

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Petition Filed by Sui Southern Gas Company Limited for Determination of its Estimated Revenue Requirement/Prescribed Prices for F.Y. 2024-25

Sui Southern Gas Company Limited (the Petitioner) filed a petition before the Authority on November 30, 2023 and amended petition on February 23, 2024 under Section 8 (1) of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002, read with Rule 4 (2) of the Natural Gas Tariff Rules, 2002 for Determination of its Estimated Revenue Requirement / prescribed price for FY 2024-25. The Petitioner has projected average prescribed price Rs. 1,740.80 per MMBTU for FY 2024-25 in natural gas business. Activity-wise shortfall in respect of Revenue Requirement of indigenous gas is tabulated below:

PARTICULARS	Transmission Activities	Distribution & Sales Activities	Total
	Rs. in Million		
Sales Volume (BBTU)	-	206,602	206,602
Cost of Gas	-	270,980	270,980
Transmission & Distribution Cost including other charges	5,480	30,688	36,168
Depreciation	968	8,992	9,960
Adjustment for revenue shortfall in Baluchistan	-	20,929	20,929
Financial Charges on short term borrowing	2,590	9,910	12,500
Return on Assets	7,401	17,961	25,362
Subsidy for LPG Air-Mix Projects	-	3,134	3,134
Adjustment for UFG above benchmark	-	(14,652)	(14,652)
Other Operating Income	-	(4,729)	(4,729)
Total Revenue Requirement	16,439	343,213	359,652
Sale Revenue at current Prescribed Price		302,961	302,961
Shortfall in Revenue Requirement for FY 2024-25	16,439	40,251	56,692
Increase in Revenue Requirement w.e.f. 1st July, 2024 (Rs./MMBTU)	79.57	194.83	274.40
Average prescribed price (Rs. /MMBTU) w.e.f. July 01, 2024			1,740.80

The Revenue Requirement of the petitioner will enable it to meet cost of gas, operating cost and return on assets. The cost of gas is linked to the international price of crude oil / fuel oil in accordance with the agreements between the Federal Government and the gas producers.

Besides above, the petitioner has projected RLNG cost of service at Rs. 39.56 per MMBTU for RLNG business.

Exclusive rights held by the petitioner in its franchise areas i.e. Sindh and Balochistan have expired as per the respective license, however the Petitioner has projected Rs.1402 million for laying of 179 km. distribution mains to connect various new towns and villages.

The additional issues are as follows:

- Whether projection in gas supplies volume from local gas fields is fair and reasonable? Any steps / measures taken by Petitioner to meet country's increasing energy demand?
- Reasons and justification for projecting Transmission & Distribution costs including other charges at Rs. 36.168 million for FY 2024-25. Explain the steps taken by the Petitioner on cost curtailment in the light of Federal Government's directions for austerity drive as well as decreasing indigenous gas supplies.
- Reason for not projecting "Pipeline Transportation income" as part of Tariff calculation, despite the promulgation of TPA Rules, 2018? Also, elaborate concrete efforts made by the company to attract private shipper to utilize the surplus/idle Pipeline capacity, keeping in view the scarcity of the natural gas in the country.
- Concrete steps taken by the Petitioner to improve corporate governance in terms of reduced litigation, consumer complaints and improvement in customer services.
- Whether the claim of the Petitioner/Company for addition of 25,000 Nos new domestic connections on indigenous gas is justified since continuity and security of gas supply to existing as well as prospective consumers has to be ensured and GoP has already imposed moratorium on execution of gas development schemes and provision of new domestic gas connections?
- Whether the Company's proposed Gas Distribution System amounting to Rs 46,113 million is prudent, considering the fact that SSGCL no longer holds exclusively to develop gas schemes in its franchised area of Sindh and Baluchistan provinces?
- Necessity of laying of transmission lines proposed to be executed in the said year, when the indigenous gas supplies are already on the decline?
- Whether the claimed capital expenditure amounting to Rs.84,078 million against cost effective & economically efficient for inclusion in the rate base?
- Whether the expenses of Rs 29,715 million claimed against UFG controlled activities are justified in view of 12.10 % UFG projected by the Company?
- What specific measures SSGC must take to reduce UFG particularly in its area of operation, where the menace of theft of gas and gas leakage is reportedly on higher side?

Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority invites all interested/affected persons including gas consumers and general public to furnish their comments, suggestions and intervention requests. All correspondence in this connection may be addressed to Registrar, OGRA and should contain the names and addresses of applicants.

All interveners must indicate the manner in which they are likely to be affected by determination of the Authority in this case. Intervention request should be accompanied by an affidavit verifying the contents of the intervention and intervention fee of Rs.500/- (demand draft in favour of OGRA) and authority letter if representing any organization.

Copy of the petition is available on OGRA's official website which can also be obtained on payment of prescribed charges of Rs.2/- per page from the office of Registrar, OGRA, Islamabad. For any information required from the Petitioner, please contact:

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

Date : March 18, 2024 (Monday)
Time : 10:30 a.m.
Venue : SSGCL Head Office
Sir Shah Suleman Road, Gulshan-e-Iqbal, **Karachi**.

-AND-

Date : March 20, 2024 (Wednesday)
Time : 10:30 A.M.
Venue : Quetta Chamber of Commerce, Zarghoon Road, **Quetta**.

All parties to the proceedings, stakeholders, general public and interested / affected persons are hereby informed of the above proceedings. The interested parties may approach the office of Senior Registrar through below mentioned Email, in order to attend the hearing proceeding through Zoom application as well.

Dr. Abdul Basit Qureshi,

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