283 4457720.0893 4457722.1546	8562031.0444 8562039.0834 8562037.0182 8562028.9792	Community/Rent Derenik Shahinyan
15	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	13	0.006889	05-092-0112-0001	Agricultural	4457941.9927 4457950.0315 4457952.1002 4457944.0622	8562094.1902 8562096.2554 8562088.2173 8562086.1487	Community/Rent Gayane Hovsepian
16	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	14	0.006889	05-092-0112-0001	Agricultural	4457720.0893 4457728.1283 4457730.1935 4457722.1946	8562037.0182 8562093.0834 8562031.0444 8562028.4792	Community/Rent Vemir Manukyan
17	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	15	0.006889	05-092-0112-0001	Agricultural	4457496.4036 4457507.4449 4457510.2824 4457499.2411	8561980.9618 8561983.7994 8561972.7581 8561969.9208	Community/Rent Gurgen Karapetyan
18	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	16	0.012996	05-092-0107-0001	Agricultural	4458627.5616 4458637.7793 4485642.8348 4485632.6171	8562290.4363 8562295.4953 8562285.2776 8562280.2221	Ownship Sergey Martirosyan
19	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	17	0.012996	05-092-0107-0001	Agricultural	4458818.5791 4458827.6564 4458834.5530 4458825.4757	8562424.3354 8562431.2320 8562422.1548 8562415.2582	Ownship Sergey Martirosyan
20	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	18	0.006889	05-092-0107-0001	Agricultural	4458994.8914 4459001.0089 4459006.6184 4459000.5010	8562571.7383 8562577.3478 8562571.2303 8562565.6208	Ownship Sergey Martirosyan

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21	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Pokr Masrik Residence	19	0.006889	05-092-0107-0001	Agricultural	4459156.2910 4459162.4085 4459168.0180 4459161.9005	8562723.8200 8562729.4295 8562723.3120 8562717.7025	Ownship Sergey Martirosyan
22	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	20	0.006889	05-019-0115-0061	Agricultural	4459344.5549 4459350.6724 4459356.2819 4459350.1644	8562884.2084 8562889.8179 8562883.7004 8562878.0909	Community/Rent Anahit Hovhannisyan
23	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	21	0.012996	05-019-0115-0061	Agricultural	4459499.8132 4459506.3753 4459515.6973 4459509.1352	8563083.1744 8563092.4964 8563085.9343 8563076.6123	Community/Rent Anahit Hovhannisyan
24	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	22	0.006889	05-019-0115-0061	Agricultural	4459640.9493 4459645.1680 4459652.3159 4459648.0973	8563281.3096 8563288.4576 8563284.2389 8563277.0910	Community/Rent Anahit Hovhannisyan
25	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	23	0.01464097	05-019-0114-0066	Agricultural	4459764.7136 4456776.4471 4459779.4025 4459767.6689	8563499.4493 8563502.4046 8563490.6711 8563487.7157	Ownership Silva Beglaryan
26	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	24	0.006889	05-019-0114-0066	Agricultural	4459962.1145 4459962.1145 4459969.2624 4459965.0438	8563383.6901 8563390.8381 8563386.6194 8563379.4715	Ownership Silva Beglaryan
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29	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	27	0.006889	05-019-0116-0013	Agricultural	4460482.9665 4460489.6873 4460494.5578 4460487.8371	8563533.5084 8563538.3789 8563531.6582 8563526.7877	Ownership Rafik Divanyan
30	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	28	0.012996	05-019-0118-0044	Agricultural	4460640.7133 4460650.2187 4460656.5122 4460647.0068	8563645.0585 8563651.3520 8563641.8467 8563635.5532	Community
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34	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	31	0.006504	05-019-0117-0001	Agricultural	4461183.1659 4461180.8313 4461170.1929 4461171.9468	8563932.9365 8563938.9988 8563934.9019 8563930.3476	Community

