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No. NEPRA/TRF-133/KESC-2009/ 5577-82

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Chief Executive Officer
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Subject:

Decision of the Authority in the matter of Fuel Charges Adjustment for the Month of January 2015 for K-Electric Limited and Notification (S.R.O. 307(I)/2015 dated 13.04.2015) Thereof

Enclosed please find herewith a copy of decision of the Authority (04 pages) in the matter of fuel charges for the month of January 2015 in respect of K-Electric Limited (formerly Karachi Electric Supply Company Ltd.), along with Notification (S.R.O. 307(I)/2015 dated 13.04.2015) thereof. This is for information and further necessary action.

2. While reflecting the Fuel Adjustment Charges, K-Electric Ltd. shall keep in view and strictly comply with the orders of the court(s), if any, notwithstanding this order.

Enclosure: <u>As above</u> (Decision along Notification is also available on NEPRA's website)

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CC:

1. Secretary, Ministry of Water & Power, Islamabad.

- 2. Secretary, Cabinet Division, Cabinet Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 3. Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Islamabad.
- 4. Secretary, Privatization Commission, Islamabad.
- 5. The Registrar, Supreme Court of Pakistan, Islamabad.



DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY IN THE MATTER OF FUEL CHARGES ADJUSTMENT FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2015 FOR K-ELECTRIC LIMITED (FORMERLY KARACHI ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED)

- 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 31(4) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act 1997, (XL of 1997) and as per the mechanism for monthly fuel price adjustment prescribed by National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (herein after referred to as "the Authority") for K-Electric Limited (herein referred to as "K-Electric") (formerly Karachi Electric Supply Company Limited) in case No. NEPRA/TRF-133/KESCL-2009(6) dated December 23, 2009, duly notified in the official Gazette vide S.R.O No. 11(1)/2010 dated January 01, 2010, the Authority has to review and revise the approved tariff on account of any variation in the fuel charges on monthly basis. As per the mechanism prescribed by the Authority, K-Electric is allowed monthly adjustment in fuel cost component for its own generation as well as power purchase cost from external sources on account of fuel price variation without taking into account the effect of transmission and distribution losses (hereinafter referred to as "T & D losses").
- 2. K-Electric initially submitted its request with regards to adjustment in the fuel cost component for the month of January, 2015 vide letter bearing reference No. RA&SP/NEPRA/071/1217 dated February 24, 2015, which was based on the previous month's rates of NTDC, as power purchase invoice for January 2015 from NTDC was not received by K-Electric till the time of submission of the request. K-Electric, on receipt of invoice from NTDC for January 2015, submitted its revised request vide letter No. RA&SP/NEPRA/071/027 dated March 11, 2015. The summary of the revised adjustment request submitted by K-Electric is tabulated below;



Variation in Fuel Price			

January-15		
Requested		
(249.444)		
1063.639		
814.194		
1010.919		
80.540		

3. K-Electric, in its aforementioned request, certified that cost of fuel and power purchase claimed by it did not include any amount of late payment surcharge/mark-up/interest. Further, K-Electric also submitted that it dispatches power as per Economic Merit Order from its own generating units (with the available fuel resources) and import from external sources.



- 4. Since the impact of FCA, if any, is passed on to the consumers of electricity, therefore, in order to meet the ends of natural justice, the Authority decided to provide an opportunity of hearing to all the concerned while reviewing the fuel charges. Hearing for the aforesaid purpose was held on March 19, 2015 at NEPRA Tower Islamabad; notice thereof was published in the daily newspapers on March 13, 2015 and separate notices were also sent to the major stakeholders on March 13, 2015 informing thereby the general public/concerned stakeholders about the date and venue of the hearing and inviting their comments/objections to make the process of hearing more meaningful and to reach at an informed and just decision.
- 5. During the hearing, K-Electric submitted that in its own generation, major reasons for the claimed variation is decrease in the prices of Furnace Oil which decreased from Rs. 47,221 per metric ton in the month of December 2014 to Rs.37,275 per metric ton in the current month along-with decrease in generation on Furnace oil from 92.252 GWh in the reference month of December 2014 to 50.707 GWh in the current month.
- 6. In the fuel cost component of power purchase cost, K-Electric submitted that major reason of the claimed variation is increase in per unit cost of power purchased from NTDC which has increased from Rs. 6.589/kWh in the reference month of December 2014 to Rs. 9.574/kWh in the current month of January 2015.
- 7. The information (both of self generation and power purchased from external sources) as submitted by K-Electric in its FCA request for the current month was checked with respective invoices and other relevant documents by the Authority and few discrepancies were found as explained at paras 9 & 10 below.
- 8. The fuel cost variation of K-Electric's own power generation and power purchases from external sources for the month of January, 2015 works out to be Rs. 814.218 million or Ps. 80.550/kWh, as per the details tabulated hereunder:

