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(BY R.P.A.D.)
In the matter of

Refund of AEC (AEC-1 to AEC-4) and Additional FAC

Date of Submission of the case :30/01/2017 Date of Decision :14/03/2017

To.

M/s. CEAT Limited 82, M.I.D.C. Industrial Area, Satpur Nashik 422007. (Consumer No. 049069002284)

Complainant

1. Nodal Officer,

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Com. Ltd., Urban Circle office, Shingada Talav, Nashik

Distribution Company

2. Executive Engineer (U-1)

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Com. Ltd.

Kharbanda Park Nashik.

DECISION

M/s. CEAT Limited , (hereafter referred as the Complainant). Satpur Nashik is the HT consumer of the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. (hereafter referred as the Respondent). The Complainant has submitted grievance against MSEDCL for excess collected AEC (AEC-1 to AEC-4) and Additional FAC due to premature billing . The Complainant filed a complaint regarding this with the Internal Grievance Redressal Committee of the Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company Ltd. But not satisfied with the decision of the Respondent , the consumer has submitted a representation to the Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum in Schedule "A". The representation is registered at Serial No.19 of 2017 on 30 /01/2017.

The Forum in its meeting on 31/01/2017, decided to admit this case for hearing on 21/02/2017 (later changed to 22/02/2017 because of holiday for Municipal elections) at 11.30 am in the office of the forum . A notice dated 31/01/2017 to that effect was sent to the appellant and the concerned officers of the Distribution Company. A copy of the grievance was also forwarded with this notice to the Nodal Officer, MSEDCL, Urban I Circle Office Nashik for submitting para-wise comments to the Forum on the grievance within 15 days under intimation to the consumer.

Shir. R.S. Bhagat, Nodal Officer/Ex. Engr. represented the Distribution Company during the hearing. Shri. B.R. Mantri appeared on behalf of the consumer.

Consumers Representation in brief:

- 1. The Grievance is for billing dispute, wrong interpretation and implementation of the directions of the Commission issued in its order in case no.95 of 2013 dated 05/09/2013; 44 of 2013 dated 04/09/2013; 28 of 2013 dated 03/09/2013 and finally order in case no.95 of 2013 and M.A. 187 of 2014 dated 26/06/2015 in the matter of wrongful premature billing.
- 2. The Grievance is limited to wrongful premature billing and as per Commission's order dated 26/06/2015 and not for recovery calculation or its recovery mechanism approved by Commission.
- 3. MSEDCL has not said anything about the final/ fresh order of MERC dated 26/06/2015 which clearly given order to refund the amount which has collected on wrongful premature billing. MSEDCL submission of earlier orders which was based on main order dated 05/09/2013, has already set aside by ATE and remanded back to Commission for to decide the matter in transparent manner and for passing the final order. Once the main order of MERC has set aside by ATE (higher authority), then all subsequent orders with reference to main orders, automatically set aside.
- **4.** The Commission has approved the levy of AEC 1 +AEC 2 from the month of Sept.2013, AEC 3 + AEC 4 from the month of Oct.2013 and Addl. FAC from Sept.2013 by order issued in the month of Sept.2013. But MSEDCL has interpreted the order and started to levy from the month of Aug.2013.
- 5. Commission has instructed vide order dated 26/06/2015 to refund amount erroneously charged to remaining consumers during August, 2013, as MSEDCL has submitted to Commission that "it had rectified the error in levy of AEC, and refunded the amount Rs.2461.22 Lakh in the billing month of Feb.2014 erroneously charged to 1198 consumers during August, 2013. Also in this order Commission has clarified that "(18) under-recovery of the cost by MSEDCL will be dealt with in its MYT Petition in Case No.121 of 2014."