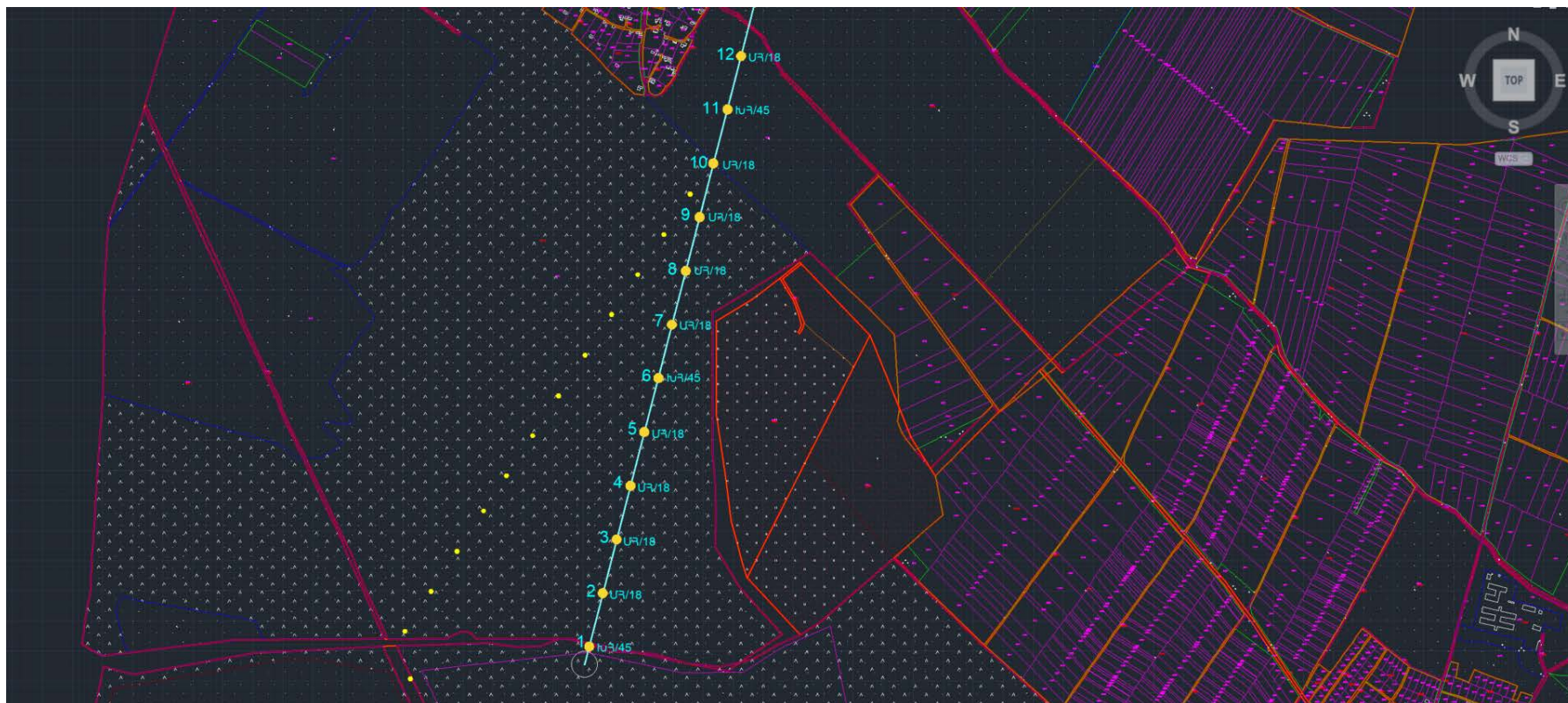
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38	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	35	0.006889	05-019-0108-0001	Agricultural	4462069.2935 4462077.5913 4462077.6080 4462069.4850	8564019.2350 8564019.4265 8564011.1287 8564010.9372	Community
39	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	36	0.006889	05-019-0108-0001	Agricultural	4462294.2185 4462302.5163 4462302.7078 4462294.4100	8564025.0433 8564025.2349 8564016.9371 8564016.7455	Community
