



Before the Appellate Board
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Subject: **Appeal No.068/2025 (Kazim Ali Bangash) Against the Decision Dated 13.11.2024 of the Provincial Office of Inspection to Government of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Peshawar Region, Peshawar**

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

Encl: As Above


(Ikram Shakeel)
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Before the Appellate Board

In the matter of

Appeal No.068/POI-2025

Kazim Ali Bangash, Advocate, High Court,
District Courts, Kohat

.....Appellant

Versus

Peshawar Electric Supply Company Limited

.....Respondent

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

For the Appellant:

Mr. Kazim Ali Bangash

For the Respondent:

Mr. Noor Muhammad SDO

Mr. Muhammad Azhar Zahoor Court Representative

DECISION

1. Through this decision, the appeal filed by Mr. Kazim Ali Bangash (hereinafter referred to as the "Appellant") against the decision dated 13.11.2024 of the Provincial Office of Inspection, Peshawar Region, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (hereinafter referred to as the "POI") is being disposed of.
2. Brief facts of the case are that the Appellant is a domestic consumer of Peshawar Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent") bearing Ref No.18-26247-0197570 with a sanctioned load of 01 kW, and the applicable Tariff category is A-1(a). The premises of the Appellant was checked by the Respondent in August 2024, and allegedly, the Appellant was found stealing electricity through tampering with the meter (shunt installed inside the meter). Therefore, a detection bill of 1,314 units for three months, i.e., May 2024 to July 2024, was debited to the Appellant @ 20% load factor of connected load of 03 kW.
3. Being aggrieved with the above actions of the Respondent, the Appellant filed a complaint before the POI on 09.10.2024 and challenged the above detection bill. The complaint of the Appellant was dismissed, having no merit and the Respondent was directed to recover the above detection bill.

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Against which the Appellant filed instant appeal before the NEPRA. In his appeal, the Appellant contended that the meter has never been tampered as the same is installed outside the premises; however, the Respondent with malafide intention, prepared the reports against him. The Appellant further contended that the officials of the Respondent demanded huge amount for the installation of a new meter and correction of the impugned bill. As per the Appellant, a complaint was filed before the concerned forum; however, the same was turned down vide the impugned decision, which is illegal, against facts, law and material on record, hence it is not maintainable. According to the Appellant, the lower forum failed to appreciate the facts and circumstances of the case in true perspective, hence has come to a very wrong conclusion. The Appellant finally prayed for setting aside the impugned decision and for correction of the bill @ 100 units/month.

4. Upon the filing of the instant appeal, a notice dated 07.05.2025 was sent to the Respondent for filing reply/para-wise comments to the appeal within ten (10) days, which were filed on 19.06.2025. In his reply, the Respondent rebutted the version of the Appellant *inter alia*, on the main grounds that the Appellant is habitual defaulter for twenty three (23) months i.e. June 2023 to May 2025; that the Respondent has no personal grudge with the Appellant; that the allegations of the Appellant against the Respondent are baseless, against the cannon of justice; that the lower forum after correct perusal of record rendered the impugned decision; and that the appeal be dismissed with cost against the Appellant.
5. Hearing was conducted at the NEPRA Head Office, Islamabad on 25.08.2025, which was attended by both parties. The Appellant repeated the same contention as contained in memo of the appeal and argued that he is neither involved in illegal abstraction of electricity through tampering with the meter nor defaulted payments. The Appellant submitted that the meter is installed outside the premises and he cannot be held responsible for the defect/tampering in the meter as neither he is a technical person to manipulate the function of the meter nor does he have any knowledge in this regard. He denied the allegation of the Respondent concerning the use of a hook connection and averred that the Respondent disconnected his electricity and debited an irregular bill against his connection upon refusal for the bribe demanded by the Respondent's officials. He finally prayed that the impugned detection bill of 1,314 units be withdrawn and the Respondent be directed to issue the revised bill based on actual meter reading. On the contrary, the representatives of the Respondent rebutted the version of the Appellant and stated that the Appellant is habitual in stealing electricity through unfair means and has defaulted in making payment of bills for the last two years.





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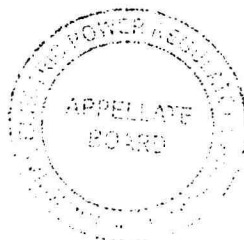
The representative for the Respondent submitted that the electricity of the premises was disconnected time and again; however, the same was restored illegally by the Appellant. He contended that the detection bills were charged to the Appellant to recover revenue loss sustained by the Respondent due to theft of electricity. In support of their contention, the Respondent submitted documents, i.e., checking reports, detection proforma, etc. The representative for the Respondent finally prayed for dismissal of the appeal, being devoid of merit.

6. Arguments were heard, and the record placed before us was examined. Following has been observed:

- i. The Respondent debited a detection bill of 1,314 units for May 2024 to July 2024 to the Appellant in October 2024 on account of theft of electricity as observed during checking in August 2024. The POI vide impugned decision declared the above detection bill as justified, against which the Appellant preferred the instant appeal.
- ii. It is observed that the Appellant was debited the above detection bill for three months on the basis of connected load; however, the already charged units were not adjusted in the said detection bill. To further verify the contention of the Respondent, the billing history of the Appellant is reproduced below:

Month	Units	Month	Units	Month	Units
Jan-23	251	Jan-24	709	Jan-25	165
Feb-23	256	Feb-24	567	Feb-25	185
Mar-23	275	Mar-24	765	Mar-25	97
Apr-23	0	Apr-24	0	Apr-25	197
May-23	594	May-24	450	May-25	249
Jun-23	577	Jun-24	0	Jun-25	187
Jul-23	852	Jul-24	297	Jul-25	
Aug-23	1007	Aug-24	160	Aug-25	
Sep-23	0	Sep-24	89	Sep-25	
Oct-23	0	Oct-24	62	Oct-25	
Nov-23	1068	Nov-24	38	Nov-25	
Dec-23	400	Dec-24	99	Dec-25	
Average	440	Average	270	Average	180

As evident from the above table, consumption of the Appellant during the disputed period is considerably less than the normal consumption of corresponding months of the previous year. Even the average consumption of the year 2024 is significantly declined as compared to the normal average consumption of the previous year. Perusal of the record further revealed that



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the Appellant was found involved in dishonest abstraction of electricity during subsequent checking dated 10.02.2025 and another detection bill of 1533 units for the period from October 2024 to December 2024 was debited to the Appellant, which is undisputed before us. This whole scenario indicates that the Appellant is involved in illegal abstraction of electricity and is responsible to pay the detection bill of 1,314 units for May 2024 to July 2024 debited by the Respondent.

7. Foregoing in view, the appeal is dismissed.

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Dated: 24-09-2025

