

National Electric Power Regulatory Authority

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Consumer Affairs Department

POL.05 -2025 September 12, 2025

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

Subject: DECISION IN THE MATTER OF COMPLAINT FILED BY MR. MOHSIN ALI AFZAL UNDER SECTION 39 OF THE REGULATION OF GENERATION, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ELECTRIC POWER ACT, 1997 AGAINST LESCO REGARDING WRONG BILLING (REF#07 11272 0933812 U)

Case No. LESCO-LHR-56729-07-25

Please find enclosed herewith the decision of NEPRA Complaints Resolution Committee (CRC), dated September 2,22025 regarding the subject matter for necessary action, please.

Encl: As above

(Aisha Kalsoom)
Assistant Director (CAD)

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- C.E/Customer Services Director LESCO, 22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore</u>.
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 LESCO, 22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore</u>.
- S.E 2nd Circle LESCO,
 132kv Grid Station, Chandni Chowk, Town Ship, <u>Lahore</u>.
- XEN Johar Town Division, LESCO
 Chandni Chowk Near Cine Star Cinema, Township, <u>Lahore</u>
- Mr. Mohsin Ali Afzal
 R/O 20-C-PIA Housing Society, Johar Town, <u>Lahore</u> Cell#0300-8100588





BEFORE THE

NATIONAL ELECTRIC POWER REGULATORY AUTHORITY (NEPRA)

Complaint No. LESCO-LHR-56729-07-25

Mr. Mohsin Ali Afzal 20-C-PIA Housing Society, Johar Town,	************	Complainant
Lahore.		
VERSUS		•
Lahore Electric Supply Company (LESCO)		Respondent
22-A, Queens Road, <u>Lahore.</u>		

Date of Hearing:

July 31, 2025

August 12, 2025 September 11, 2025

Complainant:

Mr. Mohsin Ali Afzal

Respondent:

Mr. Irfan Ali, SDO (Operation), LESCO

Mr. Ahmad Raza Bajwa, SDO (Operation), LESCO

Mr. Sarmad, Revenue Officer, LESCO

SUBJECT:

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0933812)

DECISION

This decision shall dispose of the complaint filed by Mr. Mohsin Ali Afzal (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 a complaint from Mr. Mohsin Ali Afzal wherein the Complainant submitted that a detection bill was charged by LESCO during the month of June, 2025 as outstanding arrears amounting to Rs. 343,057/- and requested to investigate the matter. The matter was taken up with LESCO and a hearing was 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 formsection installed against a reference number i.e. 07-11272-0933812 was charged sedetection bill of (4817) units by LESCO during the month of June, 2025 on account to the meter defectiveness. The issue raised by

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- the Complainant was that the mala fide exorbitant detection bill has been charged by LESCO accruing a considerable delay.
- ii. Perusal of the documentary evidence reveals that the Complainant was charged detection bill of (4817) units during June, 2025 on account of actual consumption of defective meter replaced during October, 2024. According to the 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 available record, the Complainant's meter was declared defective during July, 2024 and was replaced subsequently during the month of October, 2024. The detection bill based on the retrieved units was, later, charged during June, 2025 accruing the considerable delay of approximately (11) 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 (11) months in instant matter which requires withdrawal of the detection bill.
- 4. Foregoing in view, LESCO is directed to waive off aforementioned detection bill of 4817 units charged to the Complainant during June, 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)

Lahore, September 12, 2025

(Aisha Kalsoom)

Member, Complaints Resolution Committee / Assistant Director (CAD)

