

### **Gas supply to SSGC depletes by 80mmcf**

ISLAMABAD: Since December 2017, indigenous gas supplies from allocated gas fields to SSGC have been depleted by 80 mmcf. This depletion has further impacted the already dire demand-supply gap situation. The exhaustion of natural gas that impacts the Company's overall gas supply to its customers has compelled SSGC to implement the Gas Load Management Plan in accordance with the sectoral priority order set by the Government of Pakistan.

As per this plan, the company first supplies gas to domestic and commercial customers, followed by power and zero-rated industrial sector, including its captive power, and other sectors like CNG sector which is at the bottom of the priority order of the Load Management Policy approved by the ECC.

In winter time, overall demand for gas surges manifold due to increased consumption particularly in Quetta and surrounding areas where ambient temperature reaches below freezing point.

This winter the situation became even more critical due to sudden reduction in gas supplies from two gas fields namely Gambat (PPL) and Kunnar-Pasakhi Deep - KPD (OGDCL) due to condensate storage problem as refineries stopped uplifting condensate. This condensate problem reduced gas supply by 50mmcf, further worsening the line pack, thus resulting in even greater drop in gas pressure. This adverse situation left SSGC with no other option but to temporarily discontinue gas supplies to the least priority customer, i.e. the CNG sector, as per the Gas Load Management Plan.

The above situation normalized as soon as the gas fields overcame their condensate storage issues. SSGC remains committed towards providing uninterrupted gas supply to their domestic and commercial customers through adequate pressure management, with further normal load management being carried in other sectors as per the priority order of the gas load management plan.

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