6. Regarding AEC -1 and AEC-2 charges: (Case No.95 of 2013 dated 05/09/2013)

- The Commission issued suo-moto Order in Case No. 95 of 2013 on 5 September, 2013 and allowed MSEDCL to recover accumulated under recovery of Rs. 2037.78 crore occurred till the month of August, 2013 for the period of 6 months with effect from September, 2013 till the month of February, 2014 as Additional Energy Charge (AEC-1).
- The Commission further allowed MSEDCL to recover monthly fix expenses of Rs. 235.39 crore from its Consumers starting from the month of September, 2013 till the further Tariff determination for MSEDCL as Additional Energy Charge (AEC-2). (Above Commission Ruling on Page No.5 of 6 Para 22 (a)& (b)

7. Regarding AEC-3 and AEC-4 charges: (Case No.28 of 2013 dated 03/09/2013)

- The Commission issued the Order in Case No. 28 of 2013 on 3 September, 2013 and allowed MSPGCL to recover the amount of Rs. 628.9 crore. (Including carrying cost) from the MSEDCL in six equal monthly installments starting from October, 2013. The Commission further allowed the Respondent MSEDCL to recover the variation in fixed cost component of the Consumers. The Commission further said that the variation in the cost of generation is to be passed through FAC mechanism as additional energy charge (AEC-3).
- The Commission in its Order dated 4 September, 2013 allowed fix charges of Rs. 596.12 crore, to be paid by Respondent MSEDCL to MSPGCL for FY 2012-13 in six equal monthly installments from October, 2013 onwards as additional energy charge (AEC-4). (Above Commission Ruling on Page No. 48-49 of 50 Summery of Findings (v) & (x))

8. Regarding Addl. FAC charges: (Case no.44 of 2013 dated 04/09/2013)

 The Commission vide its order in case no.44 of 2013 dated 04/09/2013, observed that MSPPGCL has capitalised the amount of fuel cost less revenue, on account of infirm generation of power. However, as fuel cost is a revenue expense, whether incurred during infirm generation or firm generation, the same needs to be recovered directly for the power supplied during the period instead of capitalising it as a part of Capital Cost. Accordingly, MERC has allowed MSPGCL to recover the under recovered fuel cost, i.e. Rs. 28.05 Crore for infirm power supplied to MSEDCL in three monthly instalments after issue of this order and MSEDCL can recover this cost through FAC mechanism. (Above Commission Ruling on page No.110 of 114 Summery of Findings (iv))

9. MERC order dated 26/06/2015 in Case No.95 of 2013 and M.A. no.187 of 2014:

Shri Sanjay Gupta, Ashok Hotel, Nagpur submitted objection that MSEDCL had levied AEC-1, AEC-2, AEC-3, AEC-4 between August to November, 2013. These charges were to be collected from September, 2013 onwards in six monthly installments, but MSEDCL collected them in August as well, which is illegal. The Commission should direct MSEDCL to refund the excess amount to consumers along with interest. As regards for above objection, Commission has given the guidelines in para 13.25 as below:

"In these Petitions, it was submitted that, on the basis of the Order in Case No. 95 of 2013, MSEDCL should have started levying AEC only from the month of September, 2013. However, MSEDCL started recovery from August, 2013 itself, thereby violating the Commission's directives under that Order. During the proceedings of those Cases, MSEDCL submitted that it had rectified the error in levy of AEC, and refunded the amount erroneously charged to consumers during August, 2013 in the billing month of February, 2014. That has been reflected in the Commission's Orders dated 27 March, 2014 on those Petitions. However, during the present proceedings, Shri Sanjay Gupta, Ashok Hotel, Nagpur has raised the matter of refund of the excess amount recovered by MSEDCL due to early billing. Therefore, the Commission directs MSEDCL to review the refunds made by it so far on account of wrongful premature billing, and to make any remaining refunds due to consumers in the next billing cycle."

MERC has directed vide this order to refund the excess collected due to premature billing and under recovery of the cost by MSEDCL will be dealt with in its MYT petition in Case No.121 of 2014. (Above Commission Ruling on page No. 12 &13 of 21 Para (13.25) and Summery of findings (17).

10. **Definition of Premature:**

Meaning of Premature: means occurring or done before the usual or proper time; too early.

Premature means: Untimely, early, too soon, before time.

Premature means "not yet ready". Something that is premature arrives early, like premature baby birth before her due date, or the soggy cake you took out of the oven prematurely.

11. Tariff Philosophy of Commission:

Hon'ble Commission has never approved any levy on retrospective basis.

