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Subject: **Decision of the Authority in the matter of Motion for Leave for Review filed by Sindh Nooriabad Power Company (Pvt) Limited (SNPC-I) and Sindh Nooriabad Power Company (Pvt) Limited Phase-II (SNPC-II) against NEPRA's letter dated 18.11.2020**

Reference: i. *SNPC/SECY/NEPRA/2020/260 dated 16.12.2020.*  
ii. *SNPCII/SECY/NEPRA/2020/261 dated 16.12.2020.*

Enclosed please find herewith the subject Decision of the Authority alongwith Additional Note of Mr. Rafique Ahmed Shaikh, Member NEPRA (total 03 pages) for information and compliance.

(Wasim Anwar Bhinder)

**DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY IN THE MATTER OF MOTION FOR LEAVE FOR REVIEW FILED BY SINDH NOORIABAD POWER COMPANY (PVT.) LIMITED (SNPC-I) AND SINDH NOORIABAD POWER COMPANY (PVT.) LIMITED PHASE-II (SNPC-II) AGAINST NEPRA'S LETTER DATED 18.11.2020**

Sindh Nooriabad Power Company (Pvt) Limited (SNPC) and Sindh Nooriabad Power Company Limited Phase-II (SNPC-II) (hereinafter referred as "SNPC-I&II" or "the petitioner" or "the Company" or "the Project" or "SNPCs") are two gas-based power generation projects of about 50 MW each selling electricity to K-Electric Limited. SNPCs are jointly sponsored by Government of Sindh ("GoS") and Technomen Kinetics (Pvt.) Limited ("TKPL") having share of 49% and 51% respectively.

2. The Generation Licenses to SNPCs were issued by NEPRA on July 15, 2015. The reference tariffs of SNPCs were approved by NEPRA on June 1, 2016 under the NEPRA Interim Power Procurement Regulations, 2005 ("IPPR-2005"). Motions for leave for review in the matter were decided by NEPRA on August 4, 2017. SNPC achieved Commercial Operations Date (COD) on January 08, 2018 and SNPC-II on January 23, 2018.
3. SNPCs vide letter dated November 29, 2019 requested the Authority for adjustment of the project cost and other relevant tariff components in accordance with the determination dated August 4, 2017.
4. The request was reviewed and it was observed that the necessary/ important information / documents / evidence has not been provided in support of claimed cost. In this regard, discussion meeting was held on February 7, 2020 wherein the representatives of SNPCs were directed to provide all the relevant/necessary information/ data. The application was returned to the Company.
5. In response SNPCs vide letter dated May 11, 2020 again filed application before the Authority for onetime adjustment at commercial operation date COD (True Up) along with all documents required for the True Up.
6. The Authority vide its decision dated June 19, 2020 decided to re-determine/modify the Tariff awarded to SNPCs and initiated separate proceedings in the matter. Since the reference Tariff of SNPC I&II was required to be re-determined, therefore COD adjustment request was returned to the Company vide letter dated 18.11.2020.
7. SNPC I&II vide letter dated 16.12.2020 filed a motion for leave for review against the NEPRA's letter dated 18.11.2020. The review motion was admitted by the Authority for consideration. Hearing in the matter was held on 09.03.2021 which was attended by the relevant stakeholders.
8. The Authority has considered the motion for leave for review and noted that the submission of the petitioner does have merit. Accordingly, SNPC I & II are directed to resubmit the COD True-up application along with all the requisite supporting details and documents, where upon the same shall be processed in accordance with law.



**Order**

9. SNPC I&II is hereby directed to resubmit the COD adjustment application along with all the relevant record in order to proceed further.

**AUTHORITY**

② Additional note is attached

Engr. Rafique Ahmed Shaikh  
Member

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Member

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Member

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### **Additional Note of Member (Technical):**

The SNPC and SNPC-I power projects, developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) framework, plays an important strategic role. By utilizing indigenous gas, it has provided meaningful relief to KE's generation basket. However, the project has faced significant challenges since its inception.


Initially, CPPA-G had been identified as the intended off-taker, but this arrangement was subsequently withdrawn. The project company then commenced negotiations with KE for the sale of electricity; however, additional bottlenecks emerged. These issues ultimately necessitated the construction of a dedicated transmission line by the Government of Sindh through STDC. Despite these obstacles, the Authority extended consistent regulatory support, including grant of licenses and determination of Tariffs, enabling the projects to achieve COD.

Following COD, the company experienced further hardship due to a NAB inquiry, which, inter alia, resulted in the withholding of its Return on Equity (RoE) and imposed substantial strain on project cash flows. Subsequently, NAB filed application before the Accountability Court, Islamabad, for withdrawal of the reference, where it is, inter-alia, explicitly acknowledged that there was no convincing or reliable material on record to hold the projects were over-valued, and that no standard formula existed for comparison and to declare the projects are over-valued. With these findings now on record, the prolonged legal, contractual, and regulatory delays warrant urgent redress to preserve the project's status as a going concern.

Given the project's strategic importance and its PPP structure, it is hope that the Authority accord priority to resolving the remaining outstanding matters in respect of SNPC and SNPC-I, specifically:

- Release of the pending RoE;
- Expeditious processing of the COD adjustment case upon its resubmission to NEPRA; and
- Timely processing of the tariff modification petition to allow recovery of legitimate costs.

Immediate action is essential not only to ensure the company's financial sustainability, but also to safeguard the provincial exchequer and support the province's broader energy security objectives.

  
Rafique Ahmed Shaikh  
Member (Technical)

