






Weekly Media Monitor

October 23 - 29, 2023

This week's major news updates in Pakistan's energy sector:

- Director General of Sindh Coal Authority says a South African lab has conducted tests on lignite coal being mined in Thar and found it suitable for conversion to gas and liquid fuels.
- Power sector circular debt increased by Rs 227 billion in July-September and stood at Rs 2.54 trillion at the end of September, 2023.
- The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the federal cabinet approves a massive 193 percent increase in gas tariff from November 1, 2023.
- NEPRA calls the five-year plan for power acquisition submitted by DISCOs as being faulty since it does not include the acquisition of electricity from renewable sources and does not mention the impact of electricity tariff on consumers.
- Private Power & Infrastructure Board conveys its reservations to the State Bank of Pakistan about delay in allowing Independent Power Producers to convert their earnings from Pak rupees to US dollars
- The World Bank warns the National Transmission and Dispatch Company over delayed progress on Islamabad West Substation (IWS) section of the National Transmission Modernization Project-1 (NTMP-1).

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
Coal supply to Punjab from Dukki mines suspended	Gas tariffs may be cut, KCCI told	EV Revolution	Lesco recovers Rs1.8b from electricity pilferers during 51 days	The climate security conundrum
<i>Dawn, Oct 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 29</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 29</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 29</i>	<i>The News, Oct 29</i>
Thar coal: S. African lab results quite encouraging: DG SCA	FPCCI urges govt to halt gas tariff hike	Jury still out on mega solarisation of tube wells	Lesco BoD Chairman nominates selection board 'of his choice'	307 AQI was recorded in Lahore on Saturday which is deemed hazardous
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 28</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 29</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 28</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 29</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 29</i>
India asks utilities to import 6% of their coal until March	Over Rs6m fine imposed on gas thieves	MoU inked to set up EV stations	PIA commits to paying Rs1.35b to PSO	Smog expands around the city

<i>Business Recorder, Oct 28</i>	<i>The News, Oct 29</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 29</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 29</i>
Thar Block II generates over 17,000 jobs for locals	Malaysian palm oil up on higher Dalian prices	Solar power PV project: Pakistan organizes roadshow in Dubai	Rs 2b is the amount recovered in electricity theft cases from September 7 to 30	Kazakhstan says 32 killed in mine fire
<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 29</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 29</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 29</i>
	Gas tariff hike to affect 4.3m consumers: FPCCI	CM lays foundation of biogas plant	IPP unveils populist manifesto	Conference on climate change, disaster risk concludes at QAU
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 29</i>	<i>The News, Oct 26</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 29</i>	<i>The News, Oct 29</i>
	AAC seeks govt's help to resolve issues related to FKPCCL	Governor for installing solar systems at public sector universities	Rallies, 'power riots' play havoc with city's traffic system	11,124 brick kilns fined for not using zigzag tech
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 29</i>	<i>The News, Oct 26</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 29</i>	<i>The News, Oct 29</i>
	Pakistan's changes in gas pipeline irk Russians	Punjab CM lays foundation stone of major biogas plant at Lahore's Gujjar Colony	KE Bills	WASA launches anti-smog vehicle 'Mist Queen'
	<i>Express tribune, Oct 28</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 26</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 29</i>	<i>The News, Oct 29</i>
	Oil jumps 3 PC on supply worries	600 bio-plants for Sargodha and Gujrat divisions	PSO extends Rs500m credit facility to beleaguered PIA	Global project on arts, climate change to be launched
	<i>Dawn, Oct 28</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 25</i>	<i>The News, Oct 29</i>	<i>The News, Oct 28</i>
	Oil prices up 3pc	8000 MW Renewable energy projects dropped	Protecting Transformers	Wise use of water needs of hour: minister
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 28</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 25</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 29</i>	<i>The News, Oct 28</i>
	Emergency EU oil meeting focused on securing diesel supply	Stakeholders make case for carbon trading	Lesco detects wide-scale power theft in City	Climate group's posts stir uproar in Germany
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 28</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 25</i>	<i>The News, Oct 28</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 28</i>
	Oil falls more than \$2	MoU signed to establish EV charging stations in Pakistan	NEECA asks Punjab, KP to establish their EE&C agencies	Pakistan dawdling away
	<i>Dawn, Oct 27</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 26</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 28</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 28</i>
	CNG stations shut	Energy sector leads rally	NTMP-1: World Bank not happy with progress	Initiative launched to combat climate change-related challenges
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 27</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 24</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 28</i>	<i>The News, Oct 27</i>

