

# Before the Appellate Board National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (NEPRA)

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No. NEPRA/Appeal/238/POI/2019/ 798

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  Hassanabdal

Subject:

Decision of the Appellate Board Regarding Review Petition Filed By IESCO Against the Decision of the Appellate Board Dated 23.02.2021 In The Matter IESCO Vs. Sheikh Muhammad Umer

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 06.10.2021, regarding the subject matter, for information and necessary action accordingly.

Encl: As Above

(Ikram Shakeel) Deputy Director (M&E) Appellate Board

Forwarded for information please.

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#### **Before Appellate Board**

Motion for leave for review filed by IESCO against the decision dated 23.02.2021

of NEPRA Appellate Board given in the Appeal-238/POI-2019 titled

(IESCO Vs. Sheikh Muhammad Umar)

For IESCO:

Mr. Faisal Bin Khurshid Advocate

For Consumer:

Mr. Zia Khaliq Manager

#### **DECISION**

- 1. Through this decision, the review petition filed by Islamabad Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as IESCO) against the decision dated 23.02.2021 of National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (hereinafter referred to as NEPRA) Appellate Board is being disposed of.
- 2. Briefly speaking, Mr. Sheikh Muhammad Umar (hereinafter referred to as the consumer) filed an application before the Provincial Office of Inspection, Islamabad Region, Islamabad (hereinafter referred to as POI) and assailed the detection bill of Rs.2,209,879/- for 110,241 units+290 kW MDI for the period December 2018 to February 2019 (3 months) charged by IESCO due to 33% slowness of the meter. During the POI joint checking of metering & equipment dated 14.03.2019, the TOU billing meter of the consumer was found 29.41% slow. POI vide decision dated 20.03.2019 cancelled the above detection bill and allowed IESCO to charge 24,693 units being the difference between the consumption of disputed period from the corresponding undisputed period of the previous year.
- 3. Being dissatisfied with the above decision, IESCO filed the appeal before NEPRA under Section 38 (3) of the NEPRA Act, 1997, which was registered as appeal No.238/2019. The Appellate Board vide decision dated 23.02.2021 (hereinafter referred to as "impugned

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decision") cancelled the detection bill of Rs.2,209,879/- and IESCO was allowed to recover 93,259 units+246 kW MDI for the period December 2018 to February 2019.

- 4. Through the instant review petition, IESCO challenged the aforementioned impugned decision before NEPRA. In the review petition, IESCO argued that the NEPRA Appellate Board did not consider the technical committee checking dated 19.02.2019 and the Metering and Testing (M&T) report dated 02.04.2019, wherein the disputed meter of the consumer was found 33% slow and relied upon the impugned decision on sole score of the POI joint checking dated 14.03.2019. IESCO prayed for setting aside the impugned decision.
- 5. After issuing the notice, the review petition was heard in NEPRA Head Office Islamabad on 11.08.2021, wherein both the parties participated. At the outset of hearing, the representative for the consumer stated that the billing dispute was amicably settled between the parties and necessary payments have already been made by the consumer. Similarly, learned counsel for IESCO confirmed the statement of representative for the consumer regarding mutual settlement and prayed that the review petition be disposed of accordingly.

6. The review petition is disposed of in the above terms.

Abid Hussain Member/Advisor (CAD)

Dated: 06.10.2021

Nadir Ali Khoso Convener/Senior Advisor (CAD) Maria Rafique
Member/ Legal Advisor