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Chief Executive Officer,
Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO),
22-A, Queens Road, Lahore.

Subject: **DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MUHAMMAD SUFIYAN
UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION
AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO
REGARDING DETECTION BILL (REF#09 11624 0962001 U)
Case No. LESCO-LHR-60215-08-25**

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of NEPRA Complaints Resolution Committee (CRC), dated September 03, 2025 regarding the subject matter for necessary action, please.

Encl: As above


(Aisha Kalsoom)
Assistant Director (CAD)

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Lahore-Sargodha Road, Near Regal Cinema, Sheikhpura.
4. XEN Rural SKP, LESCO
Lahore-Sargodha Road,
Near Regal Cinema, Sheikhpura.
5. Mr. Muhammad Sufiyan S/O Muhammad Ramzan
R/O Suleman House, Ghang Road, Sheikhpura.
Cell#0333-4577167





**BEFORE THE
NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY
(NEPRA)**

Complaint No. LESCO-LHR-60215-08-25

Mr. Muhammad Sufiyan
Suleman House, Ghang Road, Sheikhupura.

..... **Complainant**

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Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)
22-A, Queens Road, Lahore.

..... **Respondent**

Date of Hearing:
September 02, 2025

Complainant: Mr. Muhammad Sufiyan

Respondent: Syed Absar Hussain, SDO (Operation), LESCO

SUBJECT: DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MUHAMMAD SUFIYAN UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO REGARDING DETECTION BILL (REF # 09-11624-0962001)

DECISION

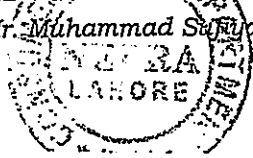
This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Muhammad Sufiyan (hereinafter referred to as the "Complainant") against Lahore Electric Supply Company Limited (hereinafter referred to as the "LESCO") under Section 39 of the Regulation of Generation, Transmission and Distribution of Electric Power Act, 1997 (hereinafter referred to as the "NEPRA Act").

2. NEPRA received complaint from Mr. Muhammad Sufiyan wherein the Complainant submitted that a detection bill was charged by LESCO during the month of August, 2025 as outstanding arrears amounting to Rs. 292,610/- having lapse of several months against its replaced meter. The matter was taken up with LESCO and hearings were held at NEPRA Provincial Office, Lahore during which LESCO officials submitted that the Complainant's meter became defective and was, later, replaced while the units retrieved through M&T, LESCO were, then, charged against the Complainant's account. Upon which, the Complainant raised its observations and challenged the delay in charging of belated adjustment.

3. The case has been examined at length in light of the record made so available by parties, arguments advanced during the hearings and the applicable law. Following has been observed:

- i. The Complainant's residential connection installed against a reference number i.e. 09-11624-0962001 located at Ghang Road, District Sheikhupura was charged a detection bill of (4519) units by LESCO during August, 2025 on account of the meter defectiveness. The issue raised by the Complainant was that the mala fide exorbitant detection bill has been charged by LESCO accruing a considerable delay.

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- ii. Perusal of the documentary evidence reveals that the Complainant was charged detection bill of (4519) units during the month of August, 2025 on account of the actual consumption of defective meter replaced during February, 2025. According to clause 4.3.2 (d) of Consumer Service Manual (CSM), consumer's account shall not be liable to any adjustment if the data is not retrieved within three months of display wash. However, as per the available record, the Complainant's meter was declared defective during July, 2024 and was replaced during February, 2025. Subsequently, detection bill based on the retrieved units was, later, charged during August, 2025 accruing considerable delay of approx. (14) months while standing in direct violation of CSM.
- iii. Hence, charging of detection bill on the basis of reading difference is not merited as per above mentioned clause of CSM which obligates LESCO to finalize adjustment as per retrieval report within (3) months of malfunction, however, actually levied by LESCO after delay of (14) months in the instant matter which requires withdrawal of the detection bill.
4. Foregoing in view, LESCO is directed to waive off aforementioned detection bill of 4519 units charged to the Complainant during August, 2025 and revised bill be issued to the Complainant within thirty (30) days. Further proceedings in the matter are being closed by this office.


(Ubaid Khan)

Member, Complaints Resolution
Committee/Assistant Director (CAD)


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Lahore, September 03, 2025

