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Consumer Affairs Department

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Chief Executive Officer, Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO), 22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore.</u>

Subject: DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. EESAL REHMAN UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO REGARDING EXCESSIVE BILLING (REF# 45 11734 0975000 R) Case No. LESCO-LHR-34415-02-24

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the NEPRA, dated April 03, 2024 regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within fifteen (15) days, positively.

Encl: As above

Copy to:

- 1. C.E/Customer Services Director LESCO, 22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore.</u>
- Rana Rizwan Sibghat Ullah, Manager/Incharge Central Complaint Cell LESCO, (Focal Person, NEPRA) LESCO, 22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore</u>.
- S.E Kasur Circle LESCO, Kaim Kam Road, Wapda Complex, <u>Kasur.</u>
- XEN Chunian, LESCO WAPDA Colony, Changa Manga Lahore, <u>Chunian.</u>
- Mr. Eesal Rehman S/O Muhammad Ibrahim R/O Burj Run Singh, Ada Talwandi, Haji Abdul Ghafoor Super Store, Tehsil Chunian, <u>Kasur</u> <u>Cell#0301-6814805</u>





BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

Complaint No. LESCO-LHR-34415-02-24

Ms. Eeshal Rehman, R/O Burj Run Singh, Ada Talwandi, Haji Abdul Ghafoor Super Store, Tehsil Chunian, <u>Kasur</u> <u>Cell#0301-6814805</u>

Versus

Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO) 22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore.</u> Respondent

..... Complainant

Date of Hearing: March 21, 2024 On behalf of: Complainant: Ms. Eesal Rehman

Respondent: Mr. Abdul Rashid, SDO LESCO Mr. Adeem Ur Rehman, RO, LESCO

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DECISION

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Eesal Rehman (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 in his complaint submitted that LESCO has charged him excessive bills as compared to actual meter reading at site. Accordingly, the matter was taken up with LESCO and a hearing was held on March 21, 2024 at NEPRA Provincial Office, Lahore. The hearing was attended by both the parties (i.e., LESCO and the Complainant) wherein the matter was discussed in detail. During the hearing, it was revealed that the Complainant was being charged with excessive billing since long. The Complainant was charged upto 198429 kWh, Off-peak & 41419 kWh, peak reading index upto the month of February, 2024 whereas the actual meter reading as per snap taken on February 29, 2024 was 194729 kWh, Off-peak & 38877 kWh, peak which shows that the Complainant was charged 3700 kWh, (Off-peak) and 2542 kWh, (Peak) units excessively. Clause-6.1 of Consumer Service Manual (CSM) provides mechanism of-meter reading and according to Clause 6.1.3 of CSM taking snapshot of meter reading is mandatory. Moreover, Clause-6.2 envisages the procedure of percentage checking to ensure accuracy of meter reading. Sanctioned load of the Complainant is 7.46 kW, therefore, Meter Reader and the Meter Reading Section Supervisor/LS are responsible for meter reading and percentage checking respectively. In the instant case meter reader provided legible snaps of meter reading to concerned sub division, however, excessive billing was made during the process of data entry. Sub Divisional Officer (SDO/AMO) and Meter Reading Section Supervisor/LS are responsible to ensure feeding of correct readings for issuance of electricity bills in accordance with the meter reading snaps, therefore, the Complainant Page 1 of 2 LESCO-LHR-34415-02-24

was charged excessive billing due to sheer negligence of meter reading section supervisor/LS and concerned SDO.

3- مندرج بالا حمائق کے وق نظر، میکو کو بدایت کی جاتی ہے کہ وہ اسکھ بلک مائیل یک اصل مزریڈ تک تسویر کے مطابق حکمت کندہ کے عل کی تھی کرے اور اس کے مطابق FPA اور LPS کو بحک کرے دو اسکھ بلک ماند اس کے مطابق FPA اور LPS کو بحک کرے دو اسکھ بلک ماند اس کے مطابق FPA اور LPS کو بحک کرے دو اسکھ بلک ماند اس کے مطابق FPA اور Star کو بحک کر بحک کر بلک میں دو تو ایک کر معاف میک قوانی کا دو اسک ماند اس کے مطابق FPA اور LPS اور بحک کر بلک ماند اس کے مطابق مان کو محکمت کر دو تھ بلک ماند اس کے مطابق FPA اور Star کو جاتا ہے کہ مطابق مسل ماند اس کے مطابق محکمت کر بلک میں دو تو بلک ماند کر مطابق میں مطابق محکمت مطابق محکمت کر معالی محکمت کر معاد میں مطابق محکمت کر مطابق میں مطابق محکمت کر بلک محکمت کر بلک محکمت کر مطابق میں مطابق میں مطابق محکمت کر جاتا ہے کہ مطابق میں مطابق محکمت کر معاد مسل میں معالی میں محکمت مطابق محکمت کر معالی محکمت کر محکمت کر بلک م محکمت کر بلک م محکمت کر بلک محکمت کر بلک

(Aisha Kalsoom) Assistant Director (CAD)

(Engr. Dr. Bilal Masood) Incharge/Additional Director (CAD)



Lahore, April 03, 2024

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