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October 18, 2024

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Faisalabad Electric Supply Company Limited (FESCO)  
Abdullah Pur, Canal Bank Road, Faisalabad.

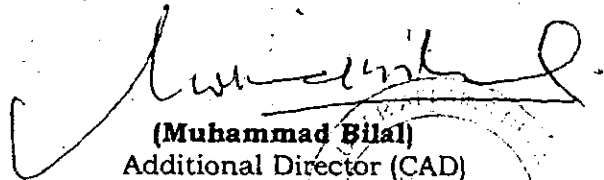
**Subject DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. BASHIR AHMED ZAKA S/O YAQOOB KHAN UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST FESCO REGARDING DETECTION BILLING (Ref# 29-13146-7660430)**  
**Case No. FESCO-FSD-33672-01-24**

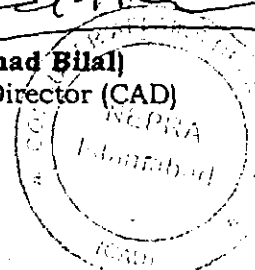
Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the NEPRA Complaints Resolution Committee (CRC), dated October 18, 2024 regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within fifteen (15) days.

Encl: As above

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4. Mr. Bashir Ahmed Zaka S/o Yaqoob Khan,  
House No. 437, Street No. 7, Gillani Muhalla,

  
(Muhammad Bilal)  
Additional Director (CAD)





**BEFORE THE**  
**NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY**  
**(NEPRA)**

**Complaint No. FESCO-FSD-33672-01-24**

**Mr. Bashir Ahmed Zaka S/o Yaqoob Khan**  
House No. 437, Street No. 7, Gillani Muhalla  
Tehsil Jaranwala, District Faisalabad.

..... Complainant

**VERSUS**

**Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (FESCO)**  
Abdullah Pur, Canal Bank Road, Faisalabad.

..... Respondent

**Date of Hearing:** May 14, 2024  
July 23, 2024

**On behalf of**  
**Complainant:** Mr. Bashir Ahmed Zaka

**Respondent:** Mr. Muhammad Ahsan-ul-Haq XEN (Operation), FESCO

**Subject:** **DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. BASHIR AHMED ZAKA S/O YAQOOB KHAN UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST FESCO REGARDING DETECTION BILLING [Ref# 29-13146-7660430]**

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Bashir Ahmed Zaka (hereinafter referred to as "the Complainant") against Faisalabad Electric Supply Company (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent" or "FESCO"), under Section 39 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the "NEPRA Act").

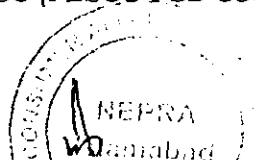
2. NEPRA received a complaint from Mr. Bashir Ahmed Zaka wherein the issue agitated was that the electricity meter installed against reference number (29-13146-7660430) got burnt during the month of August, 2023 and direct electricity supply was subsequently restored by the concerned FESCO officials (SDO) during August, 2023 after duly obtaining an affidavit. Later on, a detection bill of 20247 units for the period i.e. March to August, 2023 based on direct electricity theft was charged by FESCO of which withdrawal was prayed by the Complainant. The matter was taken up with FESCO and a hearing was held on May 14, 2024 at NEPRA Head Office, Islamabad which was attended by both the parties wherein the matter was discussed in detail.

3. The case has been examined in detail in light of the record made so available by parties, arguments advanced during the hearing and the applicable law. Following has been observed:

- (i) The Complainant's tube well connection installed against reference number 29-13146-7660430 located at Chak No. 273 GB, District Faisalabad was charged a detection bill of 20247 units amounting to Rs. 500,877/- during the month

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of September, 2023 on account of direct theft of electricity through main PVC cable. The dispute raised by the Complainant was that the detection bill has been charged by FESCO with mala fide intent while being inconsiderate of minimal connected load.


- (ii) Perusal of the documentary evidence reveals that meter of the Complainant got burnt on August 05, 2023 due to heavy rain. Accordingly the Complainant approached FESCO official (SDO Operation) for replacement of the burnt meter whereby FESCO official(s) restored the electricity supply of the Complainant through direct supply after obtaining a blank stamp paper/affidavit from the Complainant. Meanwhile, the premises was checked by FESCO task force on September 09, 2024 and upon observing direct supply; the Complainant was issued a detection bill for a period of six (06) months.
- (iii) Later on, upon conduction of a departmental inquiry by FESCO the SDO involved in restoration of supply after obtaining affidavit/undertaking, was reduced to lower post from Junior Engineer to LS-I. This proceedings of FESCO established that the Complainant used electricity supply only during the month of August, 2023. Therefore, charging of detection bill for six months is not justified.
- (iv) Moreover, Clause 9.1.3 (b) of the Consumer Service Manual (CSM) envisages the procedure for charging of detection bill against registered consumer involved in direct theft of electricity as per which FESCO is restricted to charge detection bill for maximum period of (6) months in the order of priority i.e. previous consumption history etc. as envisaged in the same clause. Moreover, the clause 6.1.4 of CSM enshrines that the meter readers shall also check the irregularities/discrepancies in metering system at time of reading meters/taking snap shots and report the same in the reading book/discrepancy book or through any other appropriate method as per the practice. The concerned officer/official will take corrective action to rectify these discrepancies which was also got delayed by FESCO ensuing the charging of detection bill for excessive period.
- (v) Duly considering above narration along with the fact that revenue loss claimed though the detection bill by FESCO does not commensurate with the previous consumption history and factual situation on ground, therefore, the same requires fair revision.

4. Foregoing in view, FESCO is directed to revise the detection bill of the Complainant from six (06) months to two (02) months. Compliance report be submitted within fifteen (15) days.

4 - مندرجہ بالا حقائق کے پیش نظر فیسکو کو ہدایت کی جاتی ہے کہ شکایت کنندہ کے ٹریکشن بل کو چھ (06) ماہ کی بجائے دو (2) ماہ کے لیے تبدیل کرے - تعمیل کی رپورٹ پندرہ (15) دنوں کے اندر جمع کرائی جائے۔

  
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Islamabad, October 18, 2024

