Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.'s
Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum
Nagpur Urban Zone, Nagpur

Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/113/2013

Applicant : Shri Tukaram Bisan Bawangade,
Cricket Ground, near Library,
Bezanbagh,
Nagpur.

Non–applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Superintending Engineer,
(Distribution Franchisee),
MSEDCL,
NAGPUR.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri. Shivajirao S. Patil
Chairman,

2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar,
Member,

3) Shri B.A. Wasnik,
Member Secretary.

ORDER PASSED ON 12.8.2013.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 1.7.2013 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as Regulations).

2. The applicants' case in brief is that his bill of previous meter was excessive and therefore he filed case No. 45/13 before

this Forum and said previous meter was tested in the laboratory of M.S.E.D.C.L. In place of old meter, another meter is installed but bill of this new meter is again excessive than previous meter. Bill of previous meter was Rs. 700/800 per month. Now he is receiving the bill of Rs. 1500/- per month. Therefore bill may be revised.

3. Non applicant M/s. SPANCO filed reply Dt. 16.7.2013 and denied applicant's case. It is submitted that one Ujjawal Bawangade filed present grievance application but name of consumer is Tukaram K. Bawangade. Consumer Tukaram K. Bawangade did not authorize applicant Shri Ujjawal Bawangade to file this case and therefore applicant is not the consumer within the meaning of Section 2 (15) of Electricity Act 2003 and application deserves to be dismissed. Previously meter No. 65/03008585 was replaced in May 2013 and another new meter No. 65/G 1068297 is installed. In the month of May 2013 actual reading 14 + reading of previous meter 130 = 144 units including arrears of Rs. 4462.71 = Rs. 5526.88 was issued. Applicant did not pay the bills since September 2012. Application deserves to be dismissed.

4. Forum heard arguments of both the sides and perused the record.

5. It is a matter of record that previously applicant filed Case No. 45/13 before this Forum on the ground that his meter No. 65/03008585 is fast & it be tested in the laboratory of M.S.E.D.C.L.

Therefore as per order Dt. 12.4.2013 in above referred case that meter was tested in the laboratory of M.S.E.D.C.L. and as per report of Dy. Executive Engineer (T) Division, NUZ, MSEDCL, Nagpur that meter was found O.K. and therefore this Forum had dismissed Case No. 45/13 as per speaking order Dt. 22.5.2013.

6. Immediately on 1.7.2013 again the applicant filed present case on the ground that Meter No. 65/03008585 is replaced and another new meter No. 65/G 1068297 is installed but this meter is also fast. In fact, it is a new brand tested meter installed at the premises of the applicant. It appears that bills for the month of May 2013 and June 2013 are perfectly correct. These bills are not excessive. Applicant is not paying the arrears since September 2012 and paying the bill by installments. Record shows that bill of May 2013 is paid by installment after obtaining the orders of concerned authority. As the arrears are not paid therefore it is but natural that bill automatically increases due to unpaid arrears. Bill for May 2013 is for 144 units and bill of June 2013 is for 240 units. Considering the record, in our opinion these bills are absolutely not excessive. On the contrary, it is the habit of the applicant to file application for revision of bill every time after replacement of meter. We find no force in present grievance application and application deserves to be dismissed.

7. Order passed by Learned I.G.R.C. is perfectly correct, legal and valid and there is no need to interfere in the same.

Grievance application deserves to be dismissed. Hence we proceed to pass following order : -

ORDER

1) Grievance application is dismissed.

Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
(Shri B.A. Wasnik)	**(Adv.Subhash Jichkar)**	**(ShriShivajirao S.Patil)**
MEMBER SECRETARY	MEMBER	CHAIRMAN