



OIL & GAS REGULATORY AUTHORITY (OGRA)

Notice of Public Hearing by the Authority to consider the requests of SNGPL and SSGCL regarding amendment in Procedure for Dealing with Theft of Gas Cases

Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority established under the OGRA Ordinance, 2002 and in exercise of its powers conferred by Section 22 of the Ordinance and Rule 3(3) of the Natural Gas Regulatory Authority (Licencing) Rules, 2002 granted the licences to Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited for Transmission, Distribution and Sale of Natural Gas on 03-09-2003. Both licencees, under their Licence Condition No.20 are obligated to submit and seek approval of the Authority regarding policies and procedures for dealing with Theft of Gas cases. The Authority has approved the "Procedure for Dealing with theft of Gas" for both the licencees in 2005 and conveyed the same to both licencees on 16-08-2005.

Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited (SNGPL) vide its request dated 15-07-2013 has submitted that a large number of theft / pilfered cases are being detected which are more than a year old while the company remains constrained in the booking recovery of theft cases only upto a maximum of 12 months as per said Procedure. Accordingly the company can only book theft volumes for the period not exceeding one year which is contributing towards lesser recovery of revenues as well as contributing to higher UFG volume.

SNGPL has requested the Authority to amend the relevant clause of the said procedure *allowing the actual recovery of theft volumes regardless of time period involved*, in order to discourage large scale theft of gas by the various categories of gas consumers while the gas companies are unduly being penalized in respect of higher UFG.

SSGCL has also agreed with the proposal given by SNGPL in the subject matter and suggested that "cut off" period (say for 36 months) may be provided so as to avoid any controversy.

OGRA invites all consumers, interveners, general public and interested / affected persons and parties to furnish their comments / interventions / views, if any, on the application filed by the applicant, 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.

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

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

Date : January 15, 2014 (Wednesday)
Time : 10:30 a.m.
Venue : Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore

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Date : January 23, 2014 (Thursday)

Time : 10:30 a.m.

Venue : Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi

Copy of the "Procedure for Dealing with theft of Gas, 2005" can be obtained on payment of prescribed charges of Rs. 2/- per page from the office of Registrar, OGRA, Islamabad. For any information, please contact:

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