

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/70/2017

Applicant : M/s Prakash publicity,
Prop. Smt.Harsha Devidas Virwani,
Gandhi Gate, Mahal,
Nagpur- 440032.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Superintending Engineer
(D/F), NUC, MSEDCL,
Nagpur.

Applicant: Shri. Devidas K.Virwani, Applicant's representative.

Non Applicant: - 1) Shri. N. C. Vairagade. E.E. Nodal Office, MSEDCL,
Nagpur
2) Shri. Dahasahastra, SNDL Nagpur.
3) Smt. Manchalwar, LDC, Nodal Office, SNDL, Nagpur

Quorum Present : 1) Mrs. V.N.Parihar,
Member, Secretary
& I/C.Chairman.
2) Shri N.V.Bansod,
Member

ORDER PASSED ON 21.08.2017.

1. An applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 27.06.2017 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redresses Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as said Regulations).
2. Non applicant, denied applicant's case by filing reply dated 21.07.2017.

3. Forum heard arguments of both the sides on dt.21.07.2017 & 11.08.2017 and perused record.

4. The brief history of the case is, an applicant M/s. Prakash Publicity (Prop. Smt. Harsha D. Virwani) has submitted grievance that she has applied for getting a new electric connection for advertising purpose vide application No.3542826859. But, her application is rejected by the NSC-In charge of SNDL due to old PD dues of Rs.4850/- & Rs.8800/-, towards two separate connections bearing no.1) 410016152637 & 2) 4100123454276 of the same applicant but at different premises. The applicant does not agree to pay these dues and requested for release of new electric connection.

5. Non-applicant submitted their written reply. In the reply, they contended that as per old record of MSEDCL, the two electric connections were given to the applicant with consumer no.410013454276 on dt.23/01/1998 & 2nd connection with consumer no.410016152637 on dt.16/02/2005. Both the connections are permanently disconnected in Dec-2004 and Jun-2006 respectively for outstanding dues of Rs.8800/- & Rs.4850/- respectively.

6. They further contended that, now the applicant is demanding new electric connection for the same purpose but at the different location. It is pertinent to note that, both the P.D connections and the new connection sought are for the same purpose of advertising but at different location. Although, it is also true that the location of advertising keep on changing, it does not mean that the applicant is not responsible to pay the dues of the old PD connection only because the location is different than the applied one. Possibility of deliberately changing the location of

advertising to avoid to payment of dues of the old connection cannot be ruled out. Therefore, the applicant's connection cannot be given unless old dues of his previous two P.D. electric connections are cleared. Hence, prayed to the forum to dismiss the grievance application.

7. Failing to get relief from non-applicant, applicant filed grievance with IGRC and sought relief.

8. IGRC rejected the grievance application passed the order dt.05.05.2017, stating that the action of the NSC-In charge to reject the application of new electric connection of the applicant for want of payment of the old PD dues is quite correct and needs no alteration.

9. Aggrieved by IGRC's order applicant filed grievance with the forum.

10. During the hearing applicant reiterated the same argument as per her written Statement.

11. During the course of argument, Nodal Officer of MSEDCL informed the applicant's representative about revised amount of outstanding dues towards connection no. 410016152637 & 2) 4100123454276 as Rs.3555/- and Rs.3675/-.The applicant's representative was satisfied with the revision and hence was willing to deposits the same.Non-applicant agreed to issue NOC to them on payment of the outstanding amount. On submission of the said NOC, SNDL agreed to give connection to the applicant.

12. Hence, applicant's representative filed the pursis on record .In this pursis applicant representative specifically mentioned that, since SNDL agreed to release the new connection on submission of NOC for No due against him, He is ready to

deposit outstanding dues towards old connections bearing no. 410016152637 & 2) 4100123454276 as Rs.3555/- and Rs.3675/-resp.Therefore he is withdrawing the case. This pursis is duly signed by applicant's representative as well as Non-applicant before the forum. Considering the pursis of the applicant's representative, we hold that applicant has no complaint against non-applicant and therefore the grievance of the applicant is fully redressed and liable to be disposed off.

13. Hence we proceed to pass the following order.

ORDER

1. Grievance of the applicant is redressed therefore disposed off.
2. SNDL shall release connection to the applicant on completing necessary formalities and submission of the documents by the applicant.

Sd/-
(Shri.**N.V.Bansod**)
MEMBER

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(**Mrs.V.N.Parihar**),
MEMBER/SECRETARY/& I/C. CHAIRMAN