

Draft Minutes of the 8th Board Meeting of the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA)

The 8th meeting of National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (NEECA) Board was held on 31st August 2022 at 12:30 PM in the Committee Room of Ministry of Science and Technology, Islamabad. Federal Secretary Ministry of Science and Technology Mr. Ghulam Muhammad Memon chaired the 8th Board Meeting.

2. After recitation of the Holy Quran, the Chair welcomed the participants of the 8th meeting of the NEECA Board and appreciated the members for their continued interest and efforts in the formulation process of the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Policy.

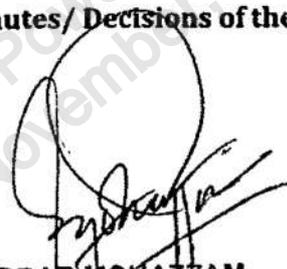
3. With the permission of the Chair, MD NEECA Dr. Sardar Mohazzam (Secretary of the Board) initiated the agenda of the 8th Board Meeting.

Item No.1: Confirmation of the Minutes of 7th Meeting of the NEECA Board held on 30th June 2022

It was apprised to the Board that the Minutes/Decisions of the 7th Board meeting were circulated to all the Members of the BOD, and no comments/inputs were received from the Members. The Chair opened the floor for the members to register any comments, however, the Board unanimously endorsed the minutes/decisions of the 7th Board meeting.

Decision:

The Board confirmed the Minutes/ Decisions of the 7th Board Meeting of NEECA held on 30th June 2022.


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Item No. 2: Approval National Energy Efficiency & Conservation (NEEC) Policy 2022

MD NEECA (Secretary of the Board) informed the Board members that, in pursuance to the decision of the NEECA Board in its 7th Meeting on the subject agenda item, the draft National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Policy was submitted to the Technical Committee of the Board for review and due diligence in its 9th Meeting held on 5th August 2022.

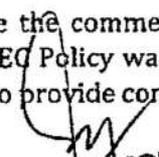
2. He informed the Board members that the draft NEEC Policy along with the stakeholder comments and response matrices were carefully reviewed by the technical committee members representing both federal and provincial governments. It was informed that the technical committee examined the comments received from the national stakeholders and the associated responses of NEECA to each and every comment as well as their satisfactory redressal with in the policy draft and the draft NEEC Policy was endorsed by the technical committee. The Board Members were also apprised that the revised draft NEEC Policy was also presented to the Vice chairman of the NEECA Board/Secretary MoST on 18th August 2022. The MD NEECA, in light of his earlier submissions on the extensive consultative and diligent policy formulation process, requested the Board members to approve the draft NEEC Policy 2022 and pave the way for institutionalization of energy efficiency and conservation in Pakistan.

3. JS (E&D) Power Division, Mr. Ahmed Taimoor Nasir while representing the Federal Secretary (Power Division) submitted to the Chair that the Board shall note the matter related to the transfer of NEECA back to Power Division which the honorable Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan has, recently, directed to present in the Federal Cabinet. The submission was noted.

4. MD NEECA (Secretary of the Board) gave the floor to DG PPIP&R NEECA, with the permission of the Chair, to brief the board members on the key components of the draft NEEC Policy.

5. DG PPIP&R NEECA informed Board members that the first draft of the NEEC Policy 2022 was presented to the Chairman of the NEECA Board on 3rd December 2021 and it was advised by the Chairman of the NEECA Board to share the Draft NEEC Policy with all the concerned ministries, entities and private sector stakeholders at the earliest for their comments, feedback and to complete the country-wide consultations. The salient features of the Stakeholder Consultations for the Draft NEEC Policy 2022 were presented as under:

- The stakeholder consultations were conducted across 8 major cities with a total number of 438 participants from Academia, Industry, Civil Society, Banks, and Media, Different tiers of Government, Development Authorities, Chamber of Commerce, Farmer and Manufacturer Associations.
- In order to receive the comments and suggestions from the public at large, the draft NEEC Policy was advertised in all national dailies along with social media to provide comments and feedback. An online link was


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also maintained on NEECA website for the comments and feedback on Draft NEEC Policy 2022.

- A total of 198 Comments and Feedback received from various ministries, departments, industrial associations, think tanks, civil societies, and international donor agencies at national and provincial level.

