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No. NEPRA/TRF-133/KESC-2009/2190-2192 September 1, 2010

Subject:-

Decision of the Authority in the matter of Karachi Electric Supply Co. Ltd. Request for Monthly Adjustment of Fuel Cost of Its Own Generation and Power Purchase from External Sources, Due to Changes in the Fuel Prices for the Months of April and May 2010 [Case No. NEPRA/TRF-133/KESCL-2009(6)]

Intimation of Decision of Tariff pursuant to Section 31(4) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act (XL of 1997)

Dear Sir.

Please find enclosed the Decision of the Authority (04 pages) applying the Tariff Adjustment Mechanism specified in Case No. NEPRA/TRF-133/KESC-2009(6) notified vide SRO 11(I)/2010 dated January 01, 2010.

- 2. The Decision is being intimated to the Federal Government for the purpose of notification of the approved tariff in the official gazette pursuant to Section 31(4) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act (XL of 1997) and Rule 16(11) of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority Tariff (Standards and Procedure) Rules, 1998.
- 3. It is intimated that pursuant to orders of Honorable High Court of Sindh, Karachi, passed in Writ Petition No. 1380 of 2009 titled the Law Foundation and 16 others Vs NEPRA and 9 others on 25.06.2010, KESC is hereby directed not to pass on the Fuel Adjustment Charges (FAC) to the consumers till final orders are passed in the Petition. Copy of orders of Sindh High Court is enclosed for reference.
- 4. Please note that paras 11-12 of the Authority's Decision are required to be notified in the official Gazette. However, prior to the notification of the subject decision, Ministry of Water & Power may like to consult Law, Justice and Parliamentary Affairs Division for legal opinion in the light of order of the Sindh High Court as referred in para 3/above.

Enclosure: As above

(Syed Safeer Hussain)

Secretary, Ministry of Water & Power, 'A' Block, Pak Secretariat, Islamabad

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- 1. Secretary, Cabinet Division, Cabinet Secretariat, Islamabad.
- 2. Secretary, Ministry of Finance, Islamabad.
- 3. Secretary, Privatization Commission, Islamabad.



DECISION OF THE AUTHORITY IN THE MATTER OF KESCL REQUEST FOR MONTHLY ADJUSTMENT OF FUEL COST OF ITS OWN GENERATION AND POWER PURCHASE FROM EXTERNAL SOURCES, DUE TO CHANGES IN THE FUEL PRICES, FOR THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2010.

Pursuant to the amendment made in Section 31(4) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act 1997, NEPRA is required to review the fuel charges on monthly basis in the approved tariff on account of any variation whatsoever. Further the monthly adjustment on account of fuel cost variation is to be done in accordance with the monthly adjustment mechanism for KESCL's fuel cost and the power purchase cost determined by the Authority in case No.NEPRA/TRF-133/KESCL-2009(6) dated December 23, 2009, duly notified by Government of Pakistan vide S.R.O No. 11(1)/2010 dated January 01, 2010. As per said mechanism KESCL was allowed the monthly adjustment of the fuel cost component for its own generation as well as power purchase cost due to variation in the fuel prices without taking in account the effect of T&D losses. The aforesaid variation in cost is to be passed on to the consumers in their monthly bills as Fuel Surcharge Adjustment (FSA).

- 2. In pursuance of the above, KESCL, vide letter No.CMF/NEPRA/071/162 dated May 29, 2010 submitted its request for adjustment of fuel cost component of its own generation and the fuel cost component of power purchased from external sources for the month of April 2010. Initial scrutiny of its working revealed that KESCL had taken fuel prices for June 2009 as reference for working out fuel cost variation for the month of April 2010. KESCL was therefore advised to resubmit its working based on fuel prices for the month of March 2010 as a reference. KESCL was further directed to submit its adjustment request for the month of May 2010 which had also become due in June 2010, for adjustment by the Authority simultaneously along with revised request for April 2010.
- 3. KESCL, vide its letter No.CMF/NEPRA/071/176 dated June 10, 2010 submitted revised data for April and May 2010. It was, however, observed that the rate for purchase of power from NTDC for the month of May 2010 was on provisional basis as KESCL had not received invoice for the month of May 2010 from NTDC till then. KESCL then resubmitted a request vide its letter No. CMF/NEPRA/071/194 dated June 22, 2010 while taking the original data from NTDC but that request was not submitted in accordance with approved monthly adjustment mechanism, that is, calculation was done on the basis of units sold rather than on units sent out basis. However, on the basis of information provided by KESCL, the Authority decided to hold a public hearing on



