



Before the Appellate Board
National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
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No. NEPRA/Appeal/010/2025/ 653

July 09, 2025

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S/o. Muhammad Nazir Cheema,
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Rajbah Lohianwala, Gujranwala
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Subject: **Appeal No.010/2025 (GEPCO vs. Tasawar Nazir Cheema) Against the Decision Dated 19.11.2024 of the Provincial Office of Inspection to Government of the Punjab Gujranwala Region, Gujranwala**

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 09.07.2025 (03 pages), regarding the subject matter, for information and necessary action, accordingly.

Encl: **As Above**


(Ikram Shakeel)
Deputy Director
Appellate Board

Forwarded for information please.

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Before The Appellate Board

In the matter of

Appeal No.010/POI-2025

Gujranwala Electric Power Company LimitedAppellant

Versus

Tasawar Nazir Cheema S/o. Muhammad Nazir Cheema,
R/o. Near Zamzam Flour Mills, Rajbah Lhianwala, GujranwalaRespondent

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 38(3) OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997

For the Appellant:

Rai Shahid Abbas Advocate
Mr. Muazzam Ali Addl. XEN

For the Respondent:

Mr. Muhammad Jalil Advocate

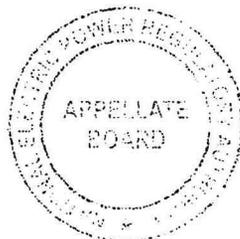
DECISION

1. As per the facts of the case, Tasawar Nazir Cheema (hereinafter referred to as the “Respondent”) is an industrial consumer of Gujranwala Electric Power Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the “Appellant”) bearing Ref No.30-12214-0370602-U having sanctioned load of 499 kW and the applicable tariff category is B-2(b). During M&T checking dated 08.04.2024 of the Appellant, the billing meter was found 33% slow due to one phase being dead, therefore, MF was raised from 160 to 240 w.e.f April 2024 and onwards till the replacement of the impugned meter. Meanwhile, a detection bill of Rs.6,743,054/- for 124,047 (OP=109723 + P=14324) units + 1180 kW MDI for the period from August 2023 to March 2024 (08 months) was charged to the Respondent @ 33% slowness of the meter.
2. Being aggrieved, the Respondent filed a complaint before the Provincial Office of Inspection, Gujranwala Region, Gujranwala (hereinafter referred to as the “POI”) and challenged the above detection bill and excessive MDI charged in April 2023. The complaint

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of the Respondent was disposed of by the POI vide decision dated 19.11.2024, wherein the detection bill of Rs.6,743,054/- for 124,047 (OP=109723 + P=14324) units + 1180 kW MDI for the period from August 2023 to March 2024 and 216 kW MDI charged in April 2023 were cancelled and the Appellant was directed to charge the revised detection bill for two months i.e. February 2024 and March 2024 to the Respondent @ 33% slowness of the meter, whereas the bills charged with enhanced MF=240 for the period from April 2024 to August 2024 were declared as justified and payable by the Respondent.

3. Being dissatisfied, the Appellant has filed the instant appeal before NEPRA and assailed the decision dated 19.11.2024 of the POI (hereinafter referred to as the "impugned decision"). In its appeal, the Appellant opposed the maintainability of the impugned decision, *inter-alia*, on the following grounds that the impugned decision is against the law and facts of the case; that the POI passed the impugned decision without perusing the record; that the POI did not exercise the jurisdiction vested to him; that the detection bill was charged after confirmation of 33% slowness of the impugned meter on 08.04.2024 and that the impugned decision is liable to be set aside.
4. Notice dated 16.01.2025 of the appeal was issued to the Respondent for filing reply/para-wise comment, which were filed on 29.01.2025. In the reply, the Respondent rebutted the version of the Appellant regarding charging the impugned detection bill, supported the impugned decision for cancellation of the same, and prayed for upholding the impugned decision.
5. Hearing of the appeal was conducted at NEPRA Regional Office Lahore on 26.04.2025, wherein learned counsels appeared for the Appellant and the Respondent. Learned counsel for the Appellant contended that one phase of the billing meter of the Respondent was found dead on 08.04.2024, therefore, the detection bill of Rs.6,743,054/- for 124,047 (OP=109723 + P=14324) units + 1180 kW MDI for the period from August 2023 to March 2024 was debited to the Respondent to account for 33% slowness of the meter. Learned counsel for the Appellant further contended that the POI did not consider the real aspects of the case and erroneously declared the above detection bill as null and void and revised the same for only two months. As per learned counsel for the Appellant, actual consumption could not be charged due to 33% slowness of the impugned meter, therefore the above detection bill was debited to the Respondent. Learned counsel for the Appellant prayed that the impugned decision is unjustified and liable to be struck down. On the contrary, learned counsel for the Respondent opposed the contention of the Appellant and argued that the above detection bill was charged



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in violation of Clause 4.3.3c(ii) of the CSM-2021. Learned counsel for the Respondent finally prayed for the dismissal of the appeal.

6. Having heard the arguments and record perused. Following are our observations:

6.1 Detection bill of Rs.6,743,054/- for 124,047 (OP=109723 + P=14324) units + 1180 kW MDI for the period from August 2023 to March 2024:

As per the available record, one phase of the billing meter of the Respondent was found defective during checking dated 08.04.2024, therefore, MF was raised from 160 to 240 w.e.f April 2024 and onwards. Thereafter, a detection bill of Rs.6,743,054/- for 124,047 (OP = 109723 + P=14324) units + 1180 kW MDI for the period from August 2023 to March 2024 was debited to the Respondent.

6.2 It is observed that the Appellant debited the impugned detection bill for eight (08) months, whereas Cause 4.3.3c(ii) of the CSM-2021 restricts the Appellant to debit the detection bill maximum for two months to the Respondent in case of slow meter. Even otherwise, the NEPRA Authority vide order dated 13.06.2024 retained the period of supplementary/detection bill for two billing cycles in case of the slowness of the metering equipment/defective CTs as mentioned in Clause 4.4(e) of CSM- 2010 (existing Clause 4.3.3 of CSM-2021).

6.3 In view of the ibid order of the Authority, the POI has rightly cancelled the detection bill of Rs.6,743,054/- for 124,047 (OP=109723 + P=14324) units + 1180 kW MDI for the period from August 2023 to March 2024 being contrary to the ibid clause of the CSM-2021 as well as in violation of the order dated 08.04.2024 of the Authority. The Respondent may be charged the detection bill for two months prior to the checking dated 08.04.2024 as per Clause 4.3.3c(ii) of the CSM-2021 and the bills with enhanced MF due to 33% slowness w.e.f checking dated 08.04.2024 and onwards till the replacement of the impugned meter, pursuant to Clause 4.3.3c(i) of the CSM-2021.

7. Impugned decision is modified in the above terms.

Abid Hussain
Member/Advisor (CAD)

Naweed Illahi Sheikh
Convener/DG (CAD)

Muhammad Irfan-ul-Haq
Member/ALA (Lic.)

Dated: 09-07-2025