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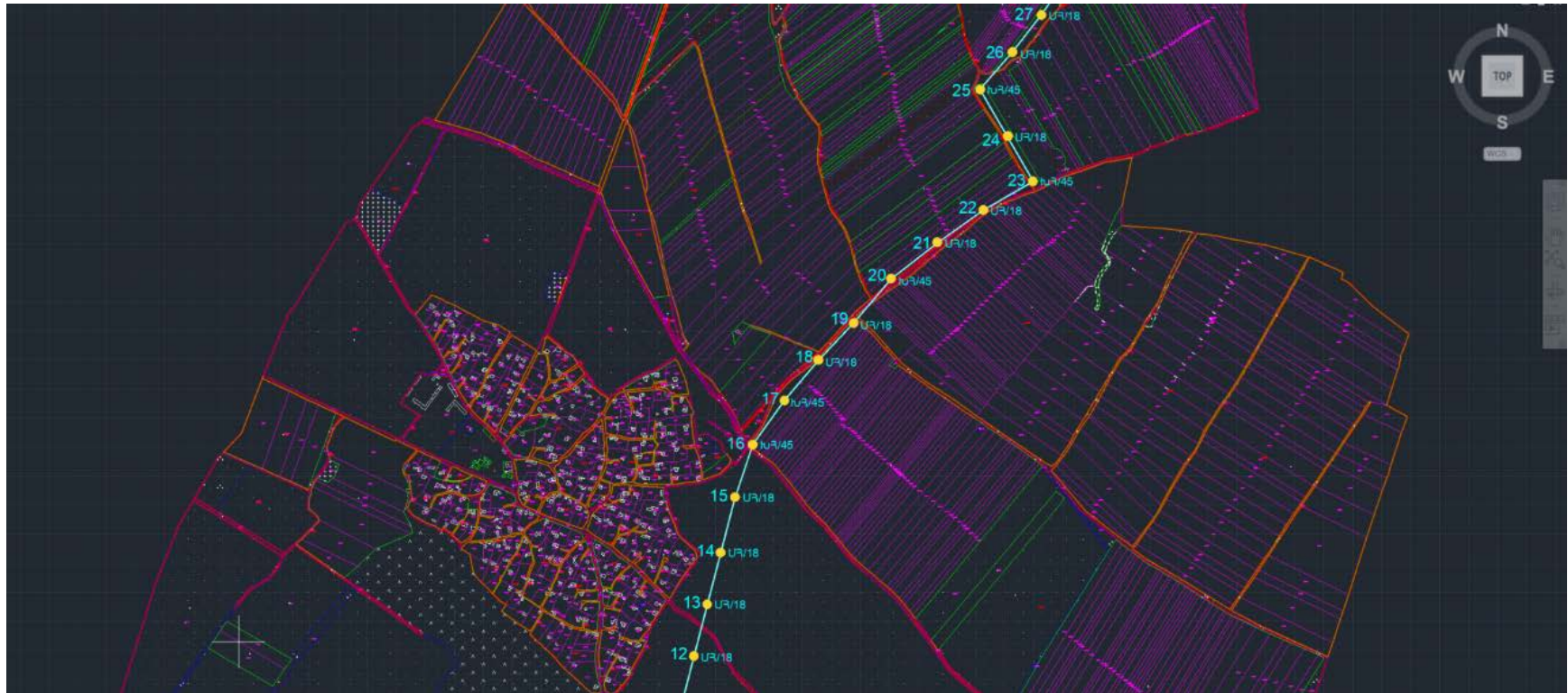
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42	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	39	0.006889	05-019-0108-0001	Agricultural	4462978.5020	8564042.8714	Community
						4462986.7938	8564043.0629	
						4462986.9913	8564034.7651	
						4462978.6935	8564034.5736	
43	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	40	0.006889	05-019-0108-0001	Agricultural	4463199.6003	8564048.2766	Community
						4463207.8981	8564048.4681	
						4463208.0896	8564040.1703	
