



Before the Appellate Board
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No. NEPRA/Appeal/079/2025/ 874

September 24, 2025

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R/o. Gujjan Singh Wala,
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Subject: **Appeal No.079/2025 (LESCO vs. Ayaz Hameed) Against the Decision Dated 28.02.205 of the Provincial Office of Inspection to Government of the Punjab Lahore Region-II, Lahore**

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 24.09.2025 (04 pages), regarding the subject matter, for information and necessary action, accordingly.

Encl: **As Above**

(Ikram Shakeel)
Deputy Director
Appellate Board

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Before the Appellate Board

In the matter of

Appeal No.079/POI-2025

Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited

.....Appellant

Versus

Ayaz Hameed, S/o. Abdul Hameed Tahir, R/o. Gujjan Singh Wala,
Tehsil Chunian, District Kasur

.....Respondent

APPEAL U/S 38(3) OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997

For the Appellant:

Mr. Abdul Rehman Khalil Advocate

For the Respondent:

Mr. M. Shahid Hameed Advocate

DECISION

1. Through this decision, the appeal filed by Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Appellant") against the decision dated 28.02.2025 of the Provincial Office of Inspection, Lahore Region-II, Lahore (hereinafter referred to as the "POI") is being disposed of.
2. Brief facts of the case are that Ayaz Hameed (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent") is a domestic consumer of the Appellant bearing Ref No.10-11739-0735802-U with a sanctioned load of 2 kW and the applicable Tariff category is A-1a. During Metering & Testing (M&T) checking dated 29.10.2024, the impugned meter was found tampered for dishonest abstraction of electricity. Notice dated 31.10.2024 was issued to the Respondent, and FIR No.1164/24 dated 01.11.2024 was registered against the Respondent due to theft of electricity. Thereafter, a detection bill of Rs.71,316/- for 1,035 units for three months for the period from August 2024 to October 2024 was charged to the Respondent on the basis of 20% load factor of connected load and added to the bill for November 2024.
3. Being dissatisfied, the Respondent filed a complaint before POI on 12.12.2024 and challenged the bill of Rs. 71,316/- for 1,035 units charged by the Appellant. The complaint

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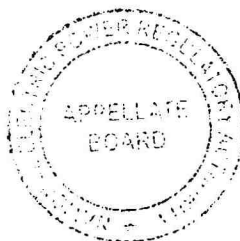
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of the Respondent was disposed of by the POI vide the decision dated 28.02.2025, wherein the detection bill of Rs.71,316/- for 1,035 units for the period from August 2024 to October 2024 added in the bill for the month of November 2024 was cancelled.

4. The Appellant filed instant appeal before the NEPRA against the afore-referred decision of the POI, which was registered as Appeal No. 079/POI-2024. In its appeal, the Appellant opposed the impugned decision *inter alia*, on the main grounds and contended that the impugned decision is against law and facts of the case; that the POI did not consider the documentary evidence regarding theft of electricity; that FIR was registered against the Respondent due to theft of electricity; that the impugned decision is result of misreading and non-reading of material produced by the Appellant; that the POI did not apply his conscious mind and that the impugned decision is liable to be set aside.
5. Upon the filing of the instant appeal, a notice dated 30.05.2025 was sent to the Respondent for filing reply/para-wise comments to the appeal within ten (10) days, which however, was not filed.
6. Hearing was conducted at NEPRA Regional Office Lahore on 13.06.2025, which was attended by both parties. During the hearing, learned counsel for the Appellant reiterated the same version as contained in memo of the appeal and contended that the billing meter of the Respondent was checked by the M&T team on 29.10.2024, wherein it was declared tampered, therefore, a detection bill of Rs.71,316/- against 1,035 units was debited to the Respondent. As per learned counsel for the Appellant, the POI neither checked the disputed meter nor perused the consumption data and cancelled the above detection bill. Learned counsel for the Appellant defended the charging of the impugned detection bill and prayed that the same be declared as justified and payable by the Respondent. On the other hand, learned counsel for the Respondent rebutted the version of the Appellant and argued that the entire proceedings were carried out unilaterally and on the same date, hence the Respondent cannot be held responsible for payment of any detection bill due to baseless allegations levelled by the Appellant. He supported the impugned decision and prayed for dismissal of the appeal being devoid of merit.
7. Arguments were heard and the record was perused. Following are our observations:
 - i **Detection bill of Rs.71,316/- against 1,035 units from August 2024 to October 2024:**
In the instant case, the Appellant claimed that M&T on 29.10.2024 detected that the impugned meter of the Respondent was intentionally tampered for dishonest abstraction of





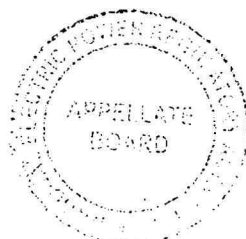
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electricity; therefore, FIR was registered against the Respondent. Thereafter, the Appellant debited a detection bill of Rs.71,316/- against 1,035 units to the Respondent, which was challenged by the Respondent before the POI.

- ii Having found the above discrepancies, the Appellant was required to follow the procedure stipulated in Clause 9.2.2 of the CSM-2021 to confirm the illegal abstraction of electricity by the Respondent and thereafter charge the Respondent accordingly. However, in the instant case, the Appellant has not followed the procedure as stipulated under the ibid clause of the CSM-2021. From the submissions of the Appellant, it appears that the billing meter of the Respondent was checked and removed by the Appellant in the absence of the Respondent.
- iii As per the judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan reported in *PLD 2012 SC 371*, the POI is the competent forum to check the metering equipment, wherein theft of electricity was committed through tampering with the meter and decide the fate of the disputed bill, accordingly. However, in the instant case, the Appellant did not produce the impugned meter before the POI for verification of the allegation regarding tampering.
- iv To further check the contention of the Appellant regarding charging the impugned detection bill, the consumption data is analyzed in the table below:

Month	Units	Month	Units
Aug-23	0	Aug-24	140
Sep-23	0	Sep-24	57
Oct-23	0	Oct-24	182
Nov-23	0	Nov-24	0
Dec-23	0	Dec-24	0
Jan-24	56	Jan-25	0
Feb-24	191	Feb-25	279
Mar-24	0	Mar-25	49
Apr-24	30	Apr-25	78
May-24	185	May-25	69
Jun-24	137	Jun-25	107
Jul-24	4	Jul-25	21

The above table shows that the normal average consumption charged during the disputed period is compatible with the normal average consumption charged during the period before and after the dispute. It is noticed that the detection bill was charged @ 438 units/month for the disputed period, which has never been recorded in the billing history of





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the Respondent. The Appellant did not even prove theft of electricity against the Respondent before the POI, as well as before this forum.

- v In view of the foregoing discussion, we are of the considered view that the detection bill of 3Rs.71,316/- for 1,035 units for the period from August 2024 to October 2024 charged by the Appellant to the Respondent in November 2024 is unjustified and the same is cancelled as already determined by the POI.

8. Forgoing in view, the appeal is dismissed.

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Member/Advisor (CAD)

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

Naweed Illahi Sheikh
Convener/DG (CAD)

Dated: 24-09-2025

