

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

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No. NEPRA/AB/Appeal/292/2019/ 3410

March 30, 2020

- Pir Syed Khair Ali Shah S/o. Pir Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Jillani, R/o. Ahmedpur, Mohallah Ranipur, Taluka Sabhodero, District Khairpur
- 2. Chief Executive Officer
  SEPCO Ltd,
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  Sukkur
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   District Khairpur Mir's
- 5. Sub Divisional Officer (Operations), SEPCO Ltd, Ranipur Sub Division, Ranipur
- Electric Inspector/POI
   Sukkur Region, Energy Department,
   Govt. of Sindh, Irrigation Scrap Colony,
   Military Road, Sukkur

Subject:

Appeal Titled SEPCO Vs. Pir Syed Khair Ali Shah Against the Decision Dated 24.09.2019 of the Provincial Office of Inspection to Government of the Sindh Sukkur Region, Sukkur

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 26.03.2020, regarding the subject matter, for information and necessary action accordingly.

**Encl: As Above** 

(Ikram Shakeel) Assistant Director Appellate Board

Forwarded for information please.

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### **National Electric Power Regulatory Authority**

#### Before Appellate Board National Electric Power Regulatory Authority, Islamabad

In the matter of

#### Appeal No. 292/2019

Sukkur Electric Power Company Limited ......

.....Appellant

Versus

Pir Syed Khair Ali Shah S/o Pir Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Jillani, R/o Ahmedpur Mohallah Ranipur, Taluka Sabhodero, District Khairpur ......Respondent

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 38(3) OF REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST THE DECISION DATED 24.09.2019 PASSED BY PROVINCIAL OFFICE OF INSPECTION SUKKUR REGION, SUKKUR

#### For the appellant:

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Mr. Javaid Ahmed Soomro DCM

Mr. Nisar Ahmed Baloch XEN

Mr. Qurban Ali SDO

### For the respondent:

Mr. Ghulam Abbas Advocate

#### **DECISION**

1. Brief facts giving rise to the instant appeal are that the respondent is a domestic consumer of SEPCO bearing Ref No.13-38141-0676700 having a sanctioned load of 1.22 kW under the A-1 tariff. Premises of the respondent was checked by SEPCO on 20.06.2019 and allegedly the meter was found defective, the respondent was found stealing electricity directly and the connected load observed was 4.1 kW. Resultantly, a detection bill of Rs.250,000/- was charged to the respondent by SEPCO in June 2019, which was assailed before the Provincial Office of Inspection (POI) on 27.06.2019. POI disposed of the matter vide its decision dated 24.09.2019, wherein the detection bill of Rs.250,000/- along with LPS was withdrawn.



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- 2. Through the instant appeal, SEPCO has challenged the decision dated 24.09.2019 of POI (hereinafter referred to as the impugned decision) before NEPRA. After issuing notice, hearing of the appeal was held at NEPRA Regional Office Sukkur, which was attended by both the parties. At the outset of the hearing, the representatives of SEPCO disclosed that the detection bill of Rs.250,000/- was prepared but neither served to the respondent nor any recovery was effected. According to SEPCO, this detection bill is not chargeable against the respondent. This fact was confirmed by the learned counsel for the respondent.
- 3. In view of above, the appeal is disposed of.

Muhammad Qamar-uz-Zaman Member

Dated: 26.03.2020

Convener

Muhammad Shafique

Member