

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To consider the requests of SNGPL and SSGCL regarding amendment in Clause "D" of Procedure for Dealing with Theft of Gas Cases, 2005

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 28-08-2017 has submitted their view point to OGRA regarding practical difficulties being faced by the company in compliance to Clause "D", especially in case of domestic consumers and requested the Authority to amend / review the following Sub-clauses of Clause "D" as under:

"Clause D. Action of the Company:

Sub Clause No.	Existing PROCEDURE	SNGPL's Proposed Amendments								
v)	The disconnected meter and/or regulator shall be taken into personal custody by a responsible designated official of the company who shall place the equipment in a bag / container which shall be sealed at the site. Time and date shall be logged.	The disconnected meter and /or regulator shall be taken into personal custody by a responsible designated official of the company as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Industrial, Commercial & Special Domestic Consumers</td> <td>The equipment shall be placed in a bag/container which shall be sealed at the site.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Domestic Consumer</td> <td>The equipment shall be placed in box /container for safe handling/ transportation of meter.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> Time and date shall be logged.	Category	Description	Industrial, Commercial & Special Domestic Consumers	The equipment shall be placed in a bag/container which shall be sealed at the site.	Domestic Consumer	The equipment shall be placed in box /container for safe handling/ transportation of meter.		
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vi)	The observations made at the time of disconnection shall be logged/ documented and signed by all members of the disconnection team. The document on which the said observations are recorded will be enclosed in the box/container in duplicate with copies to Head of department and local Regional General Manager. The company shall send a quarterly report to OGRA giving addresses of premises where acts of theft are confirmed, as well as brief description of mode of theft.	The observations made at the time of disconnection shall be logged /documented and signed by In-charge of disconnection team. The consumer shall also be requested to sign the document and in case the consumer refuses to sign, the same will be documented/logged. The document on which the said observation is recorded will be copied to concerned Sectional In-charge. The Company shall send a quarterly report to OGRA giving addresses of premises where acts of theft are confirmed as well as brief description of mode of theft.								
vii)	The suspected equipment shall be dispatched to the "Local /nearest Testing Workshop/Laboratory" within two working days of disconnection.	The suspected equipment shall be dispatched to the "Local/nearest Testing Workshop/Laboratory" as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Industrial Consumers</td> <td>Within 3 working days of disconnection</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commercial and Special Domestic Consumers</td> <td>Within 5 working days of disconnection</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Domestic Consumers</td> <td>Within 7 working days of disconnection</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Description	Industrial Consumers	Within 3 working days of disconnection	Commercial and Special Domestic Consumers	Within 5 working days of disconnection	Domestic Consumers	Within 7 working days of disconnection
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ix)	The official taking charge of the equipment in testing workshop /laboratory shall break open the seal of the bag in the presence of the person delivering the equipment. Moreover, out of two, one copy of the document accompanying the meter in the container shall be endorse by the official receiving it and returned to the one delivering it for handling over the same to General Manager/ In-charge of the Region to which the meter pertains and would also confirm the physical / visual condition of the equipment as recorded by the inspection/raiding team. Testing of internal parts/ operation of the meter and flow proving shall be carried out in the laboratory and reported to G.M of the region within five working days, in case of industrial category and ten working days, in case of commercial/domestic category after the receipt of meter.	The official taking charge of the equipment in testing workshop /laboratory shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In case of Industrial, Commercial and Special Domestic consumers: Break open the seal of the bag in the presence of the person delivering the equipment and would also confirm the physical / visual condition of the equipment as recorded by the inspection/ raiding team. In case of Domestic consumers: Confirm the Physical / visual condition of the equipment as recorded by the inspection/ raiding team. Moreover, out of two, one copy of the document accompanying the meter in the container shall be endorsed by the official receiving it and returned to the one delivering it for handling over the same to concerned Sectional Incharge of the region to which the meter pertains. Testing of internal parts/ operation of meter and flow proving shall be carried in the laboratory and Meter Inspection Report shall be forwarded to the G.M of the region as follows: <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Category</th> <th>Description</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Industrial</td> <td>Within 7 working days of receipt of meter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Commercial / Special Domestic</td> <td>Within 14 working days of receipt of meter</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Domestic</td> <td>Within 21 working days of receipt of meter</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Category	Description	Industrial	Within 7 working days of receipt of meter	Commercial / Special Domestic	Within 14 working days of receipt of meter	Domestic	Within 21 working days of receipt of meter
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SSGCL has also stated that they have replaced approximately 90,000 domestic meters from July, 2016 to November, 2016, so it is not possible to seal all these meters in bags at site at the time of replacement / disconnection and cannot be tested, therefore SSGCL agreed upon the proposal given by SNGPL to amend / review the existing Clause "D" of "Procedure for Dealing with theft of Gas.

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. 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 : December 10, 2018 (Monday)
Time : 10:00 a.m.
Venue : Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore

-AND-

Date : December 18, 2018 (Tuesday)
Time : 10:00 a.m.
Venue : Movenpick Hotel, Karachi

Copy of the "Procedure for Dealing with theft of Gas, 2005" is available on OGRA's Official Website and can also 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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