						4463199.7918	8564039.9788	
44	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	41	0.01464097	05-019-0106-0001	Agricultural	4463432.0047	8564056.3360	Community
						4463444.0962	8564056.7891	
						4463444.5493	8564044.6976	
						4463432.4578	8564044.2445	
45	Gegharqunik Marz, Geghamasar community, Arpunk Residence	Connection to the grid	0.24	05-019-0106-0001	Agricultural	4463446.2182	8564020.1556	Community
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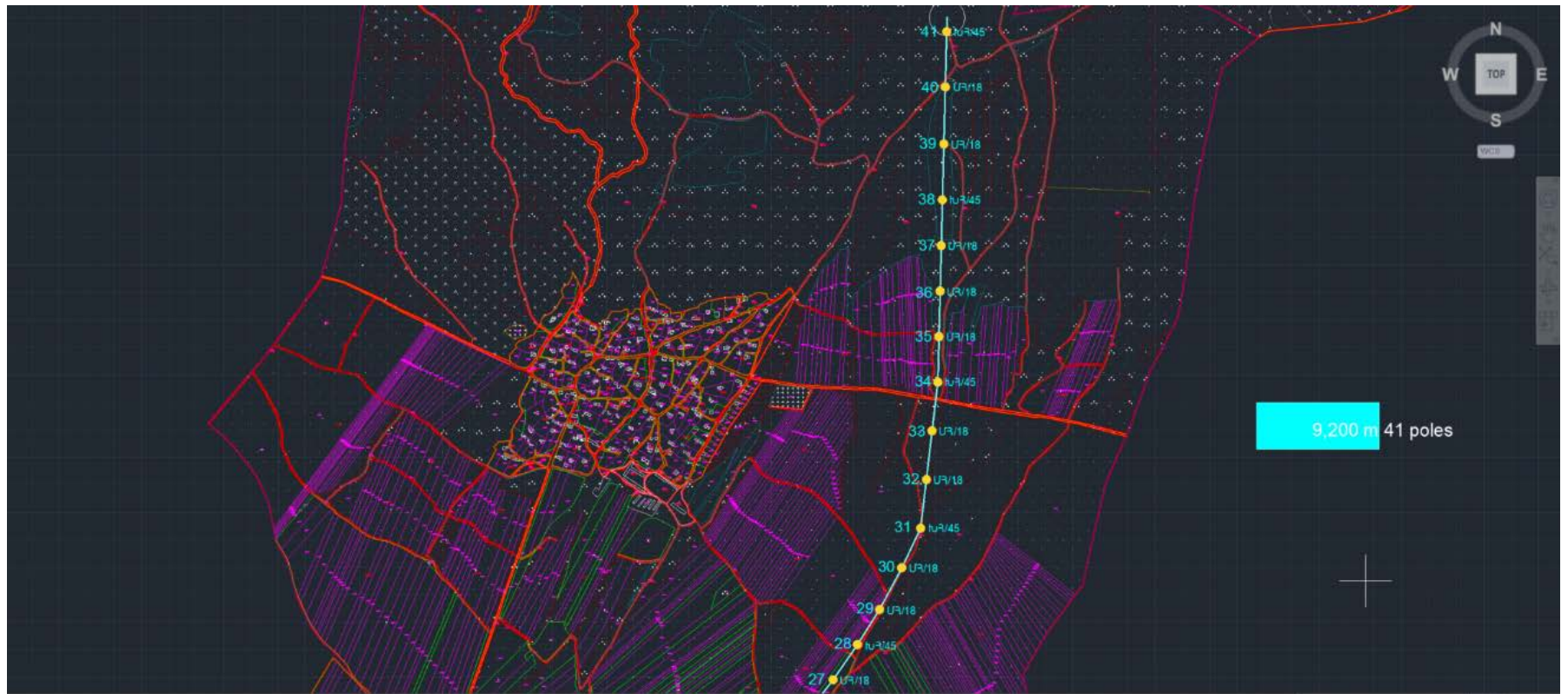
Cadastral map of the interconnection line (41 poles)



