



Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum, Kalyan Zone
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IN THE MATTER OF GRIEVANCE NO. K/E/473/530 OF 2010-2011 OF
M/S. R. TECH PLASTIC INDUSTRIES, VASAI (EAST) REGISTERED WITH
CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM KALYAN ZONE, KALYAN
ABOUT EXCESSIVE BILLING.

M/s. R Tech Plastic Industries,
1&3, Neminath Ind. Complex No. 01,
Plot No. 10, Survey No. 63,
Village Sativali,
Vasai (East), Dist. : Thane – 401 208

} (Here-in-after
referred
as Consumer)

Versus

Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution
Company Limited through its
Dy. Executive Engineer
Vasai Road (East) Sub-Dn.
Vasai, Dist. Thane.

} (Here-in-after
referred
as licensee)

- 1) 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 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 H.T. consumer of the licensee with C. D. 150 KVA. The Consumer is billed as per Industrial tariff. Consumer registered grievance with the Forum on 01/12/2010 for Excessive Energy Bills. The details are as follows: -

Name of the consumer :- M/s. R Tech Plastic Industries

Address: - As given in the title

Consumer No : - 1)001849026680

Reason of dispute : Excessive Energy Bills.

- 3) The batch of papers containing above grievance was sent by Forum vide letter No EE/CGRF/Kalyan/829 dated 02/12/2010 to Nodal Officer of licensee. The licensee filed reply vide letter No. SE/VC/IGR/11866, dated 29/12/2010.

- 4) The forum heard both the parties on 30/12/2010 @ 16.45 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 Sandeep Raut, Asstt. Manager, 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 Urja Ind. Estate, Chinchpada, Vasai (East) in the year 2005. It is contended by the consumer that the licensee as per the directions in MERC case No. 144 of 2008 did not refund the amount of ASC for the period Oct. 2006 to April 2007 and May 2007 to May 2008 Rs. 1,42,603/- with interest vide chart enclosed. It is averred that licensee is supposed to refund the RLC amount paid for the single phase connection since it is merged in three phase meter and as such collected RLC is required to be refunded but not refunded so far with interest vide chart enclosed. It is further contended that licensee also did not refund the fixed amount collected Rs. 8475/- and development charges Rs. 30,100/- by letter dt. 03/11/09 and 12/11/09 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 amounts as above with interest.
- 6) Licensee filed reply dt. 29/12/10 contended that recovery of ASC started in monthly energy bill from Oct. 2006 considering new connection bench mark consumption has been corrected at I.T. billing system and the difference was already credited. So far refund of fixed charges on monthly basis is not maintainable. There is no provision of development period concession. Since consumer is live consumer question of refund of S.D. does not arise.
- 7) As regards ASC this Forum in case No. 394 and 424 of 2010 filed by representative Shri Harshad Sheth clearly pointed out on the compliance of the directions of Hon. MERC in case No. 144 of 2008. This amount according to consumer is running in thousands. In para 8 (g) Hon. MERC

pointed out as to how ASC to be calculated category wise i.e. H.T. and L.T. considering base tariff energy charges. In view of this licensee is under obligation to calculate ASC and to refund with interest the excess amount collected if any, bearing in mind that concerned order of Hon. MERC is of 2008 and now we are in the beginning of the year 2011 and as such sufficient time has elapsed.

- 8) So far refund of fixed, development and the permanently disconnected meter charges as claimed, consumer has not given details. However the licensee can very well be directed on verifying the records and going through the Regulation and Department circular, if any charges recovered contrary to the rules, refund with interest under intimation to the consumer within the stipulated period.
- 9) While parting with the matter with regret we are constrain to mention that this Forum in many cases filed by the learned representative for the consumer Shri Harshad Sheth on same issues referring relevant orders passed by the Hon. MERC and Ombudsman had given clear directions to the licensee, however it is unfortunate consumer had to knock the doors of this Forum repeating the same grievance. We hope officials of the licensee would honor the orders passed by the Competent Authority so that the very purpose of enacting the act for consumers as well as the smooth

functioning of the licensee would fulfill. Consumer is also cautioned that being a customer and the licensee being the custodian of the records to keep rapport so as to smoothen the transactions. It appears instead approaching the licensee consumer sitting at one place seeking help, need

to be avoided. Consequently grievance application will have to be partly allowed. Hence the order :

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- 1) The grievance application is partly allowed.
- 2) Licensee is directed to work out the amount of ASC as per the directions of Hon. MERC in case No. 72 of 2007, 144 of 08 and Ombudsman in case No. 39 of 2006 and if collected excess, to refund the same with interest within 45 days and compliance should be reported to the forum within 60 days from the date of receipt of this decision.
- 3) Licensee is further directed on verifying the records and going through the Regulation, Department circular, if contrary to the rules recovered any charges referred to above, refund the same with interest within 45 days and compliance should be reported to the forum within 60 days from the date of receipt of this decision.
- 4) 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, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, 606/608, Keshav Bldg, Bandra Kurla Complex, Mumbai 51”.
- 5) Consumer, as per section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003, 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 : 06/01/2011

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