

## National Electric Power Regulatory Authority ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF PAKISTAN

**Provincial Office of Consumer Affairs** 

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Chief Executive Officer Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) WAPDA House, Sakhi Chashma Shami Road Peshawar

Subject: COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MUMTAZ ALI UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION AND GENERATION, TRANSMISSION REGARDING DETECTION BILLING (A/C **AGAINST** ACT, 1997

NO. 12 26232 0732700 )

COMPLAINT # PESCO/PSH-30216/10/2023

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the NEPRA Complaint dated January 17, 2024, regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within due course of time.

Encl: As Above

Imtiaz Khan Deputy Director (Consumer Affairs)

## Copy to:

- Director General (CAD) 1. NEPRA Office Building, Attaturk Avenue (East), Sector G-5/1, Islamabad
- Chief Commercial Officer, PESCO, WAPDA House, Sakhi Chashma Shami Road, Peshawar
- Incharge Complaint Cell, PESCO 3. WAPDA House, Sakhi Chashma Shami Road, Peshawar
- Mr. Mumtaz Ali Armor Colony, Manki Road, Nowshera Khyber Pakhtunkwa Cell No.

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Note: In case of any complaint, the consumers are advised to approach their respective company in the first instance. In case of non-redressal of their grievances, the Consumers can file ONLINE complaint on NEPRA's website at http://nepra.org.pk/CAD-DatabaseCMS-CAD/home.php



## BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY

(NEPRA) Complaint No. PESCO-PSH-30216-10-2023

Mr. Mumtaz Ali Armour Colony, Manki Road, Nowshera, KPK ..... Complainant

Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) WAPDA House, Sakhi Chashma Shami Road, Peshawar. Respondent

Date of Hearing:

January 02, 2024

On behalf of:

Mr. Mumtaz Ali

Complainant: Respondent:

Mr. Zia Muhammad, LS-II, PESCO

Subject: DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MUMTAZ ALI UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST PESCO REGARDING

DETECTION BILLING (A/C# 12 26232 0732700)

## DECISION

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Mumtaz Ali (hereinafter referred to as "the Complainant") against Peshawar Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent" or "PESCO"), under Section 39 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the "NEPRA" Act").

The complainant through the above referred complaint submitted that PESCO has charged Detection bill amounting to Rs. 42,000/- against him in July 2023. The matter was taken up with PESCO for submission of parawise comments/report. Thereafter, in order to probe further into the matter, a hearing was held on January 02, 2024 at NEPRA Provincial Office, Peshawar which were attended by representatives of both the parties who advanced their arguments based on their earlier submissions. During the hearing it was revealed that a detection bill was charged by PESCO against the complainant in July 2023 on the bases of 03 KW load for Three months w.e.f. April 2023 to June 2023 on account of illegal abstraction of electricity. Clause 9.1 of CSM provides procedure of establishing illegal abstraction/theft of electricity and charging of detection bill thereafter. PESCO has failed to provide any evidence of illegal abstraction/theft and justify charging of high detection bill. However, billing history of the complainant revealed that less consumption was recorded during the impugned period (i.e. April 2023 to June 2023).

Foregoing in view, PESCO is directed to revise the detection bill charged to the complainant on the bases of O1 KW load for Three (O3) months providing a relief of O2KW by next billing cycle with adjustment of already paid units, LPS and FPA accordingly and

Compliance report be submitted within fifteen (15) days.

(Palwasha Hamid) Deputy Director (CAD)

Peshawar January 17, 2024

(Imtiaz Khan) Deputy Director(CAD)

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