Armenia, Gegharkunik Province, Mets Masrik Community
1st Street, 12th Lane, No. 2



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Attachment 2: Minutes of the Public Hearing

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETING

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PCs were held:

Date	Place	Time
January 30, 2019	Sotk/Geghamasar, Community Administration Office	15:00
	Mets Masrik, Community Administration Office	13:00

1. Agenda:

- Project Goals, Beneficiaries, Implementation Procedures and other Information;
- Resettlement Action Plan Implementation Procedures, Phases: DMS, Inventory, Census and Valuation and Timelines;
- Entitlement Framework;
- Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM);
- Q&A.

Speaker: Arsen Hayriyan, Social and Resettlement Specialist, advisor to FRV Masrik CJSC

2. Summary

A Public Consultation (PC) was organized by the Developer (FRV Masrik CJSC) with PAPs living in Sotk (including the Pokr Masrik and Arpunk villages) and Mets Masrik communities on January 30, 2019. All the PAPs were notified through the heads of communities/villages about the place and time of PC one week before the PC. The announcement about the date and time of consultation as well as about the cut-off date (see annex 3) was placed on the information desk of the communities 10 days before the consultation.

Speaker presented the Project goals, beneficiaries, implementation procedure, LRP preparation and GRM procedures and asked if the PAP's had additional questions concerning the Project. It was mentioned that the main purpose of this consultation is to inform the PAPs about the upcoming surveys (DMS, Inventory, census and social-economic survey).

The following questions were raised during the PCs:

3. Questions & Answers

<u>N</u>	<u>Questions, suggestions</u>	<u>Answers</u>
1	PAP: How many sq. meters of land is needed for transmission line towers?	76 and 39 sq. m (depends on the tower type) of land will be required for one tower location.
2	PAP: What type of compensation will be proposed to the PAPs?	According to the Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF) approved for the project, PAPs will be proposed cash compensation for land equal to market or cadastral value (whichever is higher) plus 15%.
3	PAP: We do not agree to sell our lands. We get profit from the lands every year, and you want to make one time compensation payment and purchase the land. We can consider only the option of lease.	Thank you for the feedback on the compensation option. Your opinion is important.
4	Deputy Community leader: If the land belongs to the community, will the compensation be given to the community?	Yes, community will get compensation based on the cadastral value of the land
5	Deputy Community leader: We prefer not to sell communal lands and give for lease and receive permanent payments to the communal budget.	Thank you for the feedback on the compensation option. Your opinion is important.

4. Annexes:

Annex 1: List of Participants

Annex 2: Photos from PCs

Annex 3: Announcement of PCs date and cut-off date.

Annex 1: List of Participants

“Մարիկ 1” արևային էլեկտրակայանի շրջակա միջավայրի վրա ազդեցության
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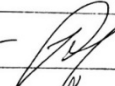
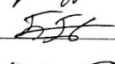
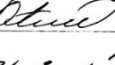
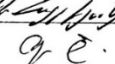
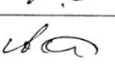
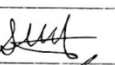
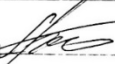


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List of Participants from PCs in Mets Masrik

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List of Participants from PCs in Sotk

