

# **SENATE OF PAKISTAN**



**(REPORT NO. 1 of 2023)**

## **REPORT OF THE SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON POWER**

**ON**

**THE POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING "ISSUE OF  
ELECTRICITY BILLING IN FOUR UNION COUNCILS OF TURBAT,  
BALOCHISTAN", RAISED BY SENATOR MUHAMMAD  
AKRAM IN THE SENATE SITTING HELD ON  
16<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2023.**

**PRESENTED BY**

**SENATOR SAIFULLAH ABRO**

**CHAIRMAN  
Standing Committee on Power**

## SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Saifullah Abro, Chairman of the Senate Standing Committee on Power, have the honour to present this report, on behalf of the Committee, on Point of Public Importance regarding "Issue of Electricity billing in four union Councils of Turbat, Balochistan", raised by Senator Muhammad Akram in the Senate sitting held on 16<sup>th</sup> January, 2023, and referred to the Standing Committee for consideration and report.

2. The composition of the Committee is as under: -

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|-------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| i.    | Senator Saifullah Abro                | Chairman          |
| ii.   | Senator Fida Muhammad                 | Member            |
| iii.  | Senator Syed Shibli Faraz             | Member            |
| iv.   | Senator Saifullah Sarwar Khan Nyazee  | Member            |
| v.    | Senator Zeeshan Khanzada              | Member            |
| vi.   | Senator Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai    | Member            |
| vii.  | Senator Sana Jamali                   | Member            |
| viii. | Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan        | Member            |
| ix.   | Senator Bahramand Khan Tangi          | Member            |
| x.    | Senator Syed Muhammad Ali Shah Jamot  | Member            |
| xi.   | Senator Muhammad Talha Mahmood        | Member            |
| xii.  | Senator Hafiz Abdul Karim             | Member            |
| xiii. | Senator Muhammad Asad Ali Khan Junejo | Member            |
| xiv.  | Senator Ahmed Khan                    | Member            |
| xv.   | Minister for Energy (Power Division)  | Ex-Officio Member |

3. The Committee considered and discussed the matter in its meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 and 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023. The last meeting was attended by the following:-

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|------|------------------------------------|----------|
| i.   | Senator Saifullah Abro             | Chairman |
| ii.  | Senator Fida Muhammad              | Member   |
| iii. | Senator Prince Ahmed Umer Ahmedzai | Member   |
| iv.  | Senator Sana Jamali                | Member   |
| v.   | Senator Haji Hidayatullah Khan     | Member   |
| vi.  | Senator Muhammad Akram             | Mover    |

4. In the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023, Senator Muhammad Akram as mover briefed the Committee that Mirani Dam was completed and inaugurated in 2006. Unfortunately, the backflow water from Mirani Dam inundated upstream areas of Nasirabad, Nodez, Solband

and Kalatuk destroying several houses, date trees and indigenous underground irrigation channels in 2007. All set up of electricity including electrical poles & meters installed in those union councils were also drowned in the flood. The residents of the affected area along with their electricity connections were shifted to other locations at higher altitudes. The electricity set up has been installed now consequently, residents were not getting any electricity and yet doomed to receive electricity bills containing huge arrears since 2007. He asked why electricity bills containing huge arrears are being sent to the residents of the affected areas. He demanded a solution of it.

5. The A.S, Power Division informed the Committee that total number of legal consumers is 2007 and pending amount is Rs. 7063 million. A meeting was held on 07-02-2019 in the office of Additional Secretary-II/Managing Director PEPCO at Ministry of Energy (Power Division), Islamabad with Honourable Senator Muhammad Akram Dashti for resolving the issue. It was decided to carryout surveys of all legal 2007 Nos. connections, all illegal Kunda connections for their regularization and rehabilitation of the existing distribution system. Consequently, an Enquiry Committee comprising GM (Tech) QESCO, SE & DCM Mekan Circle was constituted. The Committee in its report recommended that the large population of the affectees are poor and due to their weaken circumstances cannot pay their arrears and present electricity bills regularly. If the residents ask for clearing of arrears, their bills be verified and if overbilling detected will be adjusted/write off on case to case basis. He suggested that local representative needs to be connected in those union councils and representative of Power Division and QESCO will meet them accordingly.

6. Regarding the technical and commercial (AT&C) loss Jan. 2023 (11kV Nasirabad), the Chairman Committee observed that total number of consumers is 1943. The monthly billing is Rs. 21,723,708 and monthly payment is Rs. 169,532 in 11KV Nasirabad. The Chairman NEPRA also stated that if government had any unpaid dues and consumers applied again for new connection then there was a possibility that outstanding amount may be appeared in their electricity bills. The representative of QESCO also informed the Committee that there were some arrears in those bills and when the electricity connections were restore the outstanding amount was shown in their bills. The Chairman Committee pointed out that there is no information mentioned about arrears in the briefing material and deferred the matter to be further discussed in the next Committee meeting.


7. In the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023, Senator Muhammad Akram, the mover of the matter, stated that matter was already discussed in detail in the last Committee meeting. He asked an update on it. The CEO, QESCO informed the Committee that M/o Energy (Power Division) has already constituted a Committee under the convenership of GM (Tech), QESCO to probe the matter. The report of the Committee will be shared once it is finalized. After the detailed discussion, the Committee made the following recommendations to:

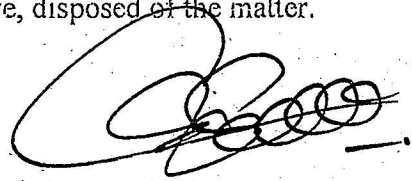
- i. Power Division and QESCO to nominate their officials and one local representative will be nominated by Senator Muhammad Akram to meet and resolve the issue amicably.

ii. CEO, QESCO to submit the details related to the billing details of residents of affected areas before and after the flood in the next meeting. Power Division to conduct an inquiry that how QESCO has sent bills to those legal consumers where whole infrastructure was damaged and drowned in 2007 floods. Power Division to provide the details with break up since 2007 (month wise) and take action on officials involved in this irregularity. The individual wise details may also be submitted to the Committee.

iii. CEO, QESCO to ensure to resolve the matter in the month of Ramzan, 2023. CEO, QESCO to meet Senator Muhammad Akram and resolve the issue amicably.

8. The Chairman Committee, view of the above, disposed of the matter.

  
(BUSHRA RAFIQUE)  
Deputy Director / Secretary Committee

  
(SENATOR SAIFULLAH ABRO)  
Chairman, Standing Committee on Power

Islamabad,  
The 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023