

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

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Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited	Appellant
Versus	
Fauji Akbar Ali, S/o Sarwar Wirk, R/o Fazal Haq Colony, Bank Stop, Main Ferozpur Road, Lahore	Respondent
For the appellant:	
Syed Haider Raza Advocate	
For the respondent:	
Mr. Akbar Ali	

#### DECISION

- 1. This decision shall dispose of an appeal filed by Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as LESCO) against the order dated 30.10.2015 of the Provincial Office of Inspection/Electric Inspector Lahore Region, Lahore (hereinafter referred to as POI) under Section 38 (3) of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the Act).
- 2. As per facts of the case, the respondent is a domestic consumer of LESCO bearing Ref No. 06-11531-0435008 under A-1a tariff with 1 kW sanctioned load. Electricity meter of the respondent was installed on 12.01.2012 but no bills were issued to the respondent till he received a bill of Rs. 16,453/- in February 2015. The respondent being aggrieved with the bill of Rs. 16,453/- for February 2015 filed an application before POI on 24.02.2015. The respondent filed another application on 26.03.2015 and challenged the bill of Rs. 31,883/- for March 2015. The respondent in his applications pointed out that the consumption and amount of electricity bill was quite high which indicated some discrepancy in the meter. He prayed for checking of the meter, its replacement if defective and revision of the electricity bill as per connected load. Check meter was installed on 20.03.2015 and comparison of billing and check





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meter on 26.11.2015 revealed that the billing meter was working accurately. POt disposed of the matter on ex-parte basis vide its decision dated 30.10.2015 as the appellant LESCO failed to appear and contest the case before that forum in spite of repeated notices.

- 3. Being dissatisfied with the decision of POI dated 30.10.2015 (hereinafter referred to as the impugned decision), LESCO has filed the instant appeal before NEPRA. A notice was issued to the respondent for filing reply/parawise comments, which were however not filed.
- 4. After issuing notice to both the parties, the appeal was heard at Lahore on 23.05.2016, in which both the parties entered their appearance. Syed Haider Raza Advocate appearing for LESCO submitted that LESCO was condemned unheard and pleaded for decision of the matter on merit. During the hearing, it was admitted by the respondent that the billing meter was accurate but he showed his suspicion that accumulated units were charged to him which made his electricity bill quite excessive. Learned counsel for LESCO offered that to mitigate his grievance the accumulated units would be segregated amoung eleven months so that the respondent could get benefit of lower slab tariff. The respondent agreed for the same.
- 5. In view of the agreement inter se the parties, the respondent is liable to be billed up to March 2015 as per actual meter reading but the total consumption (units) would be equally spread over a period of eleven months i.e. May 2014 to March 2015 and bills be revised accordingly.

6. The appeal is disposed of in above terms.

Muhammad Qamar-uz-Zaman Member

> Nadir Ali Khoso Convener

Muhammad Shafique Member

Date: 30.05.2016



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