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Consumer Affairs
Department

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Chief Executive Officer, Enhore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), 222-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore</u>.

Subject: DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. SH RIAZ AHMED UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO REGARDING EXCESSIVE BILLING (REF# 24 11263 9000211 U)

Case No. LESCO-LHR-34221-02-24

Please find enclosed herewith the Decision of NEPRA Complaints Resolution Committee (CRC), dated August 27, 2024 regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within fifteen (15) days, positively.

Encl: As above

(Aisha Kalsoom)
Assistant Director (CAD)

Copy to:

- 1. Chief Engineer/Customer Services Director, LESCO, 22-A, Queen's Road <u>Lahore</u>.
- 2. Rana Rizwan Sibghat Ullah, Manager/Incharge Central Complaint Cell LESCO, (Focal Person, NEPRA) LESCO, 22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore</u>.
- 3. S.E 2nd Circle LESCO, 132kv Grid Station, Chandni Chowk, Town Ship, <u>Lahore</u>.
- 4. XEN Shahpur Division, LESCO, 132kV Grid Station, Chung 20-KM Multan Road, Lahore.
- 5. XEN M&T 2nd Circle, LESCO 132kv Grid Station Chung 20-KM Multan Road <u>Lahore</u>.
- 6. Mr. Sh. Riaz Ahmed, R/O 19-Km, Multan Road, Mozammal Town, Chung, <u>Lahore</u>. Cell#0300-8123819



BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

Complaint No. LESCO-LHR-34221-02-24

Mr. Sh. Riaz Ahmed
R/O 19 Km, Multan Road, Mozammal Town,
Thing, Lahore.

Versus

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)

A. Queens Road, Lahore.

Complainant

Complainant

Respondent

Date of Hearing:

February 06, 2024 June 06, 2024 August 15, 2024

On behalf of:

Complainant:

Mr. Sh. Riaz Ahmed, LESCO

Respondent:

Mr. Ahmad Faraz, SDO, LESCO

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DECISION

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Sh Riaz Ahmed (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 Electric Power Act, 1997 (hereinafter referred to us the "NEPRA Act").

- NEPRA received a complaint wherein it was submitted that LESCO has charged him fake reading and excessive billing since April 2024. The Complainant approached LESCO but the grievances of Complainant were not redressed. The matter was taken up with LESCO and various hearings were held on February 06, 2024 and June 06, 2024 at NEPRA Provincial Office, Lahore which were attended by both the parties (i.e., LESCO officials and the Complainant). During the hearings, LESCO officials (i.e., SDO and RO) were directed to replace the defective meter of the Complainant and to submit data downloading/retrieval report within lifteen (15) days but they failed to submit the same. In order to finalize the matter, another hearing was held on August 15, 2024 at NEPRA Provincial Office, Lahore, which was attended by both the parties (i.e., LESCO officials and the Complainant).
- The case has been examined in detail in the light of written/verbal arguments of both the parties and applicable law. The following has been concluded.
 - The Complainant is an industrial consumer of LESCO and has one connection installed at his premises in the name of Sh. Riaz Ahmed Haji Ghulam Mustafa under B2b(12)T tariff having reference number 24 11263 9000211 U. During the hearing, it was revealed that meter of the Complainant became defective and LESCO allotted defective code in the bill of July 2024. Additionally, the Complainant has paid a demand notice for replacement of defective meter. However, the defective meter has not yet been replaced by LESCO.
 - ii. According to clause 4.4 of the Consumer Service Manual (CSM), the cost of replacement of metering installation (i.e., Defective/damaged/burnt/display

by DISCO).

4۔ مندر جہ بالا حقائق کے پیش نظر اسکو کہ ہدائت کی جاتی ہے کہ;

- (الف) شکائت کننده کامعیوب میشر فی الفور تبدیل کیاجائے اور تبدیل شده معیوب میشر کو ڈاؤنلوڈ کر واکر ڈیٹا ڈاؤنلوڈر پورٹ کے مطابق ایڈ جسٹمنٹ دی جائے۔
 - (ب) شکائت کنندہ سے معیوب میٹر کی تبدیلی کے لیے ڈیمانڈنوٹس کے ذریعیے وصول کی گئی رقم واپس کی جائے۔
- (جَ) مزید بر آن، معیوب میٹر کی تبدیلی کے لیے شکائٹ کنندہ سے ڈیمانڈ نوٹس کے ذریعیے میٹر کی قیمت وصول کر کے نیپرا قوانین کی خلاف لیسکو قوانین کی روشنی میں محکمانہ کاروائی کی جائے۔
 - (د) درج بالااحکامات پر تغییل کی رپورٹ پندرہ دنوں کے اندر د فتر اہذا پیش کی جائے۔

(Aisha Kalsoom)

Member Complaints Resolution Committee/Assistant Director (CAD) (Engr. Dr. Bilal Masood)

Member Complaints Resolution

Committee/Additional Director (CAD)

Lahore, August 27, 2024