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Consumer Affairs Department

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Chief Executive Officer, Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), 22-A, Queen's Road Lahore.

Subject: DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MUHAMMAD KASHIF MAQSOOD UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO REGARDING EXCESSIVE BILLING (REF# 45 11746 0683100 R) Case No. LESCO-LHR-21091-04-23

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the NEPRA Consumer Complaints Tribunal, dated October 24, 2023 regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within fifteen (15) days, positively.

Encl: As above

Copy to:

- Chief Engineer/Customer Services Director, LESCO, 22-A, Queen's Road <u>Lahore.</u>
- Engr. Dr. Bilal Masood, (Incharge/Additional Director), NEPRA Provincial Office, 1st Floor, Link Arcade, 54B, GECH Society, Phase 3, Link Road, Model Town, Lahore
- Ms. Masooma Adil, Manager/Incharge Central Complaint Cell LESCO, (Focal Person, NEPRA) LESCO, 22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore</u>
- 4. S.E Kasur Circle LESCO, Kaim Kam Road, Wapda Complex, <u>Kasur</u>.
- 5. XEN Phool Nagar Division, LESCO WAPDA Colony Phool Nagar.
- Mr. Muhammad Kashif Maqsood S/O Chaudhary Maqsood Ali, R/O Ward No. 7, Shahkot, District <u>Nankana Sahib.</u> Cell#0333-8313183

(Muhammad Abid)
Assistant Director (CAD



<u>BEFORE THE</u> <u>NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY</u> (NEPRA)

Complaint No. LESCO-LHR-21091-04-23

Mr. Muhammad Kashif Maqsood, R/O Ward No. 7, Shahkot, District Nankana Sahib. Cell#0333-8313183

Versus

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) 22-A, Queens Road, Lahore.

..... Respondent

..... Complainant

Date of Hearing:

October 23, 2023,

On behalf of:

Complainant:

Kahsif Magsood

Respondent:

Haroon Ahmad, RO (Phool Nagar), LESCO

Subject: <u>DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MUHAMMAD KASHIF</u>

<u>MAQSOOD UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION,</u>

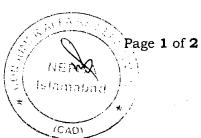
<u>TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST</u>

LESCO REGARDING EXCESSIVE BILLING (REF# 45 11746 0683100 R)

DECISION

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Muhammad Kashif Maqsood R/O Ward No. 7, Shahkot, District Nankana Sahib (hereinafter referred to as "the Complainant") against Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent" or "LESCO"), under Section 39 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the "NEPRA Act").

2. The Complainant submitted that LESCO has charged excessive units as compared to actual meter reading. Accordingly, the matter was taken up with LESCO and a hearing was held on October 23, 2023 at NEPRA Provincial Office, Lahore. The hearing was attended by both the parties (LESCO and the Complainant) wherein the matter was discussed in detail. During the hearing, it was revealed that the Complainant was charged upto 47045 kWh, Off-peak & 2420 kWh, Peak reading index upto the month of September, 2023, whereas, the actual meter reading as per snap was 21548 kWh Off-peak & 2420 kWh Peak which shows that the Complainant was charged 25497 Off-peak units excessively. Sanctioned Load of the Consumer is 7.46 kW. Clause 6.1.2 and Clause 6.2.1 of Consumer Service Manual (CSM) provides that Meter Reader and Meter Reading Section Supervisor/LS are responsible for meter reading of such consumers and percentage



checking respectively. The Complainant was charged excessive billing due to sheer negligence of concerned Meter Reader and Line Superintendent.

3۔ مندرجہ بالاحقائق کے پیش نظر، لیسکو کو ہدایت کی جاتی ہے کہ وہ شکایت کنندہ کا بل اصل میٹر ریڈنگ کے مطابق درست کرے ۔مزید بر آس، لا پروائی برستے پر متعلقہ میٹر ریڈر اور لائن سپر مشتر نٹ کے خلاف محکمانہ کاروئی عمل میں لائی جائے۔ورج بالااحکامات پر عمل کر کے تعییل کی رپورٹ پندرہ (15) دنوں کے اندر پیش کی جائے۔

(Lashkar Khan Qambrani)

Member (Consumer Complaints Tribunal)/
Director (Consumer Affairs)

(Muhammad Irfan-ul-Haq)

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NEPRA

Islamabad

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(Naweed Illahi Shaikh)

Convener Consumer Complaints Tribunal/

Director General (CAD)

Islamabad, October 14, 2023