Hon'ble Commission in its tariff order dated 16/02/2012 defined the applicability of order in section 8.1 reads as below: (and same principle noted in all tariff related orders)

"Revised tariff shall be applicable from 01/08/2012. In case, where there is a billing cycle difference for a consumer with respect to the date of applicability of the revised tariffs, then the revised tariff should be made applicable on pro-rata basis for the consumption. The bills for the respective periods as per existing tariff and revised tariffs shall be calculated based on pro-rata consumption (units consumed during respective period arrived at on the basis of average unit consumption per day multiplied by number of days in the respective period falling under the billing cycle)."

In this order, tariff will be applicable date is mentioned. In this case MSEDCL shall raise bills as per revised tariff from the date of tariff applicability date in respect to consumption

date. MERC has not allowed recovering the bills issued with revised tariff rates for earlier date consumption after issue of tariff order applicability date.

12. Provision of MERC in regards of tariff determination & its implementation:

AEC is the part of Tariff and Tariff is being determined by the MERC. The methodology of AEC calculation and recovery thereof has to be approved from the Commission in the order. Without change in Order or without approval /sanction of MERC, the AEC methodology could not be changed or altered. MSEDCL has changed levy of AEC recovery methodology for charging for earlier period consumption i.e. from the month of Aug.2013 instead of Sept.2013 thereby violating the principles of Commission's directions. This has clarified by the Commission vide order dated 26/06/2014 and instructed to make any remaining refunds on **account of wrongful premature billing** in next billing cycle.

MSEDCL has submitted the letter ref. no. PR-3/Tariff/No.026517 dated 23/09/2013 regarding recovery of AEC & Addl. FAC – Implementation of MERC orders, for information and approval. In this letter MSEDCL informed to Commission that "to avoid complications in billing mechanism, instead of levying all individual AEC's separately, MSEDCL has merged all the AEC charges under one head as well as also merged the Additional FAC 1 & FAC 2 under one head and started the levy of above said charges **from the month of Sept.2013** In the aforesaid orders under reference, the Hon'ble Commission has allowed MSPGCL to recover the amount from MSEDCL in six months **starting from October 2013**; hence MSEDCL has started charging the same from September 2013."

Commission has not approved the MSEDCL request in the same matter or not revised its original orders, as per letter No.PR-3 date 23/09/2013 submitted to commission.

13. As per provisions of the MERC 1999 Act, Electricity Act, 2003 and various Supreme Court orders, in one of M/s. LML Ltd. (supra), Court proceeded on the basis that it was the Commission alone who had the exclusive jurisdiction to determine the tariff. In view of the provisions of the 1999 Act as also the regulations framed thereunder, as the law stands now, there cannot be any doubt or dispute that the Commission alone has the exclusive jurisdiction and even for the purpose of modification and / or alteration of tariff, the Commission must be approached. (Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No.7433 of 2008 dated 19/12/2008)

Nobody has power to change the Commission's orders for methodology of AEC calculation and recovery schedule approved. If not agreed, consumer and Licensee can apply for review or apply against the order to APTEAL.

MSEDCL has not file review petition or not challenged the same order of Commission to appropriate authority. MSEDCL has duty to comply the Commission's direction in right sprit.

Electricity Ombudsman, Nagpur has given orders for refund in more than 50 orders on the account of premature recovery of AEC 3 + AEC 4. The same principle has to be followed for AEC 1 + AEC 2 and Addl. FAC also.

- 14. Recently in Case No.78 of 2016 in the matter of M/s. Paul Strips and Tubes Pvt. Ltd, who has applied to Commission for violating order dated 5/09/2013 and non-compliance of Commission's order dated 26/06/2015 regarding same matter as our, MSEDCL has confirmed that the AEC billed to the Petitioner for August 2013 has not been refunded or adjusted in subsequent billing.
- 15. The Commission asked MSEDCL to clarify the status of compliance of its direction in Order dated 26 June, 2015, i.e. to take a review of the refunds made on account of premature billing and to make refund to any remaining consumers in the next billing cycle. MSEDCL requested additional time for submission of these details.