Oil falls more than \$2	Experts seek policies for green future	Conversion of PKR into USD: PPIB conveys its reservations regarding IPPs to SBP	OICCI to host Pakistan climate dialogue
<i>Dawn, Oct 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 24</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>	<i>The News, Oct 27</i>
Oil rises more than \$1 on fears of spread of Middle East conflict	Call to reduce reliance on fossil-fuel-based energy needs	Economic crisis affected performance in FY23: KE	Hurricane leaves at least 27 dead in Mexico's Acapulco
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 24</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 27</i>	<i>The News, Oct 27</i>
KCCI, other bodies assail hike in gas tariffs	CORPORATE WINDOW: Exploring green industrialization	WAPDA union accuses govt of violating IRA, ILO Rules	Piecemeal approaches to climate change
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 23</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 27</i>
Gas supply may be limited to eight hours a day in winter	A case for solar with battery storage	LESCO detects power theft at 110 houses	Smog begins to choke city
<i>Dawn, 27 Oct</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 23</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 27</i>
Gas tariff hike won't affect 57pc consumers: govt	Exploring green industrialization	KE causing mental distress	Anti-smog monitoring cell constituted
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 27</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 27</i>
MARI – earnings soar in 1QFY24		KE delays financial statements amid tariff uncertainty	India unlikely to join global cooling pledge at COP28
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>		<i>The News, Oct 27</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>
Oil falls more than \$2 on easing Middle East fears		KE says financial performance affected by ongoing economic crisis	Pakistan Climate Conference 2023 to take place on Nov 1
<i>The News, Oct 27</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 27</i>
Gas tariff hike won't affect 57pc consumers: govt		Power sector debt soars to Rs2.54tr	Existential threat
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Oct 27</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 26</i>
Oil falls on easing ME fears		PM Kakar for accelerated efforts to curb power theft in AJK, Sindh	114m people displaced worldwide: UN
<i>Business Recorder, Oct 27</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 26</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 26</i>
Circular debt in gas sector frozen		Hundreds of uplift projects face the axe	China-Pakistan Youth Community helps flood victims in Bahawalnagar

	Express Tribune, Oct 27		Business Recorder, Oct 26	Pakistan Today, Oct 26
	Oil falls after US stockpiles climb, Middle East tensions in focus		Real cost of cross subsidies	Dozens of bushfires rage through Australia
	Business Recorder, Oct 26		Business Recorder, Oct 26	Express Tribune, Oct 26
	JI rejects proposed increase in gas tariff		Industrial consumers: Three options tailored for 'winter package'	UN reports warns of catastrophic risks to Earth systems
	The News, Oct 26		Business Recorder, Oct 26	Express Tribune, Oct 26
	Oil gains 1pc on Middle East worries		Drive against power theft: 19,415 arrested, Rs14bn recovered, PM told	Minister calls for combating climate change
	The News, Oct 26		Business Recorder, Oct 26	Express Tribune, Oct 26
	Industrialists reject the massive increase in gas prices		Peshawar High Court rejects petition against PESCO's bifurcation	Green Climate Fund okays \$120m for vulnerable communities
	Pakistan Today, Oct 26		Dawn, Oct 26	Dawn, Oct 26
	Inefficient CPPs chosen for subsidies		Pakistan meets IMF's deficit target	Worldwide sustainable water management needed
	Express Tribune, Oct 26		Express Tribune, Oct 26	Pakistan Today, Oct 26
	Industrialists denounce gas tariff hike		Intensify efforts to curb power theft: PM	Food insecurity
	Express Tribune, Oct 26		Express Tribune, Oct 26	Express Tribune, Oct 26
	Oil edges up		36 power pilferers arrested, 163 FIRs registered	'Children need to be taught about climate change, basic life skills'
	Dawn, Oct 26		Business Recorder, Oct 26	The News, Oct 26
	CNG stations go on strike against gas price hike		Rs 18.3b was the profit reported by Hub Power for the quarter ended Sept 30, 2023	Pakistan's snow leopards face alarming decline, extinction threat
	Dawn, Oct 26		Express Tribune, Oct 26	Dawn, Oct 25
	Gas Challenge		K-Electric receives highest federal subsidy of Rs169bn	Public transport
	Dawn, Oct 26		The News, Oct 26	Express Tribune, Oct 25

