

[AS PASSED BY THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY]

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BILL**

further to amend the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002

WHEREAS, it is expedient further to amend the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (XVII of 2002), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. **Short title and commencement.**— (1) This Act shall be called the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2021.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. **Amendment of section 8, Ordinance XVII of 2002.**— In the Oil and Gas Regulatory Authority Ordinance, 2002 (XVII of 2002), in section 8,-

(a) in sub-section (3), for full stop at the end, a colon shall be substituted and thereafter the following proviso shall be added, namely:-

"Provided that the Federal Government shall ensure that the sale prices so advised are not less than the revenue requirement determined by the Authority.", and

(b) for sub-sections (4) and (5), the following shall be substituted, namely: -

"(4) If the Federal Government fails to advise the Authority within the time specified in sub-section (3), the category wise prescribed prices so determined by the Authority under sub-sections (1) and (2), as the case may be, shall be notified by the Authority as the category wise sale prices.

(5) Each licensee for natural gas shall pay to the Federal Government the development surcharge in respect of each unit of natural gas sold in a manner as prescribed by the Federal Government under the Natural Gas (Development Surcharge) Ordinance, 1967 (I of 1967) and the rules made thereunder. Any amount paid by a licensee under this sub-section shall be an expenditure for which allowance shall be made in computing profits or gains under the Income Tax Ordinance, 2001 (XLIX of 2001) for the purposes of this sub-section."

Statement of Objects and Reasons

"Oil & Gas Regulatory Authority (Amendment) Act, 2021"

The purpose of the amendments is to ensure natural gas pricing on regular basis. The OGRA through these amendments shall eliminate gaps between regular, semi-annual tariff determination and notification.

2. In order to carry out the mandate of law, the bill is aimed to achieve the above objects.

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