- 16. The Commission directed MSEDCL to submit its Reply, along with details of the AEC levied to the Petitioner in the month of August, 2013 and up to 12 September, 2013, and the refund/adjustment, if any, made on account of premature billing, with dates.
- 17. With some direction, Commission has kept case for order. The same has reflected in Commission's daily order dated 15/11/2016.
- 18. Refund AEC 1+AEC 2, AEC 3+AEC 4, Addl. AFC

Billing	KWH	AEC 1+AEC 2	AEC 3+AEC 4	Addl.FAC	
Month	Consumed	61.73+49.92	8.27+19.45		
		1.1165	0.2772	0.2057	
Aug. 13	2089084	2332462.286	579094.0848	429724.5788	
Sept. 13	2094116		580488.9552		
Dec.13	1617380			332695.066	
Jan.14					
Total		2332462.286	1159583.04	762419.6448	4254464.97
ED 9%		209921.6057	104362.4736	68617.76803	382901.847
Total	Refund	2542383.892	1263945.514	831037.4128	4637366.82

Relief Sought:

- 1. The MSEDCL has wrongly collected following AEC and Additional FAC charges before the usual or proper time: too early and not as per order of Commission and recovery also not as per MSEDCL letter dated 23/09/2013 submitted to Commission.
 - ✓ AEC 1+AEC 2 Wrongly collected for the billing month of August, 2013.
 - ✓ AEC3 + AEC4 Wrongly collected for the billing month of August & September, 2013
 - ✓ Addl. FAC Wrongly collected for the billing month of August & December, 2013.
- 2. So collection of amount due to premature should be refunded with interest as per EA, 2003.

Arguments from the Distribution Company:

The Distribution Company submitted a common reply for all the issues raised by M/s CEAT Ltd. by letter dated 20/02/2017 of the Nodal Officer, MSEDCL, Urban Circle Office Nashik and other relevant correspondence in this case as under:

- 1. Regarding AEC-1, AEC-2 ,AEC-3 & AEC-4 (Ref No. 1): As per Commission's order on case No. 95/13, it is stated that charges of AEC-1 & AEC-2 are to be levied by MSEDCL for a period of six months from the month of Sept.2013 onwards. MSEDCL has rightly charges the charges in the bill generated in the month of Sept. For which amount was due to be paid. Accordingly MSEDCL stated recovering charges from the month of Sept. 2013.
- 2. Charges of AEC-1, AEC-2 ,AEC-3 & AEC-4 (Ref No. 1) have been applied and as per instructions given by head office in respective IT centers for generation of bills. In Hon, Commission order, it is stated that amount to be recovered from the month of Sept. 2013 onwards so that bill generated & issued in the month of Sept. 2013 for which due date was in the month of Sept. 2013& the amount is being recovered in the month of Sept. 2013 is correct. As per Hon. Commission's order, the Commission has allowed to recover the charges in six monthly instalments whereas MSEDCL recovered the charges only for 5 months. One month is still balanced.
- 3. Accordingly, this office has referred this matter for applicability & clarification of AEC charges, MSEDCL has acted as per Hon. Commission order & as per HT billing programme forwarded by H.O. & therefore application deserves to be dismissed.
- 4. Regarding Addl. FAC charges (Ref. No. 2): As per FAC circular No. 18 to 203, the Addl. FAC matter has to be billed from sept. 2013 upto Nov. 2013. However, its appears that the recovery is carried out as per programming through IT.
- 5. Regarding change of tariff code from HT IC to HT IN: List of 12 Nos. Of applications received from HT consumers for change of tariff code from HT IC to HT In & refund of excess collected amount due to tariff difference are forwarded to H.O. Mumbai for guidance but till awaited.

6. Regarding wheeling & transmission charges: Wheeling & transmission charges should be implemented through bill to the consumer & consumer bill should be generated as per directives of Head Office, Mumbai through billing by IT department. No any interaction should be made by any one. So bill issued to the consumer is correct.

Action by IGRC

- 1. Internal Grievance Redressal Cell Nashik Urban Circle conducted hearing on 09/01/2017 for the complaint submitted on 21/11/2016.
- 2. After hearing both the parties IGRC gave decision regarding FAC and AEC as per letter dated 18/01/17 as under:

"x ligable fot ns alor yko.; kr vkysys FAC rl p AEC-1., AEC-2, pkt] (MERC order dtd. 05/09/2013 for case no. 95 of 2013 i ek. ks) AEC-3 pkt] (MERC order dtd. 03/09/3013 for case no. 28 of 2013 i ek. ks), AEC-4 pkt] (MERC order dtd. 04/09/2013 case No. 44 of 2013 i ek. ks) rl p okf. kT; hd i fji = d dl 209 fn- 07@09@2013 ul kj ; kX; vkgr-**