5. The AS Petroleum Division, Mr. Hassan Mahmood Yousufzai, stressed the need for covering Petroleum Sector, with in the EE&C Policy measures. It was apprised to the board by the MD NEECA that the policy document has also informed on the EE&C policy measures for the petroleum sector apart from Power, Building, Transport, Industrial, and Agriculture sector of the economy.

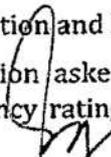
6. It was apprised to the board that the implementation of the NEEC Policy 2022 will be executed through a seven (07) year action plan (2023-2030) which forms the core of the implementation framework of this policy. MD NEECA, also apprised the Board, that the Seven Year Action Plan of this NEEC Policy will consult and align with the SE4All National Action Plan, National Electricity Plan and as well as with the, now under development, Nationally Determined Contributions' (NDCs) implementation framework. MD NEECA, also, submitted to the Board that the NEEC Policy 2022 is effectively the National Mitigation Policy of Pakistan which was seconded by the Director (EP) Ministry of Climate Change (MoCC) Mr. Asif Sahibzada representing the Federal Secretary, MoCC.

7. The Board directed that, the implementing agencies shall be clearly identified and assigned responsibility when the formulation of NEEC Action Plan 2023-2030 is initiated.

8. Member (Energy), Ministry of PD & SI, Mr. Waqas bin Najeeb representing Federal Secretary MoPD&SI, asked that why a broader framework under the EE&C policy is required when NEECA Board has been given all the powers and functions to regulate EE&C in the country. MD NEECA informed that Section 11 of the NEEC Act 2016 guides on the development of an EE&C Policy and the policy sets the institutional framework on EE&C because energy efficiency and conservation is a cross-cutting subject intertwined across key sectors of the economy. He, further, said that it is important to limit the scope of the EE&C agenda mandated through NEEC Act 2016 and maintain a focused approach to achieve a desired EE&C impact in a given timeframe.

9. JS Mol&P Mr. Waqar Uddin Siddiqui representing Federal Secretary Mol&P appreciated the inclusive policy formulation process and the measures proposed thereunder. He suggested that the technology cultivation shall be the part of this policy to achieve affordability. DG Policy informed that R&D is one of the major policy measures within the document and there has been policy directions such as 'industrial assessment centres' to develop industrial-academic linkages, where possible, to achieve indigenization and local HR capacity.

10. JS (E&D) Power Division asked whether the policy has informed on the framework for energy efficiency ratings for the major appliances and, if so, what


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mechanism will be utilized under this framework. MD NEECA referred to the Pakistan Energy Label Regulations recently approved by the board and said that these regulations provide an extensive framework of regulating appliances on their energy efficiency ratings in shape of Star Labelling regime and the Product Registry System currently under development at NEECA. He further said that this labelling regime has been refined after operating voluntary labelling regime on Fans where the Minimum Energy Performance Standards are built upon the Pakistan Quality Standards by NEECA and adopted by the PSQCA. It was also informed to the Board that measures such as pre-shipment inspection based on the testing of imported appliances is also proposed in the policy to regulate the inefficient imported appliances.

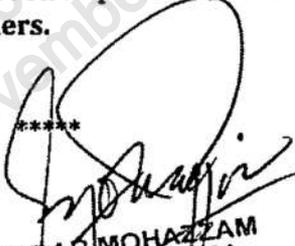
11. The provincial members from Punjab, Sindh, and KPK also appreciated the draft NEEC policy document and registered their support for the development of NEEC Action Plan 2023-30.

12. The Chair appreciated the efforts of the board members in the review and due diligence of the policy document both at the Technical Committee and Board level. He lauded the NEECA management for maintaining a focused and inclusive approach during all stages of the policy formulation. The Chair said that no policy document can be perfect to the extent that it covers all aspects of the problem it is designed to resolve – the problem evolves over time and so shall the policies and their measures. The Chair opened the floor for all the Board members to register their agreement/disagreement with the NEEC policy draft under consideration. The Board unanimously approved the draft NEEC Policy 2022 for onward submission to CCoE and CCI.

13. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks from the Chair.

Decision:

- a) The Board approved the draft National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Policy 2022.
- b) The Board directed to move the Summary for approval of the NEEC Policy 2022 to the Cabinet Committee on Energy (CCoE) and Council of Common Interests (CCI) at the earliest.
- c) The Board also directed NEECA management to initiate the development of NEEC Action Plan 2023-30, as soon as possible, in close consultations with all the public and private stakeholders.


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