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CCP highlights inefficiencies of state monopolies of Discos

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The CCP organised a dissemination session at its head office to present key findings and actionable recommendations from its recently published Competition Assessment Study on the power sector.

The session, led by CCP Members Saeed Ahmad Nawaz, Salman Amin and Bushra Naz Malik, focused on the study’s insights and discussed the next steps for improving competition within the sector.

Saeed Ahmad Nawaz, Member CCP, emphasised the need for corporate governance to address these inefficiencies. Drawing comparisons with the telecommunications and banking sectors, he noted “how competition has provided consumers with more choices and reduced government control.” He stressed that decentralization are key to fostering efficiency and attracting foreign investment.

The session was specifically designed to elaborate on the regulatory framework, market structure and barriers to competition while offering strategic recommendations to promote a more competitive environment in the power sector. Among the key recommendations discussed was the implementation of the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM) model. This model enables power generation and distribution companies to establish direct contracts for electricity sales, marking a significant step toward introducing retail competition in Pakistan’s electricity market.

Senior officials from various organizations attended, including the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), Privatization Commission, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA), Pakhtunkhwa Energy Development Organization (Pedo), Peshawar Electric Supply Company (Pesco), Lahore Electric Supply Company (Lesco), Islamabad Electric Supply Company (Iesco), Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (Fesco), Gujranwala Electric Power Company Limited (Gepco), Punjab Power Development Board, and the Energy & Power Department KPK.

Kishware Khan (Director General) and Samiullah Jan Afridi (Assistant Director) delivered an in-depth presentation on the Competition Assessment Study, outlining its methodology, key findings and actionable recommendations.

The session saw active participation from stakeholders, with numerous questions and valuable comments, all of which were addressed by CCP officials. Through its research and advocacy, CCP aims to create a fair, efficient, and competitive marketplace that benefits consumers and businesses alike.

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The News

CCP explores strategies to boost competition in power sector

December 25, 2024

KARACHI: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) hosted a dissemination session at its head office to share insights from its recently published 'Competition Assessment Study on the Power Sector'. The session focused on presenting key findings and actionable recommendations to enhance competition within the sector.

The event was led by CCP members Saeed Ahmad Nawaz, Salman Amin and Bushra Naz Malik. Discussions centred on the study's insights into the regulatory framework, market structure and existing barriers to competition, while exploring strategic steps to foster a competitive environment.

Among the key recommendations was the adoption of the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM) model. This initiative allows power generation and distribution companies to establish direct contracts for electricity sales, laying the groundwork for retail competition in Pakistan's electricity market.

Senior officials from several organisations attended the session, including representatives from the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (Nepra), Privatization Commission, Pakistan Nuclear Regulatory Authority (PNRA), provincial energy bodies, and major electricity distribution companies such as Lesco, Iesco and Fesco.

Nawaz highlighted the inefficiencies associated with state monopolies, which often result in a lack of transparency and accountability. He underscored the importance of corporate governance in addressing these inefficiencies and drew parallels with Pakistan's telecommunications and banking sectors, where competition has empowered consumers and reduced government control. He stressed that decentralisation is crucial for driving efficiency and attracting foreign investment in the power sector.

The session featured an in-depth presentation on the Competition Assessment Study, delivered by CCP officials -- Director General Kishware Khan and Assistant Director Samiullah Jan Afridi. The presentation detailed the study's methodology, key findings and practical recommendations.

The session concluded with an interactive discussion, where stakeholders raised questions and shared valuable comments, all of which were addressed by CCP officials.

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The Nation

CCP session discusses steps for improving competition within power sector

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Pakistan Today

CCP discusses reforms to enhance competition in power sector

The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) convened a high-profile dissemination session at its head office to present the findings and recommendations from its recently published Competition

Assessment Study on the Power Sector. The session was spearheaded by CCP Members Mr. Saeed Ahmad Nawaz, Mr. Salman Amin, and Ms. Bushra Naz Malik, aiming to address regulatory bottlenecks and foster a more competitive electricity market.

