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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: **NEPRA Imposes a Fine of Rs. 50 Million on NTDC**

NEPRA imposes a fine of Rs. 50 Million on National Transmission & Despatch Company (NTDC) on account of its inability to restore power supply in a timely manner in the wake of total power system collapse that occurred on 09.01.2021 and took 20 hours (approximately) to restore the system.

2. Earlier, NEPRA took serious notice of the above incident and constituted an Inquiry Committee to thoroughly investigate the matter in the light of NEPRA Laws, Rules and Regulations. The Committee conducted the said inquiry and presented a detailed report to the Authority, on the basis of which the Authority initiated legal proceedings against NTDC.

3. Accordingly, an Explanation dated 01.04.2021 was issued to NTDC under Rule 4(1) of the NEPRA (Fines) Rules 2002, followed by a Show Cause Notice dated 25.08.2021 under Section 27B of the NEPRA Act. Moreover, an opportunity of hearing was also granted to NTDC on 12.01.2022, however, NTDC failed to provide any satisfactory response and was found guilty of violating relevant provisions of the Grid Code. Therefore, the Authority has imposed a fine of Rs. 50 Million on NTDC.

4. It is relevant to mention here that the Authority has also initiated legal proceedings against concerned Power Plants for their lapses, deficiencies and failure in the said breakdown. However, the same are under process and being dealt separately.

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