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## IN THE MATTER OF GRIEVANCE NO. K/E/483/569 OF 2011-2012 OF M/S. KUNAL R. JANANI, VASAI (EAST) REGISTERED WITH CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM KALYAN ZONE, KALYAN ABOUT EXCESSIVE BILLING.

| M/s. Kunal R. Janani,                      |   | (Here-in-after |
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| Gala No. 12,                               | 5 | referred       |
| Dalvi Industrial Estate,                   |   | as Consumer)   |
| Sativali Road, Waliv,                      |   |                |
| Vasai (East), Dist. : Thane – 401 208      |   |                |
| Versus                                     |   |                |
| Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution | ) | (Here-in-after |
| Company Limited through its                |   | referred       |
| Dy. Executive Engineer                     | > | as licensee)   |

Vasai Road (East) Sub-Dn.

Vasai, Dist. Thane.

 Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum has been established under "Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Ombudsman) Regulation 2006" to redress the grievances of consumers. This regulation has been made by the Grievance No. K/E/483/569 of 2011-2012

Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission vide powers conferred on it by Section 181 read with sub-section 5 to 7 of section 42 of the Electricity Act, 2003. (36 of 2003).

2) The consumer is a L.T. consumer of the licensee with C. D. 40 HP. The Consumer is billed as per Industrial tariff. Consumer registered grievance with the Forum on 29/01/2011 for Excessive Energy Bills. The details are as follows: -

Name of the consumer :- M/s. Kunal R. Janani

Address: - As given in the title

Consumer No : - 1)002170787865 - 40 HP

Reason of dispute : Excessive Energy Bills.

- 3) The batch of papers containing above grievance was sent by Forum vide letter No EE/CGRF/Kalyan/069 dated 29/01/2011 to Nodal Officer of licensee. The licensee filed reply vide letter No. DYEE/VSI/B/1124, dated 18/02/2011.
- 4) The forum heard both the parties on 21/02/2011 @ 16.30 Hrs. in the meeting hall of the Forum's office. Shri Harshad Sheth, Shri Vinit Sheth representatives of the consumer & Shri Purohit Nodal Officer, Shri M. S. Patil, Asstt. Acctt., and Shri J. P. Keni Sub-Engineer, representatives of the licensee attended hearing. Minutes of the hearing including the submissions made by the parties are recorded and the same are kept in the record. Submissions made by each party in respect of each grievance shall be referred while deciding each of the grievances to avoid repetition.
- 5) The consumer has taken electricity connection from the Distribution Licensee (DL) to the industry situated at Dalvi Ind. Estate, Sativali Road, Waliv, Vasai (East) in the year 2006. It is averred while extending load licensee collected Security Deposit of Rs. 12,000/- & ASD Rs. 7,200/- but

does not appear in the computer due to change over to Oracle System. It is contended on verifying F-1 register or any other evidence as per the directions of Hon. MERC licensee needs to refund the same and that consumer claimed the amount vide chart enclosed with interest but not refunded. Consumer by letter dt. 30/11/10 claimed the amounts as above but the licensee did not respond. Consumer moved the I.G.R. Cell but in vain, hence the instant grievance application to direct the licensee to refund the amount of SD & ASD vide chart enclosed with interest.

- Licensee filed reply dt. 18/02/11 contending that the amount of interest will be refunded in the ensuing bill.
- 7) So far refund of SD & ASD in the event of zero display, according to the learned representative for the consumer verifying the F-1 register and Firm Quotation, amount is to be refunded as per the directions of Hon. MERC in case No. 93 of 2008. This Forum in many cases including case No. 396 of 2010 filed by representative Shri Harshad Sheth, referring the order of Hon. MERC as above clearly pointed out on payment of SD/ASD. In this context the licensee is directed verifying F-1 register, F.Q. or any other evidence in the light of the directions given by Hon. MERC to refund if not paid earlier, with R.B.I. rate of interest. Consequently grievance application will have to be allowed.
  - 8) Since large number of cases filed by the consumers from Vasai Circle this Forum was busy with those cases therefore delay is caused in deciding this case. Hence the order :

## <u> O-R-D-E-R</u>

1) The grievance application is allowed.

- 2) Licensee is directed to refund the amount of SD & ASD with R.B.I. rate of interest to the consumer as per the directions given by Hon. MERC in case No. 93 of 08 dated 01/09/2010 within 45 days and compliance should be reported to the forum within 60 days from the date of receipt of this decision.
- 3) The Consumer can file representation against this decision with the Hon. Electricity Ombudsman within 60 days from the date of this order at the following address.

"Office of the Electricity Ombudsman, Maharastra Electricity Regulatory Commission, 606/608, Keshav Bldg, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai 51".

4) Consumer, as per section 142 of the Electricity Act, 003, can approach Hon. Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission for non-compliance, part compliance or delay in compliance of this decision issued under "Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Ombudsman) Regulation 2003" at the following address:-

"Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission,13th floor, World Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Colaba, Mumbai 05"

Date : 26/04/2011

(Mrs. S.A. Jamdar) Member CGRF Kalyan (R.V.Shivdas) Member Secretary CGRF Kalyan (S.N. Saundankar) Chairperson CGRF Kalyan