



## Consumer Affairs Department

## National Electric Power Regulatory Authority

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

Subject: DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. WAQAR AHMAD BAJWA S/O SHAHID PERVEZ UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO REGARDING EXCESSIVE BILLING (REF# 45 11741 0485802 R)

Case No. LESCO-LHR-29063-09-23

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of NEPRA Consumer Complaints Tribunal, dated March 20, 2024 regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within fifteen (15) days, positively.

#### Encl: As above

(Muhammad Abid)
Assistant Director (CAD)

### Copy to:

- 1. Chief Engineer/Customer Services Director, LESCO, 22-A, Queen's Road <u>Lahore</u>.
- 2. Engr. Dr. Bilal Masood, (Incharge/Additional Director),
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  54B, GECH Society, Phase 3, Link Road, Model Town, Lahore.
- 3. Rana Rizwan Sibghat Ullah, Incharge Central Complaint Cell LESCO, (Focal Person, NEPKA), 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.
- 6. Mr. Waqar Ahmad Bajwa S/O Shahid Pervez
  R/O Lukhan Kay Bangoor, Tehsil Pattoki, <u>Kasur</u>
  Cell#0300-0098887



# NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

## Complaint No. LESCO-LHR-29063-09-23

Mr. Waqar Ahmad Bajwa, ......Complainant R/O Lukhan Kay Bangoor, Tehsil Pattoki, <u>Kasur</u> Cell#0300-0098887

Versus

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

..... Respondent

Date of Hearing:

January 31, 2024

On behalf of:

Complainant:

Mr. Aftab Ahmad Bajwa

Respondent:

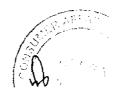
Mr. Mehmood Jamil, SDO, LESCO

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#### Decision

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Waqar Ahmad Bajwa (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 charged excessive bills as compared to actual meter reading at site. Accordingly, the matter was taken up with LESCO and a hearing was held on January 31, 2024 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 97959 kWh, Off-Peak & 13388 kWh, Peak reading index upto the month of January, 2024 whereas the actual meter reading as per snap taken on February 02, 2024 was 54022 kWh, Off-peak & 13388 kWh, peak which shows that the Complainant was charged 43937 kWh (Off-peak) units excessively.
- 3. Clause 6.1 of Consumer Service Manual (CSM) provides the mechanism for meter reading whereby Clause 6.2 envisages the procedure for percentage checking to ensure accuracy of meter reading. According to the sanctioned load (7.4 KW) 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



ding to concerned sub division, however, excessive billing was made during the process data entry. Sub Divisional Officer (SDO/AMO) and Meter Reading Section Supervisor/LS re-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 چیش نظر، نسیکو کو ہدایت کی جاتی ہے کہ وہ اسکلے بلنگ سائیکل تیک اصل میٹرریڈنگ تصویر کے مطابق شکایت کنندہ کے بل کی تھیج کرے اور اس کے مطابق FPA اور LPS کو بھی ایڈ جسٹ کرے۔ مزید بر آل، لاپروائی برشنے پر متعلقہ میٹرریڈنگ سیکٹن سپروائیزر / لائن سپر مثنڈنٹ اور ایس ڈی او کے خلاف لیسکو توانین کی روشن میں محکمانہ کاروئی کی جائے ۔۔ تعمیل کی رپورٹ پندرہ (15) دنوں کے اندر پیش کی جائے۔

(Lashkar Khan Qambrani)

Member (Consumer Complaints Tribunal)/
Director (CAD)

(Mogeem ul Hassan)

Member Consumer Complaints Tribunal
Assistant Legal Advisor (CAD)

(Naweed Illahi Shaikh)

Convener Consumer Complaints Tribunal

Director General (CAD)

Islamabad, March 20 , 2024