

# NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

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**Islamabad the 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2020:** 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee on Energy (Power Division) was held in (Committee Room No. 7), Parliament House, at 2:30 pm under the Chairmanship of **Chaudhry Salik Hussain, MNA**. The agenda of the meeting is circulated vide Notice No. F.15 (1)/2020-Com-I dated 14<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.

2. The Committee unanimously recommended the budgetary proposals of Power Division and its attached departments amounting to 157,861 million rupees for the financial year 2020-21 as approved. The Committee was given a briefing on its working, project generation demand-supply gap, transmission and distribution losses, circular debt, tariff reforms, theft control, removal of transmission constraints, fund subsidies, technological interventions, policy and plan. Mr. Umer Ayub Khan, Minister for Power told that demand analysis has been carried by the Ministry for the first time, and letter of intent has been given for 105 projects for the power generation. The Committee vowed to have a comprehensive briefing on the IPPs and circular debt in the upcoming meeting and also on tariff rationalization.

3. The Committee unanimously passed the private Member Bill, “The regulation of generation transmission and distribution of electric power (Amendment) Bill, 2019”, although it was opposed by the Ministry.

4. MNA’s Mr. Sher Akbar Khan, Ms. Ghulam Bibi, Malik Muhammad Amir Dogar, Mr. Saif Ur Rehman, Mr. Lal Chand, Engr. Sabir Hussain Kaim Khani, Mr. Muhammad Israr Tareen, Ms. Saira Bano, Mr. Azhar Qayyum Nahra, Mr. Mohsin Nawaz Ranjha, Sardar Muhammad Irfan Dogar, Mahar Irshad Ahmed Khan, Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, Mr. Zahid Akram Durrani, & Mover of the Bill Syed Agha Rafiullah, MNA and Secretary, Ministry of Power Division along with senior officers of the relevant departments attended the meeting.