Annex 2: Photos from PCs

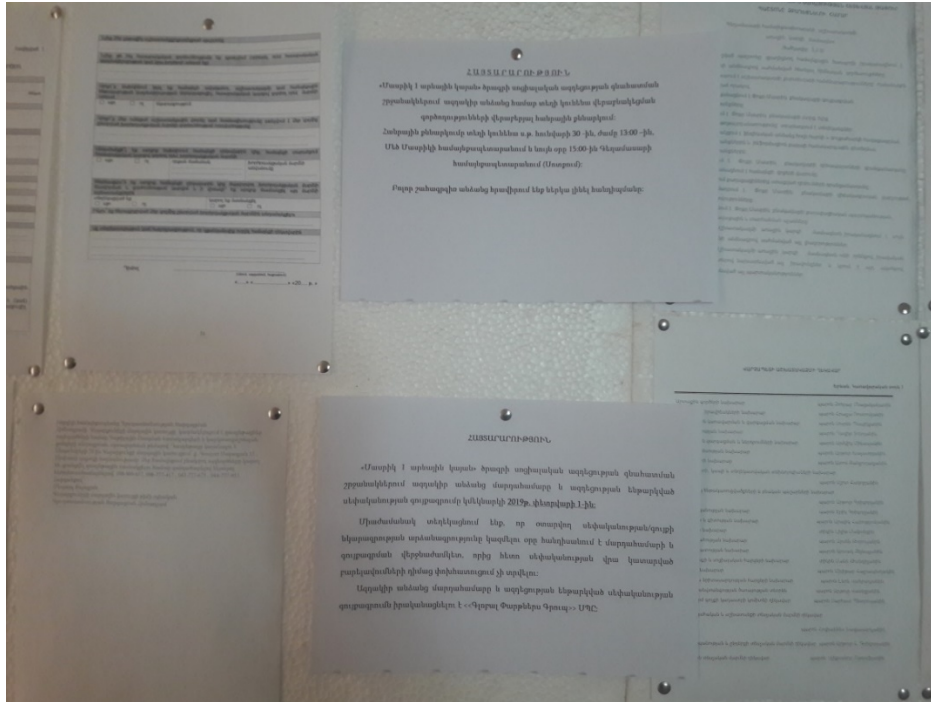


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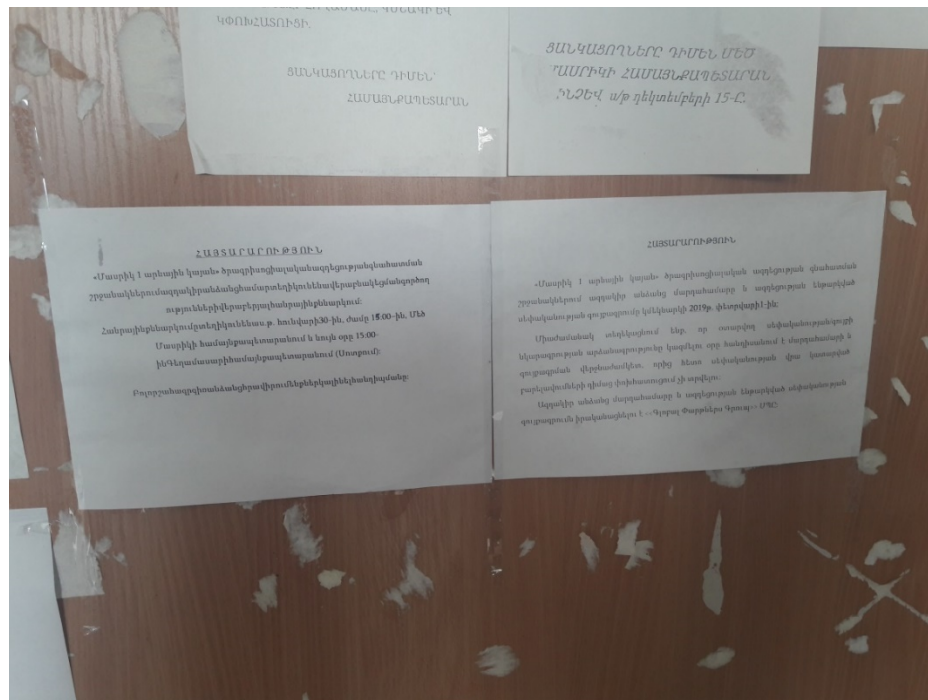


Annex 3: Announcement of PCs date and cut-off date.

