

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

Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/82/2014

Applicant : Haji Mohd. Aslam s/o Haji Fajul,
Rahim Raeen, Thr:- Mohd. Adil,
Plot No. N-32,
Suryanagar, Opp. NIT Garden,
Kalamna Market Road,
Nagpur.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Executive Engineer, O&M Dn. I,
MSEDCL,
NAGPUR.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Vishnu S. Bute,
Chairman.

2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar
Member.

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

ORDER PASSED ON 28.4.2014.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 29.3.2014 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 applicant's case in brief is that applicant's father had a three phase connection for godown at Kapsi Khurd and was paying electricity bills regularly. However, the meter stopped working on

21.5.2012 which was intimated to Jr. Engineer, Mahalgaon D.C. Meter was not replaced by the non applicant. Hence new application was made on 3.11.2012 in which the date of original application i.e. 21.5.2012 was mentioned. The meter was replaced in the end of December 2012. After replacement of meter wrong bills were issued by the non applicant. Suddenly bill for Rs. 76772/- was sent by the non applicant. Hence applicant filed present grievance application for revision of bill and requested to take necessary action against the defaulters.

3. Non applicant denied applicant's case by filing reply dated 21.4.2014. It is submitted that applicant had three phase commercial connection since 31.5.1998 for sanctioned load of 2 kW. The meter was found faulty as per complaint raised by applicant on 20th May 2012 to Jr. Engineer, Mahalgaon. Due to non availability of meter the faulty meter replaced on 21.12.2012. While replacement of three phase meter it has been observed by the then Jr. Engineer that the consumer was utilizing three phase connection for saw mill of 19 HP illegally. Accordingly, assessment done for five months (i.e. 20.5.2012 to 21.12.2012). The consumer has raised the objection for the assessment. To solve the consumer objection, committee has been formed under chairmanship of Shri A.P. Fadnavis, Executive Engineer O&M Dn. I Nagpur. Accordingly, the committee decided the assessment considering the connected load, actual used period. Consumer has shown willingness on Committee's decision. Hence bill for Rs. 43,430/- was issued to the consumer. However, consumer did not pay the bill. Hence due to nonpayment of bill the connection was made P.D. in the month of December. Hence Grievance application may be dismissed.

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

5. Forum has observed that display of the meter failed on 21.5.2012 on Dt. 29.5.2012 the consumer applied for replacement of meter. Meter could not be replaced by the non applicant due to non availability of meter. Subsequently the meter was replaced on 21.12.2012. Even though the meter stopped showing display, the supply was intact. Average bill was issued from January 2013 to November 2013. The Forum has also observed that there was unauthorized use of energy on this connection of 19 HP for Industrial Purpose. Forum also observed that the Assessment document made by the committee formed in consultation with the applicant, has been duly and truly signed by the representative of the applicant, showing his willingness to pay the amount of assessment. Hence there is no need of any further relief being granted to the applicant.

7. For these reasons, Forum proceeds to pass following order: -

ORDER

- 1) Grievance application is dismissed.

Sd/-
(B.A. Wasnik)
MEMBER
SECRETARY

Sd/-
(Adv. Subhash Jichkar)
MEMBER

Sd/-
(Vishnu S. Bute),
CHAIRMAN