

NOTICE OF ADMISSION / PUBLIC HEARING

PETITION FILED BY SAPPHIRE WIND POWER COMPANY LIMITED
FOR DETERMINATION OF REFERENCE GENERATION TARIFF

All stakeholders, interested/affected persons and the general public are notified that the Authority (NEPRA) has admitted the petition of Sapphire Wind Power Company Limited for consideration. The applicant has requested for determination of reference generation tariff for proposed sale of power to Central Power Purchasing Agency (CPPA) within National Transmission & Despatch Company Limited (NTDC).

SALIENT FEATURES OF THE PETITION

The summary indicating salient features of the petition as per information provided by the applicant is as follows:

1. Sapphire Wind Power Company Limited seeks a levelized reference generation tariff of PKR 12.2504/kWh (US\$ 14.2116/kWh) for the tariff control period of 20 years from the commercial operations date.
2. The Project is located at Jhampir, District Thatta, Sindh.
3. Proposed capacity of the power plant is 50 MW.
4. Annual energy production of the project for the first year is 138.8 GWh and year 2-20 is 140.9 GWh.
5. Proposed wind turbines are General Electric 1.5 xle x 33
6. Proposed net annual capacity factor is 32.5%.
7. Summary of project cost is as under:

No	Cost Head	US\$ in million
1.	EPC Cost	107,500
2.	LC Confirmation	1,095
3.	Non-EPC Cost	1,348
4.	Project Development Cost	2,891
5.	Land Costs	119
6.	Duties and Taxes (SID only)	719
7.	Insurance during Construction	1,466
8.	Financial Charges	3,602
9.	Sinosure Fees	4,635
10.	Working Capital	992
11.	Interest during construction	4,505
	Total Project Cost	128,872

Reference Exchange Rate US\$ 1 = PKR 86.2

8. The project sponsor is Sapphire Textile Mills Limited.
9. The project EPC contractor is China Machinery Engineering Corporation and O&M contractor is General Electric
10. The loan structure is a mix of 87.94% US Dollar and remaining is 12.06% Pakistan Rupees
11. Proposed debt equity ratio is 75% : 25%.
12. Proposed interest rate for local loan is 6 months KIBOR + 300 basis points and for foreign loan is 6 months LIBOR + 450 basis points for ETDB and 6 months LIBOR + 500 basis points for ICBC.
13. Term of loan is upto 12 years (door to door) including grace period of upto 24 months.
14. The area for the proposed project is 1,372 Acres.
15. Return on equity is assumed @18% (IRR based) constant over 20 years tariff control period.
16. In terms of rules 6 & 7 of NEPRA (Tariff Standards & Procedure) Rules, 1998, any interested person who desires to participate in the proceedings may file an intervention request within seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Such intervention request shall state the name and address of the person filing the same, objections and the manner in which such person is or is likely to be substantially and specifically affected by any determination in the proceedings. The intervention request may also contain the contentions of the person making the same, the relief sought and the evidence, if any, in support of the case. In the intervention request, the intervener may specifically admit, deny or explain the facts stated in the petition and may also state additional facts which are relevant and necessary for reaching a just and informed decision in the proceedings. The intervention request shall be signed, verified and supported by means of an affidavit in the same manner as in the case of the petition. The intervener shall also serve a copy of the intervention request duly attested as true copy on the petitioner or his authorized representative and the petitioner may file a rejoinder to the intervention request which shall be filed before the commencement of the hearing.
17. Any person may also file the comments in the matter within 7 days of the publication and the Authority, if deemed fit, may permit participation of such person into the proceedings and also may consider those comments in the final determination.
18. All stakeholders and interested / affected persons are also informed that in order to arrive at a just and informed decision, the Authority has also decided to hold a hearing in the subject matter according to the date, time and venue as mentioned below:

Date: 20th October, 2011 (Tuesday)

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Venue: NEPRA, Main Office, 2nd Floor, OPF Building,
Sector G-5/2, Islamabad, Pakistan

All communications should be addressed to:

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