

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HELD ON
22 AUGUST, 1992 TO CONSIDER THE REPORT AND
PROPOSALS FOR PARITY BETWEEN "METERED" AND
"FLAT" RATES OF WATER SUPPLY TO 'RESIDENTIAL'
PROPERTIES IN ISLAMABAD

A Special Board Meeting of CDA was held on
22 August 1992 at 10 A.M in the Conference Room of the
Executive Block to consider the proposals and
recommendations for bringing the flat rates of water
supply to residential properties in Islamabad at par with
the metered rates. The following attended the meeting:

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- (1) Mr. Farid-ud-Din Ahmad, - in chair
Chairman
 - (2) Mr. Muhammad Rafiq Ahmad,
Member (Engineering)
 - (3) Mr. Ahmad Waqar,
Financial Adviser/Member
 - (4) Mr. S. Bilal Ahmad,
Member (Administration)
 - (5) Mr. Sabir P. Chohan,
Member (Planning)
 - (6) Mr. Muhammad Zubair Osmani,
Secretary to the Board.

2. Commissioner Rawalpindi and Chief
Commissioner Islamabad could not attend the meeting and
sent their regrets.

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The following were also present:

- (1) Director General (Design)
- (2) Director General (Services)
- (3) Director General (Environment)
- (4) P.S.D to the Chairman

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The following officers attended the meeting on special advise:

- (1) Mr. Masood-ur-Rehman, Dir. Revenues
- (2) Mr. Abdul Wahid Shahid, Director PE & C
- (3) Mr. Shabbir Ahmad, Dy. Director Revenues.

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The meeting started with a recitation from the Holy Quran.

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Director Revenues introduced the topic of the special meeting and informed that in deference to the approval of the Board in its meeting of 07 March, 1992 to "meter" the entire water supply to residential properties in Islamabad and bring 'flat' rates at par with the 'metered' rates in the meanwhile. An exercise seeking public participation in accordance with the provisions of rules was carried out. A hearing of objections and suggestions received from different sections of the society was held by a Sub-Committee specifically constituted for the purpose. The Sub-

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Committee submitted its report capitulating the general thrust of objections and suggestions received.

7. The matter was discussed at length and the following decisions were taken:

DECISION:

- i) The entire water supply in Islamabad should be "metered" and the "flat" rates should be progressively eliminated.

Action: F.A/Member

D.G. (Services)

Dir. W & S

Dir. Revenues

- ii) Pending accomplishment of 100% metered water supply in Islamabad, the 'flat' rates of water supply to all residential properties may be increased by 50% instantaneously and at the rate of 50% per annum for three subsequent years till these are at par with the metered rates of water supply.

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iii) All the installed water meters should remain the property of the CDA ("public property") and tempering with thereof and/or willful damage thereto should be rendered a culpable/cognizable offence.

iv) The water-meters which are malfunctioning/un-serviceable should be got repaired/replaced by the CDA most expeditiously.

v) The premises with metered water supply would be charged at the ~~rate~~ of the highest bill of the past six months, in case of wilful/delebrate damage/defects to the water meters. Accordingly the water supply contract should be amended, if need be to incorporate the recommendations and as a deterrent to damaging the water meters.

The Board further decided that recommendations on the above decisions should be sent to the Government for approval. Similarly, a reference should be made to ECNE by the Cabinet Division about the rate of increase by 50% per annum stating that 20% increase per annum would take a long time to bring parity

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between 'metered' And 'flat' rates. Inflation and water supply costs would neutralize the said percentage of increase in the meantime.

vi) Transferability of plots allotted to the affectees

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Residential plots allotted to the affectees of Islamabad under rehabilitation policies as an extra legal benefit were regularly changing hands in contravention of the terms and conditions of their allotment. The Cabinet Committee on CDA also took note of the fact and observed that such plots were being transferred under power of Attorney and CDA was being denied the benefit of transfer fee, at the same time causing problems for the Authority. The matter relating to transferability of plots allotted to the affectees was deliberated upon with due deference to the observation of the Cabinet Committee on CDA and it was decided that:

Decision:

The plots allotted to the affectees of Islamabad as rehabilitation

benefit should be made transferable.
This decision would apply with
retrospective effect and any clause
contrary to this decision, contained
in the allotment letter, will be
considered as withdrawn/cancelled.

Action: Member (A)

Member (P)

Dir. L & R

8. The meeting ended with a word of thanks to
the chair.