

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

Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/73/2012

Applicant : Shri Moreshwar Narayan Bhagat,
At Flat No. 301, Shri Ganesh-II Aptt.,
Koradi Road,
NAGPUR.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Superintending Engineer,
(Distribution Franchisee),
M.S.E.D.C.L. NAGPUR.

Quorum Present : 1) Shri. Shivajirao S. Patil
Chairman,

2) Adv. Smt. Gouri Chandrayan,
Member,

3) Smt. Kavita K. Gharat
Member Secretary.

ORDER PASSED ON 4.9.2012.

The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 16.7.2012 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as Regulations).

1. The applicant's case in brief is that Consumer Number of the applicant is 410014537663, Meter Number is 0603172972. On the site of construction building named "Sukhkarta Apartments" at Plot No. 4' Premnagar, Koradi Road, Nagpur, as per the application dated 28.1.2011, the applicant applied for 3 Phase meter for construction purpose of this Apartment of the applicant. The applicant complied all formalities. Thereafter, non applicant installed meter on 9.2.2011 at his site. Initial reading in the first bill was shown as '0' instead of 3200 and therefore bills were issued including initial reading 3200. The applicant applied for change of tariff from LT-VII to L.T.-II but no action is taken. It is the meter for construction work and not for other temporary pendal purpose. Therefore the applicant filed present grievance application and claimed relief namely – 1) Change the tariff from LT-VII to LT-II & 2) Correct the meter reading by excluding initial reading 3200.

2. Non applicant denied the applicant's case by filing reply Dt. 2.8.2012. It is submitted that connection is given in the name of Shri Moreshwar Narayan Bhagat temporarily in L.T.-VII tariff for construction purpose by M.S.E.D.C.L. In the bill of April 2011 tariff was applied L.T.-VII and initial reading was shown '1' and not 3200. The applicant applied for change of tariff but it is the condition of M.S.E.D.C.L. that for change of tariff, first connection must be permanently disconnected and then applicant shall apply for commercial tariff. Due to

this reason the tariff is not changed. In the bill of April 2011, initial reading is shown as '1'.

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

4. As per the contention of the non applicant, initial reading was '1' and not 3200. The applicant did not produce any electricity bill on record in which initial reading is shown as 3200 and not '0'. In absence of such type of evidence on record, Forum has no other alternative but to come to the conclusion that initial reading was '1'. Therefore we find no force in the contention of the applicant that initial reading was 3200 and therefore there is no necessity to revise any bill. Prayer to that effect of the applicant is hereby dismissed.

5. However, so far as change of tariff is concerned, the applicant repeatedly applied for change of tariff from LT-VII to LT-II as the meter is used for construction purpose and not for other temporary pendal purposes. According to non applicant, for change of tariff first there must be permanent disconnection and then the applicant has to apply afresh for change of tariff. However, in the opinion of the Forum all these formalities are unnecessary. When connection is live tariff can be changed without permanent disconnection. Therefore in our opinion it is necessary to change the tariff of the applicant from LT-VII to LT-II from date of his first application for change of tariff dated 9.2.2012. Hence Forum proceeds to pass the following order :-

ORDER

- 1) Grievance application is partly allowed.
- 2) Non applicant is hereby directed to change the tariff of the applicant from LT-VII to LT-II from the date of his first application for change of tariff dated 9.2.2012.
- 3) Claim about revision of bill is hereby dismissed.
- 4) Non applicant to comply the order within 30 days from the date of this order.

Sd/-	Sd/-	Sd/-
(Smt.K.K.Gharat)	(Adv.Smt.GauriChandrayan)	(ShriShivajirao S.Patil)
MEMBER	MEMBER	CHAIRMAN
SECRETARY		