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PRESS RELEASE

Subject: **NEPRA Imposes a Fine of Rs. 10 Million on NTDC on Account of Collapse of Towers**

NEPRA imposed a fine of Rs. 10 Million on National Transmission and Despatch Company Ltd (NTDC) on account of power supply failure and partial blackout due to collapse of 8 towers i.e. 2 towers of 500 kV Dadu-Jamshoro Transmission Line and 6 towers of 500 kV Port Qasim Matiari due to cyclonic wind and thunderstorm. Moreover, evacuations of 1320 MW Port Qasim (IPP) was also suspended due to aforesaid reasons and the same was restored after nearly 10 days i.e. on May 31, 2022.

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. Subsequently, an Explanation dated March 29, 2022 was issued to NTDC under Rule 4(1) of the NEPRA (Fines) Rules 2002, followed by a Show Cause Notice dated August 02, 2022 under Section 41 of the NEPRA Act. However, NTDC failed to provide any response within the stipulated time. Accordingly, Ex-parte proceedings were initiated against NTDC, whereby NTDC was found guilty of violating relevant provisions of the NEPRA Acts, Rules & Regulations, Grid Code, NEPRA Transmission Performance Rules 2005. Keeping in view of the above, the Authority has imposed a fine of Rs. 10 Million on NTDC.

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