



**Before the Appellate Board**  
**National Electric Power Regulatory Authority**  
**(NEPRA)**  
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No. NEPRA/Appeal/045/2023/ 1020

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| 1. Ejaz Ali,<br>S/o. Mushaq Ahmed,<br>R/o. Village Pindi Dhodal,<br>Post Office Jalalpur Bhattian,<br>Tehsil Pindi Bhattian, District Hafizabad | 2. Chief Executive Officer,<br>GEPCO Ltd, 565-A,<br>Model Town, G. T. Road,<br>Gujranwala |
| 3. Zafar Iqbal Assad,<br>Advocate High Court,<br>Chamber No. 19-A, Judicial Complex,<br>Jinnah Block, Hafizabad<br>Cell No. 0343-6576720        | 4. Sub Divisional Officer,<br>GEPCO Ltd,<br>Sub Division No. 4,<br>Hafizabad              |
| 5. POI/Electric Inspector,<br>Gujranwala Region,<br>Energy Department, Govt. of Punjab,<br>Munir Chowk, Near Kacheri Road,<br>Gujranwala        |   |

Subject: **Appeal No.045/2023 (Ejaz Ali Vs. GEPCO) Against the Decision Dated 31.08.2022 of the Provincial Office of Inspection to Government of the Punjab Gujranwala Region, Gujranwala**

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 04.12.2024 (03 pages), regarding the subject matter, for information and necessary action, accordingly.

**Encl: As Above**

  
(Ikram Shakeel)  
Deputy Director  
Appellate Board

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## Before The Appellate Board

In the matter of

### Appeal No.045/POI-2023

Ejaz Ali S/o. Mushtaq Ahmed, R/o. Village Pindi Dhodal,  
PO Jalalpur Bhattian, Tehsil Pindi Bhattian, District Hafizabad .....Appellant

Versus

Gujranwala Electric Power Company Limited .....Respondent

## **APPEAL UNDER SECTION 38(3) OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997**

For the Appellant:

Mr. Muhammad Zafar Iqbal Advocate

For the Respondent:

Mr. Faiz Rasool RO

Mr. Rizwan Siddique

## **DECISION**

1. As per the facts of the case, Ejaz Ali (hereinafter referred to as the "Appellant") is an industrial consumer of Gujranwala Electric Power Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent") bearing Ref No.24-12247-0162909 having sanctioned load of 18 kW and the applicable tariff category is B-1(b). The display of the billing meter of the Appellant became defective, in September 2020, hence it was replaced with a new meter by the Respondent in January 2021 and sent to M&T laboratory for checking. Subsequently, a detection bill of Rs.80,549/- for 2,625 units was debited to the Appellant in February 2022.
2. Being aggrieved, the Appellant filed a complaint before the Provincial Office of Inspection, Gujranwala Region, Gujranwala (hereinafter referred to as the "POI") on 01.03.2022 and challenged the above detection bill. The complaint of the Appellant was disposed of by the POI vide decision dated 31.08.2022, wherein the detection bill of Rs.80,549/- for 2,625 units was declared as justified and payable by the Appellant.

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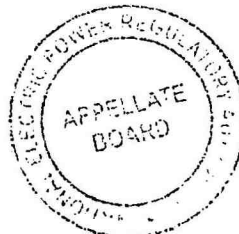
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3. Being dissatisfied, the Appellant has filed the instant appeal before NEPRA and assailed the decision dated 31.08.2022 of the POI (hereinafter referred to as the “impugned decision”). In its appeal, the Appellant opposed the maintainability of the impugned decision, *inter-alia*, on the following grounds that the meter became defective in January 2022 and it was replaced with a new meter by the Respondent in February 2022, as such there is no justification to debit any detection bill; that the business activities were less during these months; that the impugned decision is against the law and facts of the case and based on surmises and conjectures; that the impugned meter was not got checked by the POI; and that the impugned decision is liable to be set aside.
4. Notice dated 02.05.2023 of the appeal was issued to the Respondent for filing reply/para-wise comment, which however were not filed.
5. Hearing of the appeal was conducted at NEPRA Regional Office Lahore on 02.11.2024, wherein learned counsel appeared for the Appellant, whereas an official represented the Respondent. Learned counsel for the Appellant contended that the Appellant paid the bills whatever charged by the Respondent, hence there is no justification to debit any detection bill on account of pending units. Learned counsel for the Appellant argued that the POI did not consider the real aspects of the case and erroneously declared the above detection bill as justified. Learned counsel for the Appellant prayed that the impugned decision is liable to be struck down. On the other hand, the representative for the Respondent defended the impugned decision and prayed for upholding the same.
6. Having heard the arguments and record perused. Following are our observations:
  - 6.1 **Detection bill of Rs.80,549/- for 2,625 units:**

As per the available record, the billing meter of the Appellant was found defective with vanished display in September 2020 and it was replaced with a new meter in January 2021, thereafter, a detection bill of 2,625 units was debited to the Appellant by the Respondent in February 2022, which is under dispute.
  - 6.2 As per Clause 4.3.2(a) of the CSM-2021, in case of vanished display of the meter, the DISCO has to replace the meter within two months, however, in the instant case, the Appellant took five months to replace the impugned meter. The Appellant neither submitted the data retrieval report nor produced the impugned meter before the POI for verification of the defective. To further check the justification of the above detection bill, consumption data is analyzed in the below table:





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Period before dispute		Disputed period	
Month	Units	Month	Units
Sep-19	1555	Sep-20	1141
Oct-19	1760	Oct-20	1252
Nov-19	2816	Nov-20	1526
Dec-19	2292	Dec-20	1879
Jan-20	2084	Jan-21	3051
Total	<b>10507</b>	Total	<b>8849</b>
<b>Detection bill of 2,625 units</b>			


As evident from the above table, the total consumption charged during the disputed period is considerably less than the consumption of corresponding months of the preceding year. This indicates that the actual consumption could not be charged due to the vanished display of the impugned meter. As such the detection bill of 2,625 units charged by the Respondent to the Appellant is justified and payable by the Appellant.

7. Foregoing in view, the appeal is dismissed.

On leave  
Abid Hussain  
Member/Advisor (CAD)

Dated: 04-12-2024

  
Naweed Illah Sheikh  
Convener/DG (CAD)

  
Muhammad Irfan-ul-Haq  
Member/ALA (Lic.)

