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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. MUHAMMAD MAJID MUNIR UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO REGARDING EXCESSIVE BILLING (REF# 44 11516 1554000 U) Case No. LESCO-LHR-36506-04-24

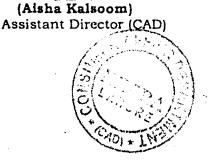
Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the NEPRA, dated May 07, 2024 regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within fifteen (15) days, positively.

Encl: As above

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- 1. C.E/Customer Services Director LESCO, 22-A, Queens Road, Lahore.
- 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 5th Circle LESCO, 425-EE, DHA, Ghazi Road, Lahore.
- XEN Gulberg Division, LESCO 132 kv Grid Station, Garden Town, Kalma Chowk, Lahore.
- Mr. Majid Munir R/O 37-L, Gulberg 2, <u>Lahore.</u> <u>Cell# 0333-4214210</u>





BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

Complaint No. LESCO-LHR-36506-04-24

Mr. Majid Munir, R/O 37-L, Gulberg 2, <u>Lahore</u>. Dasanwal Ferozewala. Cell# 0333-4214210

..... Complainant

Versus

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

..... Respondent

Date of Hearing: May 02, 2024 On behalf of: Complainant: Mr. Majid Munir

Respondent: Mr. Mansoor Ahmad Khan, SDO, LESCO

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Decision

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Majid Munir (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 May 02, 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 45387 kWh, Offpeak & 13320 kWh, peak reading index upto the month of March, 2024 whereas the actual meter reading as per snap taken on March 27, 2024 was 41359 kWh, Off-peak & 13320 kWh, peak which shows that the Complainant was charged 4028 kWh (Off-peak) units excessively.

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

4. مندرجہ بالا حقائق کے بیش نظر، نیکو کو ہدایت کی جاتی ہے کہ وہ الظے بلک سائیل تک اصل میزریڈ تک تصویر کے مطابق شکایت کنندہ کے بل کی تصحیح کرے ادر اس کے مطابق FPA ادر LPS کو بھی ایڈ جسٹ کرے۔ مزید بر آل، لاپر وابق بر سے پر متعلقہ میٹرریڈ تک سیشن سپر وائیزر /لائن سپر نشنڈ نٹ ادر ایس ڈی اوے خلاف سیکو قوانین کی روشن میں تحکمانہ کاروائی کی جائے۔ تحسل کی دی ور شاہدو، (15) ونوں کے اندر بیش کی جائے۔

> (Aisha Kalsoom) Assistant Director (CAD)

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

Lahore, May 07, 2024

