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Mr. Ahsanullah S/o Gul Rehman, H. No. 89-A, Meraj-ul-Allum, <u>Bannu</u>. 0331-5763596

Subject: DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. AHSANULLAH, UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST PESCO REGARDING FIXED CHARGES (A/C# 30 26216 0053200). PESCO-NHQ-31233-11-23

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of NEPRA Complaints Resolution Committee dated October 02, 2024, regarding the subject matter for your information, please.

Encl: As above

(Muhammad Bilal)
Additional Director (CAD)

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- Chief Executive Officer, PESCO, WAPDA House, Sakhi Chashma Shami Road, Peshawar.
- Chief Commercial Officer, PESCO, WAPDA House, Sakhi Chashma Shami Road, Peshawar.
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BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

Complaint No. PESCO-NHO-31233-11-23

Mr. Ahsanullah S/O Gul Rehman
H. No. 89-A, Meraj-ul-Allum Bannu.
0331-5763596

..... Complainant

Versus

Peshawar Electric Supply Company (PESCO) WAPDA House, Shaml Road, Peshawar

... Respondent

Date of Hearing:

May 03, 2024

On behalf of:

Complainant:

Mr. Zubair Anjum, Owner Stefenie Pharmaceutical

Respondent:

Mr. Abdul Rauf Khan, Executive Engineer (PESCO)

Subject:

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(A/C # 30-26216-0053200.U) PESCO-NHQ-31233-11-23

DECISION

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Ihsan Ullah, CEO, Stefenie Pharmaceutical (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").

2. NEPRA has received a complaint wherein the Complainant has challenged the legitimacy of fixed charges imposed in electricity bills. Specifically, the complainant has petitioned for relief, seeking a declaration that the fixed charges levied by PESCO are excessive, unwarranted, and unjustifiable since the industrial unit is under construction and yet to be operationalized. The complainant requested that these charges be waived from the electricity bills, ensuring fairness and transparency in billing practices. In this regard, a hearing was held at NEPRA Head Office, Islamabad, which was attended by both the parties, wherein the issue was discussed in detail.

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- 3. As per the existing notified Terms & Conditions of tariff; "Fixed Charge" means the part of sale rate in a two-part tariff to be recovered on the basis of 'Billing Demand' in kilowatt on monthly basis. Billing Demand means the 50% of the sanction load or actual maximum demand recorded in a month, whichever is higher, except in the case of agriculture tariff D2 where "Billing Demand" shall mean the sanctioned load. In light of the notified tariff terms & conditions, fixed charges are to be charged based on 50% of sanctioned load or actual MDI in the month, whichever is higher.
- It is also pertinent to mention that in case of non-utilization of the sanctioned load by the consumers, distribution companies (DISCOs) still have to maintain the distribution network and preserve the power for any emergent or planned demand of the consumers. In view of the said, fixed charges have legitimately been imposed by PESCO in line with notified tariff terms and conditions.
- 5. The complaint is disposed of in the above terms.

6. اس سلسے ہیں، موجودہ نوٹیفائیڈ ٹیرف کی شرائط و ضوابط کے مطابق ''کھٹ چارج" سے مراد فروخت کی شرح کا وہ حصہ ہے جو دو حصول پر مشتل ٹیرف میں 'بلنگ ڈیمائڈ' کے تحت کلوواٹ کی بنیاد پر ہاہنہ وصول کیاجاتا ہے۔ 'بلنگ ڈیمائڈ' سے مراد منظور شدہ لوڈ (sanctioned load) کا 80% یا ہاہنہ ریکارڈ شدہ حقیق زیادہ سے زیادہ ڈیمائڈ (MDI) ہے، سوائے زر کی ٹیرف DD کے جہال 'بلنگ ڈمائڈ' سے مراد صرف منظور شدہ لوڈ ہو گا۔ نوٹیفائیڈ ٹیرف کی شرائط و ضوابط کے مطابق، کھٹ چارجز %50 منظور شدہ لوڈ یا ماہانہ حقیق MDl کی بنیاد پر، جو بھی زیادہ ہو، چارج کے جاتے ہیں۔ مزید برآس اگر صارفین منظور شدہ لوڈ کا استعمال نہیں کرتے تو بھی تقسیم کار کمپنیوں (DISCOs) کو صارفین کی کئی بھی ہنگائی یا منصوبہ بند ضرورت کے لیے اور بجل کی ترسیل کی یقین دہائی کیلئے تقسیم کانیٹ ورک برقرار رکھنا پڑتا ہے۔ نہ کورہ بالا کے پیش نظر، پیسکو کی جانب سے مقررہ چار جزنوٹیفائیڈ میرف کی شرائط و ضوابط کے مطابق عائد کے گئے ہیں، لہٰذا نہ کورہ شکایت کواس فیصلے کی بنیاد پر ختم کیا جاتا ہے۔

(Lashkar Khan Qambrani)

Member, Complaints Redressal Committee/
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(Moqeem-ul-Hassan)

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Islamabad, October 01, 2024.