## Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Co. Ltd.'s Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum Nagpur Urban Zone, Nagpur Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/050/2015

Applicant : Shri Chokhoba Ganpat Nimgade, New Yadao Nagar, Housing Board, Wanjari Layout, Plot No. 10, Nagpur : 26.

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

- <u>Quorum Present</u> : 1) Shri Shivajirao S. Patil, Chairman.
  - 2) Adv. Subhash Jichkar Member.
  - 3) Shri Anil Shrivastava, Member / Secretary.

## ORDER PASSED ON 15.4.2015.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 3.3.2015 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as Regulations).

2. Applicant's case in brief is that he received excessive bills. Being aggrieved by the order passed by I.G.R.C. he approached to this Forum.

Non applicant denied applicants case by filing reply Dt. 17.3.2015.
It is submitted that meter is tested by acucheck on 4.9.2013 and it is found
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O.K. As per order passed by Learned I.G.R.C. Dt. 21.7.2014 meter is tested in meter testing laboratory on 31.7.2014 and it is found O.K. Therefore bill can not be revised.

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

5. Record shows that in the month of September 2014, consumption is shown 1111 units for 3 months. It means it is the consumption of about 370 units per month. There was meter change status in the month of July 2014 and locked status in August 2014. Applicant argued that previously tenant was residing in that premises in some rooms and in other part of the house applicant was residing. Spot inspection report shows that there is heavy connected load. Applicant admitted that three families were residing in the premises. In spot inspection report, there is specific note to the effect that 'Consumer gives supply to neighbours also'. Therefore documentary evidence on record shows that three families are residing in 8 rooms and applicant had given unauthorized supply to neighbours also. Therefore it is but natural to have such type of consumption. Meter is already tested in the laboratory of SNDL and it is found O.K. In August 2014 meter is changed. Record shows that date of last payment by the applicant Rs. 6000/- (Part Payment) is 3.12.2013 and since then applicant did not pay any amount and utilizing electricity supply on credit since last 1 & 1/2 years. Record shows slab benefit is already given to the applicant. In the month of September 2014 slab benefit of Rs. 4290.14 is already given to the applicant. Therefore no much relief can be given. Grievance application deserves to be dismissed.

6. During the pendency of the matter, this Forum had passed interim relief order Dt. 24.3.2015 and made tentative arrangements till disposal of the matter. Now we are deciding the grievance on merits. Therefore it is necessary to modify and set aside interim order passed by this Forum Dt. 24.3.2015. Hence following order : -

## ORDER

- 1) Grievance application is dismissed.
- 2) Order of interim relief Dt. 24.3.2015 is hereby modified & cancelled.
- 3) In case of non payment of arrears by the applicant, SNDL is at liberty to issue statutory notice u/s 56 of Electricity Act 2003 and to take action of disconnection in accordance with law.

Sd/-(Anil Shrivastava) MEMBER SECRETARY

Sd/-(Adv. Subhash Jichkar) MEMBER Sd/-(Shivajirao S. Patil), CHAIRMAN