The event brought together senior officials from key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Energy (Power Division), National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA), and various power distribution and regulatory bodies such as LESCO, IESCO, and the Privatization Commission.

The discussion revolved around actionable steps to improve the power sector's competitiveness. Central to the recommendations was the implementation of the Competitive Trading Bilateral Contract Market (CTBCM) model, which allows power generation and distribution companies to directly negotiate contracts for electricity sales. The CTBCM aims to introduce retail competition, reducing dependency on monopolistic state-run utilities and offering consumers more choices.

Highlighting the importance of corporate governance in addressing inefficiencies often seen in state monopolies, Mr. Saeed Ahmad Nawaz noted that monopolistic practices result in reduced transparency and accountability. Drawing parallels with Pakistan's telecommunications and banking sectors, he emphasized how increased competition has delivered better consumer choices and efficiency gains, urging the power sector to follow a similar path.

"Decentralization and a competitive framework are critical to attracting foreign investment and ensuring the long-term sustainability of Pakistan's power sector," Nawaz said.

Ms. Kishware Khan, Director General of CCP, along with Assistant Director Mr. Samiullah Jan Afridi, provided a detailed presentation on the methodology, key findings, and recommendations of the Competition Assessment Study. They outlined systemic challenges, including regulatory rigidity, market concentration, and barriers to entry, which hinder the sector's progress.

The study advocates for reforming the regulatory framework, encouraging private sector participation, and fostering competition through transparent pricing and market operations.

Stakeholders actively participated in the discussion, raising pertinent questions and providing constructive feedback. CCP officials addressed these concerns, emphasizing their commitment to ensuring a level playing field for all market participants.

The reforms discussed hold significance not only for improving the power sector's efficiency but also for reducing electricity costs for consumers, ensuring energy security, and attracting foreign direct investment. CCP's advocacy aligns with its broader mandate to promote fair competition across sectors, benefiting businesses and consumers alike.

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AZB

CCP leads discussion on enhancing competition in Power Sector

ISLAMABAD, December 24: The Competition Commission of Pakistan (CCP) organized a dissemination session at its head office to present key findings and actionable recommendations from its recently published Competition Assessment Study on the Power Sector. The session, led by CCP Members Mr. Saeed Ahmad Nawaz, Mr. Salman Amin and Ms. Bushra Naz Malik, focused on the study's insights and discussed the next steps for improving competition within the sector.

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APP (Associated Press of Pakistan)

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اردو پوائنٹ

کمپٹیشن کمیشن کا پاور سیکٹر میں مسابقت کے موضوع پر سیشن

سفارشات پر بحث اور مشاورت کے لیے متعلقہ اسٹیک ہولڈروں کے ساتھ مشاورتی سیشن
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اسلام آباد (اردو پوائنٹ - آن لائن - 24 دسمبر 2024ء) کمپٹیشن کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے پاور سیکٹر پر جاری کی گئی اور قابل عمل سفارشات پر بحث اور مشاورت کے لیے متعلقہ (Competition Assessment Study) کمپٹیشن ایسٹمنٹ سٹڈی اسٹیک ہولڈروں کے ساتھ مشاورتی سیشن منعقد کیا۔ کمیشن کے ممبران جناب سعید احمد نواز، سلمان امین اور محترمہ بشریٰ ناز نے پاور سیکٹر میں کمپٹیشن کے فروغ کے لئے تجاویز اور درپیش چیلنجز پر آگاہی سیشن کو آگے بڑھایا۔ اس سیشن میں پاکستان میں بجلی کی مارکیٹ میں مسابقت کو فروغ دے کے بجلی کے ترسیلی نظام میں جدت لانے اور بجلی کی رٹل مارکیٹ قائم کرنے کے لئے دی گئی تجاویز پر بحث کی گئی۔ خاص طور پر بجلی کی تقسیم کار کمپنیوں (ڈسکوز) کو بجلی کے

