

Replies to Bidder's Queries (Batch-3)
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S. No.	Queries	Document Ref:	USF Response
1	Referring to USF response of Query 9 Batch-1 dated 8th April' 2025, how SP would prove UG constraint & Aerial selection if it is identified at the time of bidding and accordingly proposed and quoted in the bid? Keeping in mind that currently Aerial is more expensive deployment than UG.	Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA	At the time of bid preparation, the SP may collect information and assess to its best of knowledge and assement, segments where Aerial Cable has to be laid because of expected ROW issues, water stream/body crossings, no space along the route for UG cable etc. The SP will also justify these challenges/issues with documentary proof, pictorials etc. in the technical part of the BID.
2	Referring to USF response of Query 7 Batch-1 dated 8th April' 2025, our Query was actually related to the time lines. If service migration to USF fiber is delayed at CMO end due to any issues, will USF bidder be able to get the fiberized network audited from Serving node-to-ODF even without traffic migration? Please expalin the sitaution where FID is approaching.	Schedule C of SSA	Fiber termination to ODF at BTS site alone is not sufficient. USF requires complete OFC BTS connectivity, implemented and commissioned, with active traffic on the USF Network, that could be audited. The SP must coordinate and resolve migration delays with the CMO to ensure FID timelines are met.
3	48F is a mandatory requirement even for Aerial & Distribution solutions. Technological developments have made it possible for a single pair to carry 800G BW capacity & GPON design is always based on different cables for feeder & ODN. Fiber cost is just a minor portion of the project, why it is forced by USF to use 48F cable even if not recommended under Telecom best practices?	Schedule A (Part-1) of SSA	Compliance Required.
4	BTS Audit is aggregated in one last Milestone-5, whereas BTS are distributed in all Milestones. It will be more feasible to deploy and Audit BTSs along with the nearby Active/Passive Nodes instead of re-gathering all resources to the same areas for BTSs connections where work was already completed months ago.	Schedule D of SSA	Compliance Required.