Observations by the Forum:

- After the issuance of tariff order for MSEDCL on 16th August 2012, the MERC has passed orders in relation to the matters of tariff of MSPGCL and intra-state transmission system. The MERC directed vide Order Dt. 05/09/2013 in case No. 95 of 2013, MSEDCL to recover Additional Charges -a) AEC-I Rs. 2037.78 Crs. in 6 equal instalments & b) AEC -2 Rs. 235.39 Crs. On monthly basis till issue of MYT Tariff Order from the consumers, in the form of Additional Energy Charges.
- 2. MERC had approved the Capital Cost and determined the tariff for Paras Unit# 4 and Parli Unit# 7 for FY 2010-11 .MERC vide order dated 03/09/2013 in Case No. 28 of 2013, has also allowed MSPGCL to recover the total amount of Rs. 628.90 Crs (including carrying cost) on account of impact of Hon'ble ATE Judgment in Appeal No. 47 of 2012 from MSEDCL in 6 equal monthly instalments. The Fixed Charges is to be recovered through AEC 3. MERC has determined the Capital Cost and Tariff of Khaperkheda Unit # 5 for FY 2012-13 vide its order dated 4th September 2013 in Case no. 44 of 2013. The Fixed Charges are to be recovered through AEC 4.
- 3. All the above Additional Energy Charges (Le AEC 1 to 4) were included and combined under the single head i.e. AEC which is indicated on the energy bill.
- 4 MERC in the order dated 04/09/2013 in Case No 44 of 2013 has also allowed MSEDCL to recover the <u>Additional Fuel Adjustment Cost</u> (FAC) . The relevant paras are as under:
 - 4.4.34 The Commission observes that MSPGCL has capitalised the amount of fuel costs less revenue, on account of infirm generation of power. However, as fuel cost is a revenue expense, whether incurred during infirm generation or firm generation, the Commission is of the view that the same needs to be recovered directly for the power supplied during the period instead of capitalising it as a part of Capital Cost. As these expenses have been incurred prior to the COD, the Commission has considered the same as a part of capital cost for the purpose of computation of IDC. However, the Commission has not considered fuel expenses as part of Capital Cost for computing the tariff and the Commission hereby allows MSPGCL to recover the under-recovered fuel cost, i.e., Rs. 28.05 Crore for infirm power supplied to MSEDCL in three monthly instalments after the issue of this Order and MSEDCL can recover this amount through Fuel Adjustment Cost (FAC) mechanism.

Summary	of Findings	

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xix) As the variation in cost of generation is ultimately to be passed on to consumers, the Commission hereby allows MSEDCL to recover the variation in energy charge component of the amount billed by MSPGCL to MSEDCL as approved by the Commission from the consumers through the FAC mechanism. Similarly, the Commission allows MSEDCL to recover the variation in fixed charge component of the amount billed by MSPGCL to MSEDCL as approved by the Commission from the consumers in proportion to Average Billing Rate of respective consumer categories, under intimation to the Commission.

- 5 Accordingly the Distribution Company issued Commercial Circular No. 209 dated 07/9/2013 and raised demand for the **AEC** and **Additional FAC** from the Electricity Bill of month of August, 2013.
- 6 However, the MERC order dated 05/09/2013 in case No. 95 of 2013 was challenged with the Appellate Tribunal of Electricity (ATE). The ATE by order dated 22.8.2014 directed as under:

"We, therefore, set aside the Impugned Order and remand the matter to the State Commission to give opportunity to the parties concerned as per the provisions of Section 64 of the Electricity Act and hear the matter in a transparent manner and pass the final order uninfluenced by its earlier findings, as expeditiously as possible. We want to make it clear that we are not giving any opinion on the merits."

