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Consumer Affairs Department

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Chief Executive Officer, Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO), Street No 40, G-7/4, <u>Islamabad</u>

Subject: <u>DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MUHAMMAD</u> UMAR AZIZ GONDAL UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST IESCO REGARDING EXCESSIVE BILLING (AC # 02 14127 0527000)

Complaint # IESCO-NHQ-50306-02-25

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of NEPRA Complaints Resolution Committee, dated October 23, 2025 regarding the subject matter for necessary action and compliance within thirty (30) days.

Encl: As above

Copy:-

1. C.E/Customer Services Director Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO) Street No 40, G-7/4, Islamabad.

2. Mr. Muhammad Umar Aziz Gondal, House No.249-C, Street No.23, F-11/2, Islamabad

(Muhammad Bilal) Addl. Director (CAD)





BEFORE THE NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

Complaint No. IESCO-NHQ-50306-02-25

Mr. Muhammad Umar Aziz Gondal, House No.249-C, Street No.23, F-11/2, Islamabad.

...... Complainant

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Islamabad Electric Supply Company (IESCO)

Respondent

Street No. 40, G-7/4, Islamabad.

Date(s) of Hearing:

May 26, 2025, June 25, 2025, September 17, 2025

Complainant:

Mr. Muhammad Umar Aziz Gondal

Mr. Hassan Shahzad Advocate

Respondent:

Mr. Abid Hussain Baloch SDO

SUBJECT:

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DECISION

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Muhammad Umar Aziz Gondal (hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant") against Islamabad Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "Respondent" or "IESCO") under Section 39 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the "NEPRA Act").

2. Brief facts of the case are that the Complainant is a domestic consumer of IESCO bearing Ref No.02-14127-0527000 U with a sanctioned load of 8 kW, and the applicable tariff category is A-1(b). The old billing meter bearing No.008883 of the Complainant became defective in September 2024; therefore, IESCO charged the average bills for September 2024 and October 2024 to the Complainant. Thereafter, IESCO replaced the defective meter of the Complainant with a new meter in November 2024 and sent to the M&T laboratory for data retrieval. In January 2025. IESCO charged a detection bill of 10,257 units to the Complainant based on the data retrieval report dated December 31, 2024. The second secon

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- Being aggrieved with the above actions of IESCO, the Complainant filed a complaint before NEPRA and challenged the above detection bill of 10,257 units charged in January 2025. In this regard, the hearings were held on May 26, 2025, June 25, 2025, and September 17, 2025, and the matter was discussed in detail.
- From the record, it is revealed that IESCO representatives could not justify the specific period for these pending units. To further verify the contention of IESCO, the consumption data of the Complainant is reproduced below:

Month/Year	Units(kWh)	Month/Year	Units(kWh)	Month/Year	Units(kWh)
-	-	Dec. 2024	243	Dec. 2023	311
-	-	Nov. 2024	136 (MCO)	Nov. 2023	296
-	-	Oct. 2024	604(AVG)	Oct. 2023	604
-	-	Sep.2024	909(AVG)	Sep.2023	909
-	-	Aug. 2024	635	Aug. 2023	357
July 2025	458	Jul. 2024	817	Jul. 2023	380
Jun. 2025	672	Jun. 2024	253	Jun. 2023	137
May 2025	442	May. 2024	24	May, 2023	25
April 2025	236	Apr. 2024	23	Apr. 2023	20
March 2025	278	March 2024	261	March 2023	150
Feb. 2025	328	Feb. 2024	359	Feb. 2023	368
Jan. 2025	399	Jan. 2024	322	Jan. 2023	359
Total/Avg.	3192/354	Total/Avg.	2694/336	Total/Avg.	3916/326 uni

Perusal of the above PITC record of the impugned connection transpires that the normal average consumption was recorded @ 326 units/month in the year 2023. The impugned meter further recorded @ 336 units/month from January 2024 to August 2024. Thereafter, the impugned meter became defective in September 2024 and IESCO charged the average bills for September 2024 and October 2024. Subsequently, the impugned meter of the Complainant was replaced with a new meter by IESCO in November 2024. The new meter recorded @ 354 units/month from November 2024 to July 2025. There is no significant difference found in the recorded billing history of the Complainant during the periods before and after the dispute.

- Forgoing in view, it is concluded that the detection bill of 10,257 units charged by IESCO in January 2025 is unjustified and the same is cancelled. However, IESCO may charge the revised bills for two billing cycles retrospectively before its checking and onwards till the replacement of the impugned meter in accordance with Clause 4.3.2(b) of the Consumer Service Manual 2021. The billing account of the Complainant be overhauled accordingly.
- A compliance report in this regard must be submitted within thirty (30) days. б.

(Engr. Ubed Ullah Memon)

(Muhammad Irfan ul Hag)

Member, Complaints Resolution Committee/ Member, Complaints Resolution Committee/ Assistant Legal Advisor (CAD)

Director (CAD)

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Convener, Complaints Resolution Committee/

Director General (CAD)

Date: October 3, 2025

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