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- July 12, 2010. Accordingly, notice for the hearing along with invitation to the stakeholders for their comments/objections, if any, was published in the national newspapers on July 03, 2010. In this regard, no objections/comments were received by the Authority from any stakeholder. The request, as per the prescribed mechanism, was again submitted by the KESCL vide letter No. CMF/NEPRA/071/227 dated July 15, 2010
- 4. Hearing of the petition was held on July 12, 2010 at NEPRA main office building Islamabad which was attended by representatives of NTDC/CPPA, KESCL and other stakeholders. The Authority showed its displeasure to KESCL for not submitting monthly adjustment request on time as stipulated in the approved Mechanism for adjustment of fuel price variation. KESCL was also instructed by the Authority that its monthly fuel price adjustment request should clearly state the relief sought by it on units sent out basis rather than on units sold basis as already prescribed under the approved mechanism.
- 5. Arguing on delay in submission of monthly adjustment request KESCL informed that it receives invoice for the power purchased from NTDC on 21st of every month and as such it is unable to submit its monthly adjustment request—within a week as per requirement of the mechanism. In response thereto, CPPA representatives responded that due to huge volume of work, manpower shortage and operational difficulties, CPPA is unable to raise invoices within the 1st week of the succeeding month. The Authority however, instructed the CPPA to furnish invoice to KESCL at least by 15th of every month and make all out efforts to adhere to the time lines already given by the Authority in its determinations.
- 6. Summary of the requested adjustment as provided in the letter dated July 15, 2010 is tabulated hereunder:

Description	April-10 Ps./kWh	May-10 Ps/kWh
1, Fuel Cost	(12.86)	(9.95)
2, Fuel Cost of Power Purchase	3.82	(0.793)
3, Total Monthly Variation (1+2) - Over March 2010	(9.04)	(10.74)

7. In order to consider the proposed adjustment, the Authority decided to verify the data as provided by KESCL from its backup record available at its head office in Karachi. Accordingly, a team of professionals comprising Senior Advisor (Tariff) and Assistant Director (Tariff) visited KESCL head office at Karachi from July 12, 2010 to July 14, 2010 to verify the following:-



- KESCL own generation from its central Load Dispatch Centre; and
- Prices of furnace oil/gas and their quantities from store ledgers and actual invoices of fuel suppliers (PSO and SSGC).
- During verification of data, it was noted that there was a reduction in furnace oil cost by Rs 1.162 billion under Gas Load Management Program (GLMP) for the month of May 2010, which reduced KESCL's furnace oil price to Rs.30,120/Metric Ton. KESCL has not claimed any price differential in fuel price for the month of April 2010. The Ministry of Water and Power was asked vide letter No.-NEPRA/TRF-133/KESCL-2009/1145 dated July 26, 2010 to confirm the final amounts to be paid to PSO by the Government for the Month of May under GLMP program and nil for the month of April 2010. Ministry of Water and Power was also advised to submit its response within three working days otherwise the Authority would be constrained to accept the amount claimed by KESCL as correct and full/final for calculating fuel price and corresponding adjustment for the relevant months in KESCL's electricity tariff. In this regard no reply from the ministry has been received till to date despite a reminder sent vide letter No.-NEPRA/TRF-133/KESCL-2009/1417 dated August 05, 2010. Consequently KESCL's provided figures were considered correct.
- 9. External generation data of IPPs for the month of April and May 2010 was scrutinized with respective invoices, general ledgers on test basis and cross verified with KESCL's internal documentation in order to ensure that the amounts booked reconciles with the invoices raised. A slight reduction of around Rs.3 million in fuel price of April was identified. This reduction was due to the incorrect application of actual total fuel cost paid vis-à-vis fuel cost claimed by IPPs.
- 10. After detailed scrutiny of month-wise data of KESCL, the fuel cost variation of its own power generation and power purchases from external sources for the Months of April and May 2010 works out minus Rs.124.80 million (Ps. 9.26/kWh) and minus Rs. 161.91 million (Ps. 10.74/kWH) respectively as given hereunder.

Tariff Adjustments Summary	Apr-10	May-10
	Allowed	Allowed
Variation in Fuel Price		
Own Generation (Million Rs)	-173.26	-149,96
External/PPP (Million Rs)	48.47	-11.95
Total (Rs In Million)	-124.8	- 161.91
Total Unit Sent Out (GWh)	1347.48	1507.2
Total Variation Ps/kWh	-9.26	-10.74

11. In view of the aforementioned, the Authority has decided to pass on to the consumers in their monthly bills, the impact of fuel cost reduction for the months of April and May 2010 as per the following schedule:

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Monthly Consumer bill	Fuel Surcharge Adjustment (FSA)	Ps/kWh
September 2010	April 2010	(9.26)
•	May 2010	(10.74)
	Total	(20.00)

12. The adjustment as referred to in Para 11 above:

- shall be applicable to all the consumer categories except lifeline consumers of i. KESCL consuming up to 50 units per month; and
- shall be shown separately in the consumer bills on the basis of consumption for ii. the months of April and May 2010.

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