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POINT OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE REGARDING
EXCESSIVE BILLING BY THE GAS COMPANIES IN THE
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PRESENTED BY:

**SENATOR MOHSIN AZIZ
CHAIRMAN COMMITTEE**

SENATE SECRETARIAT

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I, Senator Mohsin Aziz, Chairman Standing Committee on Petroleum have the honor to present on behalf of the Committee, this report on a point of public importance regarding excessive billing by the gas companies in the country, raised by Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi during the sitting of the Senate held on 1st March, 2019.

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

1.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2.	Senator Lt. Gen. (R) Salahuddin Tirmizi	Member
3.	Senator Saleem Zia	Member
4.	Senator Shamim Afridi	Member
5.	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmad Muhammad Shahi	Member
6.	Senator Atta Ur Rehman	Member
7.	Senator Behramand Khan Tangi	Member
8.	Senator Qurat Ul Ain Marri	Member
9.	Senator Kauda Babar	Member
10.	Senator Taj Muhammad Afridi	Member
11.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
12.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Yaqoob Khan Nasar	Member
13.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafeeq Tareen	Member
14.	Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division)	Ex-officio Member

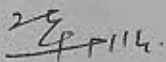
3. The Committee took up the issue in its meetings held on 15th March, 2019 which was attended by the following members:

1.	Senator Mohsin Aziz	Chairman
2.	Senator Shamim Afridi	Member
3.	Senator Mir Kabeer Ahmad Muhammad Shahi	Member
4.	Senator Behramand Khan Tangi	Member
5.	Senator Dr. Jehanzeb Jamaldini	Member
6.	Senator Sardar Muhammad Shafeeq Tareen	Member
7.	Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi	Mover
8.	Minister for Energy (Petroleum Division)	Ex-officio Member

4. Senator Muhammad Javed Abbasi informed the Committee that the present Government has made unprecedented increase in the prices of gas. He stated that despite the Government's claims about not burdening the domestic consumers, excessive bills were sent to them which is unjustified. He requested that the issue of excessive billing should be resolved at the earliest. He also requested for presentation of the report of inquiry being conducted in the issue of excessive billing.

5. The Minister for Petroleum, informed the Committee that the gas companies were supplying gas to consumers on subsidized rates due to which both the companies were facing losses. Further, the losses due to UFG were also increasing. During the previous Government neither the prices of gas were increased nor the issue of UFG was resolved. Due to these factors the prices of gas had to be increased. He admitted that a mistake was committed in making of different slabs for the increase in gas prices. He also informed that an inquiry was conducted in the issue of excessive billing on the orders of the Prime Minister of Pakistan in which it was revealed that excessive billing has been made. Further, the pressure factor being applied in the bills was applied over and above the limit approved by OGRA. He informed that on the directions of the Prime Minister the excessive amount charged from the consumers is being refunded to them. He further informed that at present three inquiries i.e. one by the Ministry, second by the Prime Minister's Inspection Commission and the third by the M/s AF Ferguson are being conducted to determine those responsible for excessive billing. He assured that action will be taken against those found responsible for the same.

6. **Recommendations:** After thorough discussion the Committee disposed off the issue with direction that the inquiries in the issue of excessive billing should be completed at the earliest and a report thereof be presented before the Committee. The Committee also directed that the amount of excessive billing should be refunded to the consumers and this should be mentioned in the adjusted bills as "refund". The Committee further directed that strict action should be taken against those responsible for excessive billing.



(RAFIULLAH)
Secretary Committee



(SENATOR MOHSIN AZI)
Chairman Committee

Islamabad, the
4th January, 2019.