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BILL

further to amend the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2015

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2015(IV of 2015) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. – (1) This Act may be called the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (Amendment) Act, 2018.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3, Act IV of 2015.- In the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess Act, 2015 (IV of 2015), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3,-

(a) in sub-section (1), after the colon at the end, the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

‘Provided that the Federal Government may prescribe a mechanism to assign collection of cess through Federal Board of Revenue or any other institution as deemed appropriate.’; and

(b) in sub-section (3), for the proviso, the following shall be substituted, namely;

‘Provided that the said mark up shall be payable from the date of commencement of the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (Amendment) Act, 2018.’.

3. Amendment of section 8, Act IV of 2015.- In the said Act, in section 8, after sub-section (2), the following new sub-section (3) shall be added, namely:-

(3) For CNG sector, half of cess levied or charged from the first day of January, 2012 to the twenty-first day of May, 2015 (both days inclusive) in accordance with notifications issued by the Federal Government, from time to time, shall be paid by CNG stations who enter into an agreement with Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited or Sui Southern Gas Company Limited, as the case may be, in prescribed manner:

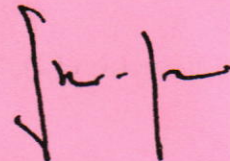
Provided that the amount shall be recovered in two tranches, first within one month and second within three months from commencement of the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (Amendment) Act, 2018:

Provided further that the dispensation made in this sub-section shall not be available to those CNG stations who fail to enter into an agreement with Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited or Sui Southern Gas Company Limited, as the case may be, within thirty days of the commencement of the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (Amendment) Act, 2018:.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

CNG stations in Pakistan were collecting the Gas Infrastructure Development Cess (GIDC) pursuant to the provisions of GIDC Act, 2015 through Sale Price of CNG notified by Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority from time to time. However, the same was not paid to M/s Sui Northern Gas Pipelines Limited and Sui Southern Gas Company Limited for its onward payment to Federal Government on account of various court stay orders. The CNG Stations, through the All Pakistan CNG Association, have now agreed with the Federal Government to pay approximately half of the Cess payable pertaining to the period from January 01, 2012 to May 22, 2015 amounting to Rs.12 Billion.

2. In order to effectuate the above settlement, an amendment in the existing GIDC, Act, 2015 will be required through the GIDC (Amendment) Bill, 2018.
3. It is further certified that the Bill is not a Money Bill.



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