

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

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No. NEPRA/Appeal/078/2022/ 228

March 13, 2025

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Subject:

Decision of the Appellate Board Regarding Review Petition Filed by Ms. Attya Yasmeen Against the Decision Dated 13.05.2024 of the Appellate Board in the Matter Titled "LESCO Vs. Ms. Attya Yasmeen"

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 13.03.2025 (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

REVIEW PETITION FILED BY MS. ATTYA YASMEEN UNDER THE NEPRA REVIEW (PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS, 2009 AGAINST THE DECISION DATED 13.05.2024 OF NEPRA IN APPEAL NO.078/POI-2022

Ms. Attya Yasmeen D/o. Muhammad Ilyas, House No.70, Street No.55, Toheed Abad, Ravi Road, Lahore	Petitioner
Versus	
Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited	Respondent

For the Petitioner: Ms. Attya Yasmeen

For the Respondent: Nemo

DECISION

- Through this decision, the review petition filed by Ms. Attya Yasmeen (the "Petitioner")
 against the decision dated 13.05.2024 of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
 (hereinafter referred to as the "NEPRA") in Appeal No.078/POI-2022 titled "LESCO Vs.
 Ms. Attya Yasmeen" is being disposed of.
- 2. As per the facts of the case, the Petitioner is a domestic consumer of Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited (the "Respondent") bearing Ref No.14-11141-1170601-U having a sanctioned load of 01 kW and the applicable tariff category is A-1. The Petitioner approached the Provincial Office of Inspection, Lahore Region, Lahore (hereinafter referred to as the "POI") on 21.09.2021 and challenged the arrears of Rs.252,295/- reflected in the bill for August 2021, which were cancelled by the POI vide decision dated 12.04.2022. As per the POI decision, the Respondent was directed to overhaul the billing account of the Petitioner, and any excess amount recovered be adjusted in future bills.
- 3. Being dissatisfied with the afore-referred decision of the POI, the Respondent filed appeal No.078/POI-2022 before NEPRA. The NEPRA Appellate Board vide the decision dated



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13.05.2024 (the "impugned decision") disposed of the said appeal with the following conclusion:

- "7. In view of what has been stated above, it is concluded as under: 7.1 The detection bill of Rs. 103,657/- against 3,357 units charged to the Respondent in August 2021 is unjustified and the same is cancelled.
- 7.2 Following bills are recoverable from the Respondent being justified:
 - i. Arrears of Rs. 126,033/- pertain to the period from October 2016 to May 2018.
 - ii. Bill of Rs.7,583/- against 397 units charged in April 2021
 - iii. Bill of Rs. 1 1,351/- for 544 units charged in May 2021.
 - iv. Bill of Rs. 1,897/- for 171 units charged in June 2021.
 - v. Bill of 557 units for July 2021.
- vi. Bill of 654 units for August 2021.
- 7.3 The billing account of the Respondent may be overhauled, accordingly.
- 8. The impugned decision is modified in the above terms."
- 4. The Petitioner filed a review petition before the NEPRA on 07.08.2024 under NEPRA (Review Procedure) Regulations, 2009. Hearing in the matter of the subject review petition was scheduled for 13.09.2024 at NEPRA Regional Office Lahore for which notices dated 09.09.2024 were issued to both parties (the Petitioner and Respondent). On the date of the hearing, the Petitioner was present, whereas no one entered an appearance for the Respondent. In response to the question of limitation raised by this forum, the Petitioner contended that she did not know the time limitation to file a review petition, however has cogent reasons for modification of the impugned decision. The Petitioner reiterated the same contentions as given in the memo of the review petition and stated that the impugned decision was rendered without considering the facts, and the same is liable to be reviewed at this stage. The Petitioner finally prayed that the review petition be decided on merits instead of technical grounds. In order to provide an opportunity of hearing to the Petitioner with regard to the point of limitation, the case was adjourned till 01.11.2024. On the given date, neither the Petitioner nor the Respondent appeared before this forum.
- 5. Arguments were heard and the record was examined. Following are our observations:
- 5.1 While addressing the point of limitation, it is observed that the impugned decision was announced by the NEPRA on 13.05.2024 against which the Petitioner filed the instant review petition before the NEPRA on 07.08.2024 after a lapse of 87 days from the date of communication of said order i.e.13.05.2024. As per Regulation 3(3) of the NEPRA



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(Review Procedure) Regulations, 2009, the period of limitation for filing a review petition against any other order, decision, or determination of NEPRA not covered under Rule 16(6) of NEPRA Tariff (Standards & Procedure) Rules, 1998 shall be 30 days from the date of communication of such order, decision or determination. The Petitioner neither submitted an application for condonation of delay nor could justify the inordinate delay in filing the instant review petition.

- 5.2 In terms of Regulation 3 (2) of NEPRA (Review Procedure) Regulations, 2009, a motion seeking review of any order of the Authority is competent only upon discovery of a mistake or error apparent on the face of the record or a new and important matter of evidence. In the instant review motion, no mistake or error apparent on the face of the record has been highlighted by the Petitioner. Further, the Petitioner has not come up with any new and important matter of evidence which was not considered by the Appellate Board while making its decision dated 13.05.2024. Therefore, there is neither any occasion to amend the impugned decision nor any error inviting indulgence as admissible in law.
- 6. In view of the above, the instant review motion of the Petitioner is dismissed being timebarred as well as devoid of merits, and the decision dated 13.05.2024 of the Appellate Board is upheld.

On leave
Abid Hussain

Member/Advisor (CAD)

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

Theffor

Naweed Illahi Sheikh Convenen DG (CAD)

Dated: 13-03-2025