Tariff Adjustments - Summary				
Variation in Fuel Price				
Own Generation (Million Rs)			
External/PPP (Mi	-			
Total (Rs In Mill	-			
Total Units Sent C	out (GWh)			
Total Variation l				

January-15		
Requested		
(249.444) 1063.639		
814.194		
1010.919 80.540		
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January-15			
Allowed			
(248.565) 1062.783			
814.218			
1010.821			
80.550			





- 9. The difference between the requested and approved variation in fuel cost of own generation is due to inconsistency in the working of furnace oil rate (Rs/M.Ton) at K-Electric's end. The Authority has consistently been using monthly weighted average method to work out the furnace oil rate and has used the same for calculation of fuel charges variations of the current month.
- 10. In the fuel component of the power purchase cost, it was noticed that NTDC/CPPA, for the reference as well as for the current month invoiced K-Electric at Rs. 6.589/kWh and Rs. 9.574/kWh respectively and the same were used by K-Electric in its request whereas the Authority's approved fuel cost component of NTDC/CPPA, applicable to all XWDISCOs and K-Electric, for the reference and current month comes out to be Rs. 6.2902/kWh and Rs. 9.2763/kWh respectively. On the basis of the invoiced rates, the difference between the overall weighted average fuel cost component of power purchased by K-Electric for the current and reference month comes out as Rs. 1.842/kWh whereas on the basis of the approved rates the result comes out as Rs. 1.841/kWh which is the major reason of the difference between the claimed and allowed figure of power purchase cost variation.
- 11. Based on the analysis of the data as submitted by K-Electric, the Authority has noted with grave concern that K-Electric is subjecting its consumers to undue and unauthorized load shedding by continuously underutilizing the available energy of its system (own + external). Moreover it was also noted that K-Electric is keeping its available generation capacity idle and relying more on the energy purchased from NTDC. By doing so, K-Electric is necessitating the operations of the most expensive power plants in NTDC system as well as aggravating the menace of load shedding in the whole country. In view thereof, K-Electric is hereby directed to prudently utilize the available energy of its system to eliminate/reduce the load shedding in its territorial jurisdiction and in the whole country.
- 12. In order to allow K-Electric variation in fuel cost of its own generation as well as power purchased from external sources for the month of January 2015, the Authority has decided to pass on Ps. 80.55 /kWh to the consumers of K-Electric as FCA. The current month's variation is being allowed on provisional basis subject to adjustments if it is found that K-Electric, while dispatching power from the generation sources of its system, has not followed the Economic Merit Order, the matter which is being dealt with K-Electric separately.





13. The paisa per kWh, rounded off after not allocating its effect on the consumption of life line consumers, to be charged by K-Electric in the prospective billing month of May 2015 works out to be Ps. 81/kWh and shall be charged by K-Electric according to the following schedule;

FCA to be calculated on the basis of billing for the month of	Ps/kWh	Charged in consumer bills to be issued in the month of
January, 2015	81	May, 2015

- 14. The adjustment as referred to in para 13 above:
 - i. shall be applicable to all the consumer categories except lifeline consumers of K-Electric; and
 - ii. shall be shown separately in the consumer bills of May 2015 on the basis of units billed for the month of January, 2015.

Authority

(Khawaja Muhammad Naeem)

Member

(Maj. (R) Haroon Rashid)

Member

(Himayat Ullah Khan)

Member

(Brig. (R) Tariq Saddozai)

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National Electric Power Regulatory Authority



NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 13th day of April 2015

S.R.O. 307 (1)/2015.- Pursuant to Section 31(4) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 as amended through Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power (Amendment) Act 2011 and as per the mechanism for monthly fuel price adjustment prescribed and determined by the Authority vide Determination dated December 23, 2009 for K-Electric Ltd. (formerly Karachi Electric Supply Company Limited), as notified vide SRO 11(1)/2010 dated January 01, 2010, National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA) makes and notifies the following adjustment in the approved tariff on account of variation in fuel charge for the month of January 2015 in respect of K-Electric Limited.

FCA to be calculated on the basis of billing for the Month of	(Ps/kWh)	Charged in Consumer Bills to be issued in the Month of
January 2015	81	May 2015

2. The above adjustment of **plus** Ps.81.00/kWh shall be applicable to all the consumer categories except lifetine consumers of K-Electric Ltd. The said adjustment shall be shown separately in the consumer bills of May 2015 on the basis of units billed for the month of January 2015.

[Case No NEPRA/TRF-133/KESCL-2009(6)]

(Syed Safeer Hussain) 13/04/15
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