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No. NEPRA/R/ADG(Trf)/TRF-125/SECL-2009/10996-10998

March 1, 2021

**Subject: Decision of the Authority in the Matter of Reimbursement of 7.5% Withholding Tax on Dividends for Sapphire Electric Company Ltd. (Case No. NEPRA/TRF-125/SECL-2009)**


Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Authority along with schedule of tariff (Annex-I) (02 pages) regarding reimbursement of 7.5% withholding tax on dividends for the period from February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022 in respect of Sapphire Electric Company Ltd. in Case No. NEPRA/TRF-125/SECL-2009.

2. The decision is being intimated to the Federal Government for the purpose of notification of adjustment in the approved tariff through the official Gazette pursuant to Section 31 (7) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997.

3. The schedule attached as Annex-I is to be notified in the official Gazette.

Enclosure: As above

  
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( Syed Safeer Hussain )

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1. Secretary, Cabinet Division, Cabinet Secretariat, Islamabad.
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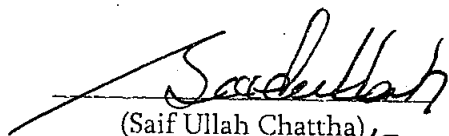
**DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY IN THE MATTER OF REIMBURSEMENT OF 7.5% WITHHOLDING  
TAX ON DIVIDENDS FOR SAPPHIRE ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED**


1. Pursuant to the order of the Authority dated November 23, 2012 in the matter of Motion for Leave for Review filed against the decision of the Authority at Commercial Operation Date (COD) in the case of Sapphire Electric Company Limited (SECL), withholding tax on dividend is a pass through item and the power purchaser shall make payment on account of withholding tax at the time of actual payment of dividend as hourly payment spread over a period of 12 months. In accordance with the decision referred above, the Authority approved following component for withholding tax on dividend for immediate application:

Period	7.5% Withholding tax on Dividend Rs./kW/Hour
February 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022	0.0244

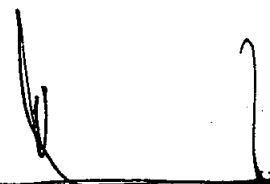
2. The Authority has considered the request of SECL for reimbursement of withholding tax on dividends @15% for some of their shareholders being not in the active taxpayer list. In the opinion of the Authority, the higher tax rate could be avoided by becoming part of active tax payer list and the failure is on the part of shareholders of SECL. Therefore, there is no justification to allow WHT on dividends @15% instead of normal rate and accordingly, the same is being allowed @ 7.5%.
3. The schedule attached as **Annex-I** is to be notified in the official gazette in accordance with the provisions of Section 31(4) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act 1997.
4. CPPA (G) to ensure that all payments are consistent with the tariff determination(s).

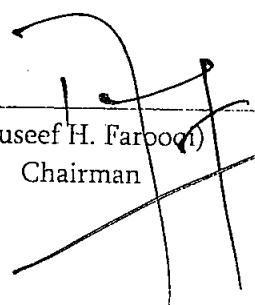
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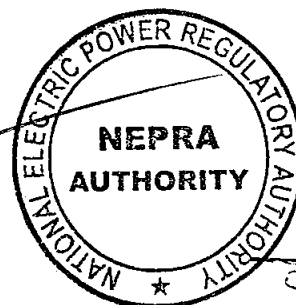
  
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Member 17.2.2021

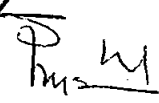
  
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(Engr. Bahadur Shah)  
Member

  
(Tauseef H. Farooqi)  
Chairman



  
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**SAPPHIRE ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED**  
**REIMBURSEMENT OF 7.5% WITHHODING TAX ON DIVIDENDS**

Tax Challan #	Payment Date	Dividend Amount agst. which Tax is Being Withheld	WHT Tax Requested			WHT Tax Allowed		
			Tax Rate	Rs.	Equivalent USD*	Tax Rate	Rs.	Equivalent USD*
IT-20200818-0101-1177102	18-Aug-20	126,813,401	7.50%	9,511,005	56,362	7.50%	9,511,005	56,362
IT-20200819-0101-1211648	19-Aug-20	450	15.00%	66	0.39	7.50%	33	0.19
IT-20200819-0101-1211648	19-Aug-20	477,416,568	7.50%	35,806,243	212,500	7.50%	35,806,243	212,500
<b>Total</b>		<b>604,230,419</b>		<b>45,317,313</b>	<b>268,862</b>		<b>45,317,280</b>	<b>268,862</b>

\*NBP TT & OD Selling Rate of USD as on 18th Aug 2020 and 19th Aug 2020 was Rs. 168.75/- & Rs. 168.5/-, respectively.

**Calculation of Hourly Rate:**

Withholding Tax on dividend	Rs.	45,317,280
Capacity	kW	212,107
Hours in a year (365 x 24)	No.	8,760
Tariff Component of withholding tax on dividend (February 1, 2021 to Jan 31, 2022)	Rs/kW/Hour	0.0244
Reimbursement Period of 12 Months		

**Carry Forward of Unclaimed Dividend Tax:**

Balance Brought Forward	USD	2,864,948
(NEPRA/R/SA(Tariff)/TRF-125/SECL-2009/20117-20119 dated August 6, 2020)		

**Less claimed:**

9th Agreement Year (Oct 5, 2018 to Oct 4, 2019) (Interim Dividend for Period Ended June 30, 2019)	(268,862)
Less un-claimable due to exemption of withholding tax on dividends*	(14,144)
<b>Balance Carried Forward</b>	<b>2,581,942</b>

\* Out of 424.021 million paid-up Shares, 21.201 million shares of Meezan Bank Limited are exempt from withholding tax on dividends. Accordingly the carry forward of unclaimed withholding tax on dividend has been reduced to the extent of dividends paid to Meezan Bank Limited.

