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MAJORITY HOLDS THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE FOR PRICE HIKE OF ELECTRICITY. Sixty percent (60%) attribute price hike to the government, 22 % to Wapda and 10 % to Hubco: Gallup Survey

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According to a recent survey conducted by Gallup Pakistan, a majority of Pakistanis hold the government responsible for the recent hike in the price of electricity rather than WAPDA or HUBCO. During the month of April this year, a nationally representative sample of households was asked: *"Who in your view is responsible for the price hike of electricity: The government, Wapda or Hubco electricity generating company?"* Sixty percent (60%) placed the responsibility on the government, while 22% placed it on WAPDA and 10% on HUBCO. The remaining 8% did not give any response. There are some variations in the responses of people belonging to different groups. Among the higher income people only 50% blamed the government while 26% placed the responsibility on Wapda and 19% on Hubco, while 5% did not give any response.

The survey was conducted by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International among nearly 1500 statistically selected households in both urban and rural areas of all the four provinces of Pakistan. The sample comprised a cross section of various income, education and geographic segments. The text of this report can also be seen on the internet at: www.gallup.com.pk.