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No. NEPRA/ADG(Trf)/TRF-125/SECL-2009/15641-45

October 17, 2024

Subject: **Decision of the Authority in the matter of Reimbursement of 7.5% withholding Tax on dividends for Sapphire Electric Company Limited**

Dear Sir,

Please find enclosed herewith the Decision of the Authority along with Annex-I (total 02 pages) regarding reimbursement of 7.5% withholding tax on dividends for the period from **October 01, 2024 to September 30, 2025** 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 in the official Gazette pursuant to Section 31(7) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 within 30 days from the intimation of this Decision. In the event the Federal Government fails to notify the subject tariff Decision within the time period specified in Section 31(7), then the Authority shall notify the same in the official Gazette pursuant to Section 31(7) of NEPRA Act.

Enclosure: As above

Wasim Anwar Bhinder
(Wasim Anwar Bhinder)

Secretary,
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Copy to:

1. Secretary, Cabinet Division, Cabinet Secretariat, Islamabad
2. Secretary, Ministry of Finance, 'Q' Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad
3. Chief Executive Officer, Central Power Purchasing Agency Guarantee Limited (CPPA-G), Shaheen Plaza, 73-West, Fazl-e-Haq Road, Islamabad
4. Chief Executive Officer, Sapphire Electric Company Ltd., 7-A/K, Main Boulevard, Gulberg- II, Lahore 042-111000100



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 Decision 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.
2. The Authority in its collective and joint wisdom considering all aspects decided with consensus as under; which will be hereafter called as decision of the Authority in the matter:

"Based on information and documentary evidence(s) provided by SECL, the Authority hereby allow SECL to claim Rs. 0.0244/kW/h from Central Power Purchasing Agency Limited i.e. Power Purchaser for the period from October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025 as a pass-through on the basis of Rs. 45,319,007/- paid as 7.5% withholding tax on dividends."

3. The above decision of the Authority along with revised schedule attached as **Annex-I** are to be notified in the Official Gazette in accordance with the provisions of Section 31(7) 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).

AUTHORITY

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SAPPHIRE ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED
REIMBURSEMENT OF 7.5% WITHHOLDING TAX ON DIVIDENDS

Tax Challan #	Payment Date	Dividend Amount against which Tax is being Withheld (PKR)	WhT Requested		WhT Allowed	
			Rate	Rs.	Rate	Rs.
IT-20231004-0101-1144048	October 4, 2023	477,439,519	7.50%	35,808,002	7.50%	35,808,002
IT-20240507-0101-1164751	May 7, 2024	126,813,401	7.50%	9,511,005	7.50%	9,511,005
Total		604,252,920		45,319,007		45,319,007

Calculation of Hourly Rate:

Withholding Tax on dividend

Rs.

45,319,007

Capacity

kW

212,107

Hours in a year (365 x 24)

Hours

8,760

Tariff Component of withholding tax on dividend (Oct 1, 2024 to Sep 30, 2025)

Rs./kW/Hours

0.0244

Carry Forward of Unclaimed Dividend Tax As Per Applicable Tariff:

Rs.

Balance Brought Forward from 12th Agreement Year (Oct 5, 2021 to Oct 4, 2022)

602,435,676

(As per decision No. NEPRA/R/ADG(Trf)/TRF-125/SECL-2009/10520-24 dated July 10, 2024)

Maximum Limit Available**602,435,676****Less:** Claimed during 12th Agreement Year (Oct 5, 2021 to Oct 4, 2022)

(45,319,007)

2nd Interim Cash Dividend @ 15% for the Period Ended June 30, 2022

Un-claimable due to exemption of withholding tax on dividends*

(2,383,433)**Balance Carried Forward****554,733,236**

*Out of 424,021,347 paid-up Shares, 21,186,068 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.

**Based on data declared by Sapphire Electric Company Limited.

Signature

