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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. MIRZA ISHFAQ BAIG S/O MIRZA MUSHTAQ BAIG UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO DETECTION BILL (REF# 09 11331 0825700 U)

Case No. LESCO-LHR-29468-10-23

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of NEPRA Complaints Resolution Committee (CRC), dated November 29, 2024 regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within fifteen (15) days, positively.

Encl: As above

(Aisha Kalsoom)
Assistant Director (CAD)

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- 1. Chief Engineer/Customer Services Director, LESCO, 22-A, Queen's Road <u>Lahore</u>.
- 2. Mr. Rana Rizwan Sibghat Ullah, Manager/Incharge Central Complaint Cell LESCO, (Focal Person, NEPRA) LESCO, 22-A, Queens Road, Lahore.
- 3. S.E 3rd Circle LESCO, Sukh Nahar, Wapda Road, Shalamar, <u>Lahore</u>.
- XEN Mcleod Road, Division, LESCO
 Near Emperial Cinema Mcleod Road, <u>Lahore</u>.
- 5. Mr. Mirza Ishfaq Baig S/O Mirza Mushtaq Baig R/O Riaz Ul Din Chowk, Nila Ghumbad, , Anarkali, <u>Lahore</u> Cell#0322-4694064



BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

Complaint No. LESCO-LHR-31075-11-23

Mr. Mirza Ashfaq Baig S/O Mirza Mushtaq Baig.	Complainant
R/O Riaz Ul Din Chowk, Nila Ghumbad, Anarkali, Lahore	
Cell#0322-4694064	
Versus	
Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)	Respondent

Date of Hearing:

22-A, Queens Road, Lahore.

January 31, 2024 February 22, 2024 July 18, 2024 July 25, 2024 August 08, 2024 October 22, 2024

On behalf of:

Mr. Asim Fahim

Complainant:

Respondent: Mr. Nazir Awan, Addl. SDO, LESCO

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DECISION

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Mirza Ashfaq Baig S/O Mirza Mushtaq Baig (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 his meter became defective (over-shoot) and LESCO charged him an excessive bill amounting to Rs. 300,219/- in September 2022, which is not as per his actual consumption. Furthermore, the connection of the Complainant has been disconnected due to non-payment of the bill. Accordingly, the matter was taken up with LESCO and various hearings were held on January 31, 2024, February 22, 2024, July 18, 2024, July 25, 2024, and August 08, 2024 at NEPRA Provincial Office, Lahore. During the hearing, LESCO officials were directed to install check meter in series with the impugned meter to check meter's accuracy and submit meter accuracy report. Subsequently, LESCO submitted meter's accuracy report by installing the check meter.
- 3. In order to finalize the matter, another hearing was held on October 22, 2024, at the NEPRA Provincial Office, Lahore, which was attended by representatives of both parties (i.e., LESCO and the Complainant), wherein the matter was discussed in detail. During the hearing, LESCO officials reported that the Complainant was charged with 5,423 units in September 2022 according to the meter's reading. However, the meter's accuracy was checked on NEPRA's directions by installing the check meter in series with the impugned meter. The impugned meter was found over-shoot, and the fastness could not be established due to the meter's erratic behavior.
- 4. After detailed analysis and scrutiny of the records provided by both parties and their arguments, it was observed that the meter was over-shoot in September 2022, and LESCO-LHR-29468-10-23 Page 2 of 3

the subsequent bill of 5,423 units, charged to the Complainant was not in accordance with his actual consumption. Therefore, the bill of 5,423 units charged to the Complainant in September 2022 by LESCO is unjustified and should be waived off by LESCO. Instead, the Complainant should be charged on an average basis for September 2022.

مندر جہ بالا حقائق سے ثابت ہوتا ہے کہ شکائت کنندہ کا میٹر ماہ ستمبر 2022 میں خراب(-over -5 shoot) ہو گیا تھا جس کے نتیجے میں ماہ ستمبر میں شکائت کنندہ کو چارج کیا گیا گلا 5423

یونٹس کا بل غیر حقیقی اور ناجائز ہے لہذہ لیسکو کو ہدانت کی جاتی ہے کہ : (الف) شکانت کنندہ کو ماہ ستمبر 2022 میں چارج کیا گیا 5423 یونٹس کا ناجانز بل ختم کیا جانے اور اس کے بجانے ماہ ستمبر 2022 کے لیے ایوریج چارج کی جانے ۔

شكانت كننده كما كنكشن في الفور بحال كيا جاني-

شکانت کنندہ کا کمکسن فی انفور بحال کیا جائے۔ درج بالا احکامات پر عمل کی رپورٹ بندرہ (15) یوم کیے اندر جمع کروانی جائے۔

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Member Complaints Resolution Committee/Assistant Director (CAD)

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

