



OIL & GAS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (OGRA)

Notice of Public Hearing by the Authority to consider the request of SNGPL regarding revision in fixed and variable charges w.r.t. urgent fee for new gas connections for domestic consumers

Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority under Section 7 of OGRA Ordinance, 2002 read with Sub Rule 1 of Rule 3 of Natural Gas Tariff Rules, 2002 has notified fixed and variable charges vide its notification dated 18-07-2006 on request of both the licencees i.e. SSGCL and SNGPL which is still in field.

Now, Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (the Petitioner) vide its petition dated 30-08-2013 submitted that over the period the petitioner has expanded its network and consumer base manifold. At present, the number of domestic consumers in its area of franchise exceeds 4.4 million. Around 400,000 new applications for domestic gas connections are received every year due to expansion in distribution network in new towns and villages. Presently the pending applications are in excess of 1.2 million in addition to approximately 325,000 such cases where prospective consumers have already deposited their security and service line charges but are awaiting connections.

SNGPL has informed that Hon'able Parliamentarians, notables and public in general are requesting for expeditious provision of gas connections against pending requests. In order to alleviate the grievance, any applicant who is desirous of getting gas connection expeditiously should pay an urgent fee of Rs. 25,000/- in addition to the security & service line charges. Gas connections to such applicants shall be provided within three months of receipt of their applications. 10% quota of the Annual Target approved by OGRA may be earmarked for processing of urgent fee cases. Applications against urgent fee received will be processed on their turn/merit which is also recommended by the petitioner's Board of Directors in its 413th meeting held on 29-08-2013. Therefore the petitioner has requested the Authority to revise fixed and variable charges w.r.t. urgent fee for domestic consumers as under:-

Item	Earlier Charges	Proposed Charges
DOMESTIC		
Urgent new connection charges	Rs.3,500/-	Rs.25,000/- in addition to the standard service line charges

OGRA invites all consumers, interveners, general public and interested / affected persons and parties to furnish their comments / interventions / views, if any, on the petition filed by the petitioner, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. The intervention request be addressed to the Registrar, OGRA, must contain the name and address of the intervener and be accompanied by an affidavit verifying the contents of the intervention and intervention fee of Rs.500/- (demand draft in favour of Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority, payable at Islamabad). In case of a person representing any organization/agency/body, he/she must file an authority letter of the same.

OGRA has decided to hold a Public Hearing in the subject cases according to the date, time and venue mentioned below:

Date : January 15, 2014 (Wednesday)

Time : 10:30 a.m.

Venue : Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore

All parties to the proceedings, stakeholders, general public and interested / affected persons are hereby informed of the above proceedings.

Copy of the OGRA's notification w.r.t. fixed and variable charges dated 18-07-2006 is available on OGRA's Website and can also be obtained from the office of Registrar, OGRA, Islamabad. For any further information, please contact:

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