

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT

**REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENERGY (PETROLEUM DIVISION) ON
"THE GAS (THEFT CONTROL AND RECOVERY) AMENDMENT BILL, 2023**

I, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Energy (Petroleum Division) have the honour to present this report on the Bill further to amend "**The Gas (Theft Control And Recovery) Act, 2016 (XI of 2016) [The Gas (Theft Control And Recovery) Amendment Bill, 2023]**"(Government Bill) referred to the Committee on 24th February, 2023.

1. Mr. Aamir Talal Gopang,	Chairman
2. Chaudhary Khalid Javed	Member
3. Ch. Muhammad Barjees Tahir	Member
4. Sardar Muhammad Arfan Dogar	Member
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6. Begum Tahira Bokhari	Member
7. Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Behan	Member
8. Mr. Roshanuddin Junejo	Member
9. Mr. Zulfiqar Bachani	Member
10. Ms. Shahida Akhtar Ali	Member
11. Mr. GhousBux Khan Mahar	Member
12. Nawabzada Shah Zain Bugti	Member
13. Dr. Muhammad Afzal Khan Dhandla	Member
14. Sardar Talib Hussain Nakai	Member
15. Makhdoomzada Syed Basit Ahmed Sultan	Member
16. Sardar Riaz Mehmood Khan Mazari	Member
17. Ms. Asiya Azeem	Member
18. Mr. Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif	Ex-officio Member
Prime Minister/Minister-in-Charge Petroleum Division	

3. The Committee considered the Bill, as introduced in the National Assembly, placed at 'Annex-A', in its meeting held on 13th April, 2023 and recommended that the Bill as introduced may be passed by the National Assembly.

Sd/-

(TAHIR HUSSAIN)

Secretary

Islamabad, the 24th May, 2023

Sd/-

(AAMIR TALAL GOPANG)

Chairman

[AS REPORTED BY THE STANDING COMMITTEE]

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BILL

to amend the Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016

WHEREAS it is expedient to amend the *Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016* (XI of 2016), for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement.- (1) This Act shall be called the Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) (Amendment) Act, 2023.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3, Act XI of 2016.- In the *Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016* (XI of 2016), in section 3,

(a) in sub-section (1),

- (i) for the words "Federal Government", the words "Federal Minister-in-Charge Law and Justice Division", shall be substituted; and
- (ii) for the word "it", the word "he", shall be substituted; and

(b) in sub-section (2), for the words "Federal Government" the words "Federal Minister-in-Charge Law and Justice Division", shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF REASONS AND OBJECTS

Section 3 of the *Gas (Theft Control and Recovery) Act, 2016*, provides for establishment of Gas Utility Courts, appointment of judges of such courts in consultation with Chief Justice of respective High Court, and setting the territorial limits of each such court by the Federal Government. This power of Federal Government under the said Act is proposed to be delegated to Minister-in-charge of Law and Justice Division for smooth disposal of the day to day functions.

Sd/-

(Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif)

Prime Minister/Minister in charge of Petroleum Division