	Gas/RLNG pricing reforms: APTMA hails ECC decision		Nepra 'baffled' by Discos' power acquisition programme	BD evacuates 1.5m as cyclone approaches
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 26</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 25</i>
	Oil falls after US stockpiles climb, Middle East tensions in focus		CASA-1000, SEZs and other projects: Cash-strapped NTDC submits Rs510bn revised investment plan	Environmental factor linked to 23 pc fatality globally
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 26</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 25</i>
	Prices of POL products likely to rise		Proposed power evacuation plan: There're many ifs and buts	ADB okays help for Sindh coastal project
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 26</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 25</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 25</i>
	IEA says China oil demand key factor in energy transition		Fesco task force team official attacked	Seminar on resilience against climate change impacts held
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 25</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 25</i>	<i>The News, Oct 25</i>
	Four-month delay in hiking gas tariff causes Rs78bn loss		CCoE expected to cease free electricity facility today for WAPDA, DISCOs, GENCOs, NTDC, and PITC officers	Urgent action needed to combat growing air pollution
	<i>The News, Oct 25</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 25</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 25</i>
	Import of 200,000 MT of urea fertilizer allowed: ECC approves increase in gas tariff		NEPRA expresses concerns over power acquisition program	Cases against farmers for burning crop residues
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 24</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 25</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 25</i>
	In massive hike, gas tariff raised by up to 193pc		PSX crosses 51,000 in energy sector-led rally	ADB okays help for coastal project
	<i>The News, Oct 24</i>		<i>Express Tribune, Oct 24</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 25</i>
	Cut in oil prices: CS orders DCs to ensure enforcement of new rates		World oil, gas, coal demand to peak by 2030, IEA says	Water project approved for Rawalpindi UCs
	<i>The News, Oct 24</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 24</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 24</i>
	Chevron to buy US Hess for \$53 billion in latest oil megadeal		SAI seeks relief in power tariff	NRL gets minerals exploration lease
	<i>The News, Oct 24</i>		<i>The News, Oct 24</i>	<i>The News, Oct 24</i>

	Refineries plan to import 3.6m tonnes of Russian oil annually		Future planning	Health safety and environment conference held
	<i>The News, Oct 24</i>		<i>The News, Oct 24</i>	<i>The News, Oct 24</i>
	Oil drops over 2 percent as diplomatic moves in Middle East ease supply concerns		Iesco recovers over Rs474m from power pilferers	Pak-China alliance to combat soil heavy metal pollution
	<i>The News, Oct 24</i>		<i>Dawn, Oct 24</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 24</i>
	Cut in oil prices: PM expects a visible trickle-down effect		MoF to share green bonds, debt swaps plan with SIFC today	Life on Earth under 'existential threat': scientists
	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 24</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 24</i>	<i>Business Recorder, Oct 24</i>
	Gas tariff to triple but rich will continue enjoying subsidy		SIFC steps in to mediate K-Electric ownership kerfuffle	Plastic roads
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 24</i>		<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 24</i>	<i>Express tribune, Oct 24</i>
	Government may hike gas price to placate IMF		Power generation: Gradually inching up	Future planning
	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 23</i>		<i>Business Recorder, Oct 24</i>	<i>The News, Oct 24</i>
			NRL secures exploration lease in Balochistan	The air is toxic
			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 24</i>	<i>The News, Oct 23</i>
			PSX crosses 51,000 in energy sector-led rally	The luxury of water
			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 24</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 23</i>
			Iesco accelerates transition to smart meters in small factories	Experts for awareness to mitigate losses in natural disasters
			<i>Dawn, Oct 23.</i>	<i>Dawn, Oct 23</i>
			Iesco issues power suspension schedule	Transport sector pollution
			<i>The News, Oct 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, Oct 23</i>
			No relief in sight as consumers forced to pay inflated bills	Action against smoke-emitting vehicles ordered
			<i>The News, Oct 23</i>	<i>The News, Oct 23</i>

			Villagers resist Lesco team, obstruct official duty	PMD issues alert for coastal areas of Pakistan against Cyclone TEJ
			<i>The News, Oct 23</i>	<i>Pakistan Today, Oct 23</i>
			Dire fuel shortage clips PIAs wings	
			<i>Express Tribune, Oct 23</i>	

Percentage of media coverage given to energy sector