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1st Street, 12th Lane, No. 2



Sotk



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Attachment 3: Minutes of the Meeting with Peoples Affected by the Project

PCs were held:

Date	Place	Time
April 26, 2019	Pokr Masrik, Community Administration Office	11:00
	Arpunk, Community Administration Office	13:00
	Sotk/Geghamasar, Community Administration Office	14:00

1. Agenda:

- Compensation for privately owned lands;
- Compensation for communal but privately rented lands;
- Compensation for communal lands
- The impact from the tower location on agricultural lands
- The impact from passage of conductor over the agricultural lands
- Existence of available agricultural lands in the villages

Number of PAPs Participated in the Consultation

N	Community/village	Total PAPs		PAPs participated	
		Renters of communal land	owners	Renters of communal land	owners
1	Pokr Masrik	4	1	3	0
2	Arpunk	1	2	0	0

2. Summary

Public Consultation was organized by the Developer (FRV Masrik CJSC) and conducted by Arsen Hayriyan, social and resettlement expert (advisor to FRV Masrik CJSC) with PAPs living in Pokr Masrik and Arpunk villages. All the Project Affected People (PAPs) were notified through the heads of communities/villages about the place and time of PC 3 days before the PC.

The main objective of the PCs was to get opinion of the PAPs concerning the compensation amounts fixed in the LRP.

3. Conclusions

- **Compensation for privately owned lands:** Private owners did not participate in the consultations since 2 from 3 owners are in Russia and 1 was not in the village at the PCs time. But the participants of the PCs including the Administrative Manager of Pokr Masrik expressed their opinion concerning the compensation amount for private lands and they told

that the compensation for servitude is a good idea and the amount is also good enough, so they think that owners will agree with the compensation and will provide land for the project.

- **Compensation for communal but privately rented lands:** The compensation amount for the rented land is very small and the renters were unhappy with the amount. They proposed to compensate renters the same way as the legal owners i.e. to provide a market price for the land plot to towers + yearly payment for servitude. Arsen explained that according to the legislation servitude contract is signed with legal owner and payment is paid to the owner, in their case the owner is a community. In any case for renters, there will be one-time compensation and not yearly. Further on the next meeting in Sotk at 2pm the issue was discussed with the deputy community leader of Sotk community (which includes the Pokr Masrik and Arpunk villages) and he suggested revising the compensation amount for renters and arranging another discussion in May 8, 2019 with renters where he will support us in negotiation process. It is worth to mention that he agreed that renters shall receive one time compensation and yearly payment for servitude shall be paid to the communal budget.
- **Compensation for communal lands:** The Deputy Community Leader of Sotk community (which includes the Pokr Masrik and Arpunk villages) again was glad about the compensation amount and found it acceptable for the community to provide land for the Project. He also proposed not to sell the land plots for tower location to the Project but provide construction right to the Developer for that land plots with the same price like for servitude right i.e. 12.53 AMD per sq.m. Arsen informed that construction right has also been considered by Developer but it looks like there are some limitations in legislation concerning provision of communal land with construction right. Anyhow the possibility of that option needs to be checked.
- **The impact from the tower location on agricultural lands:** PAPs informed that tower location makes more difficult the cultivation of land but anyhow the land remains economically viable and can be used for the same purposes.
- **The impact from passage of conductor over the agricultural lands:** PAPs agreed that the conductors have zero impact on future cultivation of land.
- **Existence of available agricultural lands in the villages:** There are no available lands in the village, all lands are used.
- **Damage caused to the crops during the construction period:** PAPs again mentioned that after the heavy machinery passage the productivity of the land will be less for next year also thus they suggested paying compensation equal to the market price of 2 years average yield of the damaged area of the land.

4. Further Steps

- Check in legislation the possibility of purchasing construction right from community instead of the ownership right
- Revise the compensation for the renters and present the new compensation amount in the next meeting on May 7 or 8, 2019.

- Consider the possibility of payment of compensation equal to the market price of 2 years average yield of the damaged area of the land for the damages caused by heavy machinery passage.

5. Photos



PCs in Pokr Masrik



PCs in Sotk