

Weekly Media Monitor

Oct 21st - Oct 27th, 2024

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

- ➔ K-Electric (KE) informs the Private Power and Infrastructure Board (PPIB) that it is reluctant to set up a 300-megawatt mine-mouth coal-fired project at Thar Coalfield Block II because the project has been excluded from the draft Indicative Generation Capacity Expansion Plan (IGCEP) for 2024-34.
- ➔ Federal information minister Attaullah Tarar informs the National Assembly that the government is renegotiating contracts with eight more independent power producers (IPPs) in order to bring down electricity tariffs for end consumers.
- ➔ The Green Climate Fund (GCF) approves a project worth 50 million US dollars for Pakistan to encourage startups to work on local climate solutions.
- ➔ Five cities in Punjab receive 43 billion rupees from the Provincial Development Working Party (PDWP) to facilitate the introduction of eco-friendly buses in the province's transportation fleet.

 Coal	 Oil & Gas	 Renewable Energy	 Energy & Finance	 Climate Change
	US natgas prices slide <i>Business Recorder, October 27</i>		KE consumers: Rs3.03/unit hike in power tariff finalised for July <i>Business Recorder, October 27,</i>	UN Climate Change Conference to be held in Azerbaijan <i>The News, October 27</i>
	Oil prices up <i>Business Recorder, October 27</i>		ChatGPT-generated reasons cited for Rs500b project failure <i>Express Tribune, October 27</i>	Green Climate Fund okays \$50m to help Pakistan devise climate solutions <i>Dawn News, October 27</i>
	Leakage in Uch gas line: OGDCL, UPL lock horns over force majeure notice <i>Business Recorder, October 27</i>			
	Oct HSD sales 21pc up against projections due to anti-smuggling drive, start of agri season <i>Business Recorder, October 26</i>	Rs43 billion for induction of eco-friendly buses across 5 Punjab cities <i>Dawn News, October 26</i>	Contracts with 8 more IPPs renegotiated, NA told <i>Business Recorder, October 26</i>	DawnMedia partners with EBM for 'Breathe Pakistan' climate change initiative <i>Dawn News, October 26</i>
	Quarter ended Sep 30, 2024: OGDCL announces Rs41.019bn profit after tax <i>Business Recorder, October 26</i>			Punjab govt calls for 'war on smog' <i>Dawn News, October 26</i>

	OGDCL posts Rs41bn quarterly profit			
	<i>Dawn News, October 26</i>			
	Pakistan Petroleum Ltd earns Rs114bn			
	<i>Dawn News, October 26</i>			
	Ogra approves HSD imports amid refinery concerns over excess supply	Germany, India look to boost ties on defence, green energy	NTDC installs 4th 250MVA autotransformer at 500 kV grid station	Urban Unit unveils 'Lahore Climate Action Plan'
	<i>The News, October 25</i>	<i>Dawn News, October 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 25</i>
	Yearly trouble	DeepBlue 4.0 Pro: The real game changer	The power sector challenges	Pakistan to showcase top 10 green startups at COP29 in Azerbaijan
	<i>Dawn News, October 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, October 25</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 25</i>	<i>Express Tribune, October 25</i>
	Gas found in Sanghar		IPPs: a slippery situation?	
	<i>Dawn News, October 25</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 25</i>	
			Power bills to drop in Oct as Nepra approves Rs0.8555/unit refund	
			<i>The News, October 25</i>	
			Nepra announces 85 paise per unit refund	
			<i>Dawn News, October 25</i>	
			85 paise relief in FCA for August okayed	
			<i>Express Tribune, October 25</i>	
	OGDCL announces gas discovery in Khairpur	Steps afoot to provide cheap energy to industry, says Jam Kamal	Lesco chief reviews maintenance projects	Protecting Pakistan's water rights
	<i>Business Recorder, October 24</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 24</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 24</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 24</i>
	US natgas edges up on cold weather		Disco applicable rates: Govt set to provide power to SEZs	Stable meteorological conditions may exacerbate rising smog levels: PMD
	<i>Business Recorder, October 24</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 24</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 24</i>
	SIFC for prioritising local oil products		New Delhi chokes as 'hazardous' air pollution returns	Climate set to warm by 3.1°C without greater action, UN report warns
	<i>Express Tribune, October 24</i>		<i>Dawn News, October 24</i>	<i>Dawn News, October 24</i>
			Power generation drops 6.4%	
			<i>Express Tribune, October 24</i>	
Bagasse-based IPPs tariff delinked from imported coal cost in dollar	Palm oil surges more than 2pc on stronger rival oils	Karachi: CM inaugurates infrastructure, energy projects	Nepra approves generation tariff for KE	Met Office issues alert about smog
<i>The News, October 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 23</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 23</i>

		Power bills to drop also in November	Rs0.7 per unit relief likely for consumers	Call for women uplift to address climate change
		<i>The News, October 23</i>	<i>Express Tribune, October 23</i>	<i>The News, October 23</i>
India to launch coal exchange soon	Oil prices gain 2pc, recouping some of last week's loss			Dar to stress climate change issue at CHOGM
<i>Business Recorder, October 22</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 22</i>			<i>Business Recorder, October 22</i>
Duki coal mine attack: Rs1.5m paid to heirs of 21 martyred coal miners	Qatar LNG sales to key Asian markets confronted by US-UAE rivalry			Fleeting calm: here comes the smog
<i>The News, October 22</i>	<i>Business Recorder, October 22</i>			<i>Business Recorder, October 22</i>
	\$6bn refinery investment in limbo as extension period ends			Lahore again becomes world's most polluted city with 394 AQI
	<i>The News, October 22</i>			<i>Dawn News, October 22</i>
	Sindh demands fair gas allocation from Centre amid shortages			
	<i>Pakistan Today, October 22</i>			
KE says not interested in Thar Block-II project sans its inclusion in IGCEP	Six gas connections severed		3 NTDC projects: World Bank, ADB and IsDB willing to finance	Volatile climate — a history and a future
<i>Business Recorder, October 21</i>	<i>Express Tribune, October 21</i>		<i>Business Recorder, October 21</i>	<i>Dawn News, October 21</i>

