



Before the Appellate Board
National Electric Power Regulatory Authority
(NEPRA)
Islamic Republic of Pakistan

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No. NEPRA/Appeal/121/2018/894

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Subject: **Appeal No.121/2018 (LESCO vs. Muhammad Hanif Khan) Against the Decision Dated 10.04.2018 of the Provincial Office of Inspection to Government of the Punjab Lahore Region, Lahore**

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 01.10.2025 (03 pages), regarding the subject matter, for information and necessary action, accordingly.

Encl: **As Above**


(Ikram Shakeel)
Deputy Director
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Forwarded for information please.

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Before the Appellate Board

In the matter of

Appeal No. 121/POI-2018

Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited

.....Appellant

Versus

Muhammad Hanif Khan S/o. Abdul Ghafoor
House No.07, Street No.12, Korang Town, Islamabad

.....Respondent

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

For the Appellant:

Ch. Aamir Shahzad Advocate
Mr. Muhammad Raheel Court Clerk

For the Respondent:

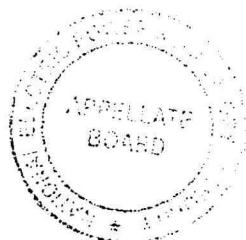
Mr. Muhammad Hanif Khan through Zoom

DECISION

1. Facts, in brief, are that Mr. Muhammad Hanif Khan (the "Respondent") is a domestic consumer of Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Appellant") bearing Ref No.06-11525-2099807 with a sanctioned load of 8 kW under the A-1(b) tariff category. Reportedly, the premises of the Respondent was checked by the M&T team of the Appellant on 17.09.2011 and the Respondent was found stealing electricity directly through the main cable. Therefore, a detection bill of Rs.404,228/- for 22,322 units was charged to the Respondent by the Appellant in October 2011.
2. Being aggrieved, the Respondent initially challenged the above detection bill before the Lahore High Court, Lahore, through W.P.No.29233/2011, which was dismissed by the honorable High Court vide order dated 12.03.2014. Subsequently, the connection of the Respondent was disconnected, and the disputed meter, along with 25 kVA transformer, was removed by the Appellant in September 2016 due to non-payment of the aforesaid detection bill. Later on, the Respondent filed an application before the Provincial Office of Inspection Lahore Region, Lahore (the "POI") on 11.10.2017 and challenged the arrears of Rs.483,654/- accumulated till

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September 2016, which was disposed of vide POI decision dated 10.04.2018. Against which the Appellant preferred subject appeal before the NEPRA under Section 38(3) of the NEPRA Act. NEPRA Appellate Board vide decision dated 30.05.2019 disposed of the appeal, the operative portion of which is reproduced below:

"Forgoing in consideration, we have reached the conclusion that:

- i. the detection bill of Rs.404,228/- for total 22,322 units (11,124 units for the period March 2011 to August 2011 debited on the basis of 12.76 kW connected load and 15,000 units for the period March 2011 to July 2011 charged @ 600 units per AC per month) is null and void.*
- ii. LESCO is allowed to charge net 6,099 units for the period from June 2011 to August 2011.*
- iii. LESCO is further directed to overhaul the billing account of the respondent in accordance with paras i & ii above. The appeal is disposed of in the above terms."*

3. Being dissatisfied with the afore-referred decision dated 30.05.2019 of the NEPRA, both parties filed cross writ petitions, i.e., W.P. Nos. 71821/2019 & 64277/2019 before the Lahore High Court, Lahore. The honorable Lahore High Court vide order dated 23.04.2025 set aside the decision dated 30.05.2019 of the NEPRA Appellate Board and remanded the matter to NEPRA for decision afresh after affording opportunity of hearing to both parties, the operative portion of which is reproduced below:

"3. In view of the above consensus, both these Writ Petitions are allowed to the extent that the impugned order dated 30.05.2019 is set aside. Consequently, the matter is remanded to respondent No.2, who will decide the petitioner's appeal afresh through a reasoned and speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the concerned parties and duly considering their respective submissions. The needful shall be done preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

4. At this stage, learned counsel for respondent No.1 (Muhammad Hanif Khan S/o Abdul Ghafoor) submits that respondent No.1 has shifted his residence from Lahore to Islamabad, and his current address is House No.7, Street No.12, Korung Town, Islamabad. Accordingly, respondent No.2 shall note the updated address for the purpose of service, so as to ensure that respondent No.1 is afforded a fair opportunity of hearing."

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4. In compliance with the aforesaid order of the honorable Lahore High Court, hearing of the subject appeal was conducted on 16.08.2025, wherein both parties tendered appearance. During the hearing, the Respondent submitted that all outstanding arrears have been cleared and he has sold out the premises; as such, he does not intend to pursue the case at any forum, whereas the counsel for the Appellant assured to submit the report with regard to the clearance of dues. Subsequently, the Respondent submitted an application dated 18.08.2025 along with supporting documents, i.e., NOC, proof of payments against the impugned detection bill, and the bill of May 2025. In his application, the Respondent stated that he has cleared all payments against the impugned bill; therefore, the case should be disposed of accordingly.
5. NEPRA vide letter dated 20.08.2025 directed the Appellant to furnish a report within ten (10) working days with regard to verification of documents, i.e., NOC, payment proofs, and the bill of May 2025 of the Respondent. Subsequently, the Appellant submitted a reply against the above-mentioned letter of NEPRA on 16.09.2025, wherein the Appellant submitted that the Respondent has paid all the outstanding arrears as confirmed by the concerned sub-division. The Appellant prayed for the disposal of the appeal on the ground that they have no objection if the Respondent does not press the impugned decision dated 10.04.2018 of the POI before any forum.
6. In view of what has been stated above, it is concluded that the Respondent has paid outstanding dues accumulated against the impugned connection and obtained NOC from the Revenue Officer LESCO, Defence East Division, Lahore. The Respondent stated that he does not intend to impugn the detection bill of Rs.404,228/- for 22,322 units before any forum, which was seconded by the Appellant in their reply.
7. The appeal is disposed of in the above terms.

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Convener/DG (CAD)

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

Dated: 01-10-2025