کی وضاحت کرنے کے (CTBCM) کارخانوں سے براہ راست بجلی کی کے عہدیداروں کو مسابقتی تجارتی دو طرفہ کنٹریکٹ مارکیٹ لیے خریداری کے معاہدے کرنے اور ہول سیل مارکیٹ قائم کرنے پر متعلقہ اسٹیک ہولڈروں کی تفصیل سے گفتگو ہوئی۔

اس سیشن میں وزارت توانائی (پاور ڈویژن)، نیشنل الیکٹرک پاور ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی (نیپرا)، نجکاری کمیشن، پاکستان نیوکلیئر ریگولیٹری اتھارٹی، پختونخوا انرجی ڈویلپمنٹ آرگنائزیشن، پشاور الیکٹرک سپلائی کمپنی (پیسکو)، لاہور الیکٹرک سپلائی کمپنی (لیسکو)، اسلام آباد الیکٹرک سپلائی کمپنی (آئیسکو)، فیصل آباد الیکٹرک سپلائی کمپنی (فیسکو)، گوجرانوالہ الیکٹرک پاور کمپنی لمیٹڈ، پنجاب پاور ڈویلپمنٹ بورڈ کے سینئر حکام نے شرکت کی۔

اس موقع پر کمیشن کے ممبر سعید احمد نواز نے ملک میں سرکاری انٹر پرائزز کی اجارہ داریوں کی مختلف شکلوں کی وضاحت کہ۔ انہوں نے پاکستان میں بجلی کی ڈسٹری بیوشن کمپنیوں میں کارپوریٹ گورننس اور کارکردگی کو بہتر بنانے کے لئے ان اداروں کی جلد نجکاری کرنے کی سفارش کی۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ٹیلی کمیونیکیشن اور بینکنگ کے شعبوں میں کمپنیشن قائم ہونے سے صارفین کو بہتر سروسز دستیاب ہوئی ہیں۔ سیشن میں سی سی پی کی ڈائریکٹر جنرل (ریسرچ) کشور خان نے پاور سیکٹر پر جاری کی گئی کمپنیشن ایسٹمنٹ سٹڈی پر مفصل پریزنٹیشن دی اور پاور سیکٹر کو درپیش چیلنجز اور قابل عمل سفارشات کی تفصیل پیش کی۔

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نوائے وقت

سی سی پی کا کمپنیشن ایسٹمنٹ سٹڈی اور
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اسلام آباد (واقع نگار) کمپنیشن کمیشن آف پاکستان (سی سی پی) نے پاور سیکٹر پر جاری کی گئی کمپنیشن ایسٹمنٹ سٹڈی (Competition Study Assessment) اور قابل عمل سفارشات پر بحث اور مشاورت کے لیے متعلقہ اسٹیک ہولڈروں کے ساتھ مشاورتی سیشن منعقد کیا۔ کمیشن کے ممبران سعید احمد نواز، سلمان امین اور محترمہ بشری ناز نے پاور سیکٹر میں کمپنیشن کے فروغ کے لئے تجاویز اور درپیش چیلنجز پر آگاہی سیشن کو آگے بڑھایا اس سیشن میں پاکستان میں بجلی کی مارکیٹ میں مسابقت کو فروغ دے کے بجلی کے ترسیلی نظام میں جدت لانے اور بجلی کی رٹل مارکیٹ قائم کرنے کے لئے دی گئی۔

پاکستان

کمپنیشن کمپنیشن کا پاور سیکلٹر میں مسابقت کے موضوع پر سیشن

بجلی کی ڈسٹری بیوشن کمپنیوں میں کارکردگی کو بہتر کیلئے جلد نگرانی کرنے کی سفارش

اسلام آباد (سٹاف رپورٹر) کمپنیشن کمپنیشن
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سیشن کو آگے بڑھایا (باقی صفحہ 6 بقیہ نمبر 16)

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