- 7 The matter was remanded to MERC for decision once again. Accordingly the MERC has followed the procedure as laid down in Section 64 of the Electricity Act and recorded following observations as per order dated 26th June 2015:
 - ".....the issue of over-recovery in terms of difference in time period of recovery considered by MSEDCL and that approved by the Commission had come up before the Commission in 19 identical Petitions filed by various consumers. In these Petitions, it was submitted that, on the basis of the Order in Case No. 95 of 2013, MSEDCL should have started levying AEC only from the month of September, 2013. However, MSEDCL started recovery from August, 2013 itself, thereby violating the Commission's directives under that Order. During the proceedings of those Cases, MSEDCL submitted that it had rectified the error in levy of AEC, and refunded the amount erroneously charged to consumers during August, 2013 in the billing month of February, 2014. That has been reflected in the Commission's Orders dated 27 March, 2014 on those Petitions. However, during the present proceedings, Shri Sanjay Gupta, Ashok Hotel, Nagpur has raised the matter of refund of the excess amount recovered by MSEDCL due to early billing. Therefore, the Commission directs MSEDCL to review the refunds made by it so far on account of wrongful premature billing, and to make any remaining refunds due to consumers in the next billing cycle."

The Hon'ble Commission has finally directed the Distribution Company as under: 17. However, MSEDCL shall review the refunds made by it so far on account of wrongful premature billing, and make any remaining refunds due to consumers in the next billing cycle.

- 8 The Commission has allowed AEC recovery from the month of September,2013 but as represented by the complainant the recovery was made from the month of August ,2013 . Similarly Commission has allowed recovery of Additional FAC from the month of September,2013 for the period of three months . But MSEDCL has billed Additional FAC to the complainant for five months from August ,2013 up to December, 2013 instead of three months from September ,2013 up to November, 2013 .
- 9 M/s Paul Strips and Tubes Pvt. Ltd has filed a petition for non-compliance of Commission's Order dated 26 June, 2015 regarding levy of Additional Energy Charge (AEC). In the Daily order dated 15/11/2016, the Hon'ble Commission has directed MSEDCL to take a review of the refunds made by it on account of premature billing of AEC and to make any remaining refund to consumers in the next billing cycle. In the said order, the Commission directed MSEDCL to submit details as follows:
 - i. Total number of consumers from whom AEC is recovered for August, 2013 and the relevant period in September, 2013.
 - ii. Out of (i) above how many of them have been refunded the amount that was prematurely recovered.
 - iii. Reasons for not refunding to balance consumers, if any.
- 10 The MERC orders are clear and the complainant is entitled to the refund of the amount of AEC recovered in August 2013 (*which was a wrongful premature billing*) along with the interest on the said amount as per the provisions of Section 62 (6) of the Electricity Act,

2003. Similarly the Additional FAC should be billed for September, 2013 up to November, 2013 and excess recovered for August ,2013 up to December, 2013 should be refunded with the interest on the said amount as per the provisions of Section 62 (6) of the Electricity Act, 2003.

After considering the representation submitted by the consumer, comments and arguments by the Distribution Licensee, all other records available, the grievance is decided with the observations and directions as elaborated in the preceding paragraphs and the following order is passed by the Forum for implementation:

ORDER

- 1. The Distribution Company should refund to the Complainant, the amount of AEC -1 and AEC-2 recovered wrongly for the billing month of August, 2013 and the AEC3 and AEC4 wrongly collected for the billing month of August & September, 2013
- 2. The Distribution Company should refund Additional FAC collected for the billing month of August & December 2013.
- 3. All these refunds should be adjusted in the ensuing bill after the date of this order, and the amounts should be refunded along with the interest till the date of refund as per the provisions of Section 62 (6) of the Electricity Act, 2003
- 4. As per regulation 8.7 of the MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006, order passed or direction issued by the Forum in this order shall be implemented by the Distribution Licensee within the time frame stipulated and the concerned Nodal Officer shall furnish intimation of such compliance to the Forum within one month from the date of this order.
- 5. As per regulation 22 of the above mentioned regulations, non-compliance of the orders/directions in this order by the Distribution Licensee in any manner whatsoever shall be deemed to be a contravention of the provisions of these Regulations and the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission can initiate proceedings suo motu or on a complaint filed by any person to impose penalty or prosecution proceeding under Sections 142 and 149 of the Electricity Act, 2003.
- 6. If aggrieved by the non-redressal of his Grievance by the Forum, the Complainant may make a representation to the Electricity Ombudsman, 606, 'KESHAVA', Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai 400 051 within sixty (60) days from the date of this order under regulation 17.2 of the MERC (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006.

(Rajan S. Kulkarni) Member

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(Suresh P.Wagh)

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