



Before the Appellate Board
National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
(NEPRA)
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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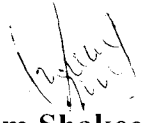
October 21, 2022

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| 1. Hassam Yousaf,
S/o. Muhammad Yousaf,
R/o. 29-A, New Chauburji Park,
Lahore | 2. Chief Executive Officer,
LESCO Ltd,
22-A, Queens Road,
Lahore |
| 3. Saeed Ahmed Bhatti,
Advocate High Court,
66-Khyber Block, Allama Iqbal Town,
Lahore | 4. Assistant Manager (Operation),
LESCO Ltd,
Prem Nagar Sub Division,
Lahore |
| 5. POI/Electric Inspector,
Lahore Region, Energy Department,
Govt. of Punjab, Block No. 1,
Irrigation Complex, Canal Bank,
Dharampura, Lahore | |

Subject: **Appeal Titled LESCO Vs. Hassam Yousaf Against the Decision Dated 19.01.2021 of the Provincial Office of Inspection to Government of the Punjab Lahore Region, Lahore**

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 19.10.2022, 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.

1. Additional Director (IT) –for uploading the decision on NEPRA website



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Before The Appellate Board

In the matter of

Appeal No.055/POI-2021

Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited

.....Appellant

Versus

Hassam Yousaf S/o Muhammad Yousaf, R/o. 29-A,
New Chauburji Park, Lahore

.....Respondent

**APPEAL UNDER SECTION 38(3) OF REGULATION OF GENERATION,
TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997
AGAINST THE DECISION DATED 19.01.2021 PASSED BY THE PROVINCIAL
OFFICE OF INSPECTION LAHORE REGION, LAHORE**

For the Appellant:

Mr. Saeed Ahmed Bhatti Advocate

For the Respondent:

Mr. Hassam Yousaf

DECISION

1. As per facts of the case, Mr. Hassam Yousaf (hereinafter referred to as the “Respondent”) is a domestic consumer of LESCO (hereinafter referred to as the “Appellant”) bearing Ref No.12-11241-0874900 U with a sanctioned load of 2 kW and the applicable tariff category is A-1(a). The Appellant claims that the billing meter of the Respondent was found sticky (not recording actual consumption) during checking dated 08.10.2020. Therefore, a detection bill of Rs.52,933/- for 1,710 units for three months for the period April 2020 to June 2020 was charged to the Respondent and added to the bill for September 2020.



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2. Being aggrieved, the Respondent filed a complaint before the Provincial Office of Inspection, Lahore Region, Lahore (the "POI") on 17.10.2020 and challenged the above detection bill. The complaint of the Respondent was disposed of by the POI vide decision dated 19.01.2021, the operative portion of which is reproduced below:

"Due to the continuous absence of respondents before this forum, the ex-parte proceedings were initiated against the Respondents and Rs.77,414/- charged in the bill for the month of 09/2020 on account of bill adjustment is declared as null, void, and illegal and not payable by the petitioner. Respondents are directed to overhaul the account of the petitioner and any excess recovered amount be adjusted in future bills accordingly."

3. Subject appeal has been filed against the above-referred decision of the POI (hereinafter referred to as the "impugned decision") by the Appellant before the NEPRA.

4. **Proceedings by the Appellate Board**

Upon filing of the instant appeal, a Notice dated 19.05.2021 was sent to the Respondent for filing reply/para-wise comments to the appeal within ten (10) days, which however were not filed.

5. **Hearing**

- 5.1 Hearing in the matter of the subject Appeal was fixed for 13.10.2022 at Lahore and accordingly, the notices dated 07.10.2022 were issued to the parties (i.e. the Appellant and the Respondent) to attend the hearing. As per schedule, the hearing of the appeal was conducted at the NEPRA Regional Office Lahore on 13.10.2022 in which learned counsel appeared for the Appellant whereas the Respondent appeared in person. At the



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the outset of the hearing, learned counsel for the Appellant declared that the matter of the disputed bill was amicably settled between the parties and the Appellant does not intend to press this Appeal anymore. Learned counsel for the Appellant prayed for the withdrawal of the appeal. The Respondent seconded the statement of the learned counsel for the Appellant regarding the amicable settlement between the parties.

6. In view of the above, the appeal is disposed of as withdrawn.

Syed Zawar Haider
Member

Abid Hussain
Convener

Muhammad Irfan-ul-Haq
Member

Dated: 13/10/2022