



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

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No. NEPRA/Appeal/023/2021/ 474

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| 1. Abdul Khalid,<br>S/o. Abdul Majeed,<br>Prop: Bismillah Ice Factory,<br>Through Haroon Rasheed,<br>S/o. Rasheed-ur-Rehman (Present Owner),<br>Bahawalpur Chowk Road, Multan<br>Cell No. 0305-5669494 | 2. Chief Executive Officer,<br>MEPCO Ltd,<br>MEPCO Complex Khanewal Road,<br>Multan          |
| 3. Executive Engineer (Operation),<br>MEPCO Ltd,<br>Mumtazabad Division,<br>Multan                                                                                                                     | 4. Sub Divisional Officer (Operation),<br>MEPCO Ltd,<br>Ghalla Mandi Sub Division,<br>Multan |
| 5. POI/Electric Inspector,<br>Multan Region,<br>Energy Department, Govt. of Punjab,<br>249-G, Shah Rukan-e-Alam Colony,<br>Phase-II, Multan                                                            |                                                                                              |

Subject: **Decision of the Appellate Board Regarding Review Petition Filed by Abdul Khalid Against the Decision Dated 23.01.2024 of the Appellate Board in the Matter Titled "Abdul Khalid vs. MEPCO"**

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of the Appellate Board dated 23.05.2025 (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.

1. Director (IT) –for uploading the decision of the Appellate Board on the NEPRA website



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## Before The Appellate Board

In the matter of

**REVIEW PETITION FILED BY ABDUL KHALID UNDER THE NEPRA REVIEW  
(PROCEDURE) REGULATIONS, 2009 AGAINST THE DECISION DATED  
23.01.2024 OF NEPRA IN APPEAL NO.023/POI-2021**

Abdul Khalid S/o. Abdul Majeed, Prop: Bismillah Ice Factory,  
Through Haroon Rasheed, Bhawalpur Chowk Road, Multan

.....Petitioner

Versus

Multan Electric Power Company Limited

.....Respondent

For the Petitioner:

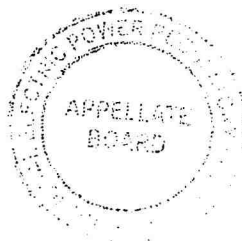
Mr. Haroon Rasheed

For the Respondent:

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## DECISION

1. Through this decision, the review petition filed by Haroon Rasheed against the decision dated 23.01.2024 of the National Electric Power Regulatory Authority (hereinafter referred to as the "NEPRA") in Appeal No.023/POI-2021 titled "MEPCO Vs. Abdul Khalid" is being disposed of.
2. As per the facts of the case, Abdul Khalid (the "Petitioner"), who is an industrial consumer (ice factory) of Multan Electric Power Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent") bearing Ref No.27-15125-2503600-R with sanctioned load of 140 kW and the applicable tariff category is B-2(b). The Petitioner filed a complaint before the Provincial Office of Inspection, Multan Region, Multan (the "POI") and challenged the detection bill of Rs.287,867/- against 13,200 units charged based on Audit Note No.09 dated 23.04.2019 and added to the bill for May 2019. The complaint of the Respondent was disposed of by the POI vide decision dated 14.02.2020, wherein the above detection bill and adjustment bill of Rs.83,002/- along with LPS were cancelled.
3. Being dissatisfied with the afore-referred decision of the POI, the Respondent filed appeal No.023/POI-2021 before NEPRA, which was subsequently disposed of vide the NEPRA



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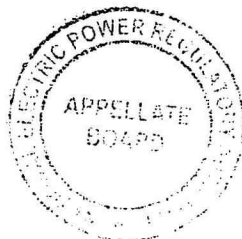


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Appellate Board decision dated 23.01.2024 (the “impugned decision”), the operative portion of which is reproduced below:

*“At the outset of the hearing, the Appellant declared that the matter of the disputed bill is amicably settled between the parties and the Respondent is ready to pay the outstanding arrears, as such, the Appellant does not intend to press this Appeal anymore. In support of his contention, the Appellant placed the written application regarding the amicable settlement of the disputed bill. The Respondent appearing in person seconded the statement of the Appellant regarding the amicable settlement of disputed arrears. In view of the above statement, the appeal is disposed of as withdrawn.”*

4. The Petitioner filed a review petition before the NEPRA on 23.02.2024, wherein the impugned decision has been opposed, *inter alia*, mainly on the main grounds; (1) the appeal filed before the NEPRA is time-barred; (2) an out of court settlement was reached on 09.05.2022, wherein the Respondent agreed to withdraw the bill of Rs.512,772/- as per the impugned decision, whereas the remaining arrears of Rs.1,725,786/- were payable by the Petitioner; (03) subsequently Deputy Manager Commercial vide letter dated 21.11.2023 declined the out of court settlement and directed concerned officials to pursue the case before the NEPRA; (4) the Respondent recovered the whole amount from the Petitioner with the threat of dire consequences; and (5) the impugned decision is liable to be upheld.
5. Hearing in the matter of the subject review petition was scheduled for 11.01.2025 at NEPRA Regional Office Lahore for which notices dated 03.01.2025 were issued to both parties (the Petitioner and Respondent). On the date of the hearing, the Petitioner was present, whereas no one tendered appearance for the Respondent. The Petitioner reiterated the same contentions as given in the memo of the review petition and stated that the Respondent withdrew their appeal with the contention that a settlement was reached between the parties, however, the Respondent did not implement the settlement deed and recovered the entire disputed amount from the Petitioner with the threat to disconnect the electricity of the premises. The Petitioner finally prayed that the POI decision be upheld and the appeal be dismissed, being time-barred.
6. Arguments were heard and the record was examined. Following are our observations:
  - 6.1 While addressing the preliminary objection of the Petitioner regarding the limitation, it is clarified that during the hearing dated 25.05.2023, learned counsel for the Respondent submitted that an out-of-court settlement is in progress and the Petitioner has paid two installments each for Rs.100,000/- per month against the disputed arrears of Rs.512,772/-



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which was seconded by the representative for the Petitioner. To finalize the settlement, another hearing was conducted on 09.01.2024, wherein both parties were in attendance. Learned counsel for the Respondent stated that an amicable settlement has been reached as such, the Respondent MEPCO does not intend to press the appeal. The representative for the Petitioner seconded the statement of the Respondent regarding amicable settlement, therefore, the subject appeal was disposed of as withdrawn. As per Regulation 3(2) of the NEPRA (Procedure for Filing Appeals) Regulations, 2012, no appeal shall be competent against any order or decision given with the consent of the parties or against any interim order.

6.2 In terms of Regulation 3 (2) of NEPRA (Review Procedure) Regulations, 2009, a motion seeking review of any order of the Authority is competent only upon discovery of a mistake or error apparent on the face of the record or a new and important matter of evidence. In the instant review motion, no mistake or error apparent on the face of the record has been highlighted by the Petitioner. Further, the Petitioner has not come up with any new and important matter of evidence which was not considered by the Appellate Board while making its decision dated 23.01.2024. Therefore, there is neither any occasion to amend the impugned decision nor any error inviting indulgence as admissible in law.

6.3 In view of the above, the instant review motion of the Petitioner is dismissed, being devoid of merits and the decision dated 23.01.2024 of the Appellate Board is upheld. However, the Respondent MEPCO is under obligation to overhaul the billing account of the Petitioner as per the amicable settlement reached between the parties.

Abid Hussain  
Member/Advisor (CAD)

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

Naweed Illahi Sheikh  
Convener/DG (CAD)

Dated: 23-05-2025

