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

Case No. CGRF(NUZ)/113/2015

Applicant : Sr. Divisional Manager,

Life Insurance Corporation of India,

National Insurance building,

S.V.Patel Marg, Nagpur: 400 010.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,

The Executive Engineer, Congress Nagar Division,

MSEDCL,, NAGPUR.

Applicant :- Shri P.G. Gaiki.

Respondent by 1) Shri K.P. Bhise, E.E. Congressnagar Divn. 2) Shri R.K.Ghatole, Addl. E.E. Regent S/Dn.

Quorum Present: 1) Adv. Subhash Jichkar Member.

> 2) Shri Anil Shrivastava, Member / Secretary.

ORDER PASSED ON 11.9.2015.

1. The applicant filed present grievance application before this Forum on 14.7.2015 under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal

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Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as said Regulations).

- 2. Applicant's case in brief is that his meter was inspected on 15.12.2014 and found slow. 'Y' phase current was less. Provisional bill considering 60% slow was issued for Rs. 3,64,165.45. Applicant already paid this assessment bill on 4.2.2015 as per receipt No. 2693378. According to the applicant this bill is excessive. Therefore he approached to I.G.R.C. I.G.R.C. rejected the grievance of the applicant as per order Dt.30.4.2015. Being aggrieved by the said order applicant approached to this Form.
- 3. Non applicant denied applicant's case by filing reply Dated 28.7.2015. It is submitted that installation was checked with acucheck meter on 15.12.2014 in presence of applicant's representative on 3 different load tests. Meter was found recording 60% less energy consumption. This fact was noticed by applicant's representative. Then meter was reinstalled and again acucheck carried out and test revealed that meter is working properly. After searching the record it was found that said meter was replaced in April 2012. Study of CPL and consumption pattern confirmed that said consumer was receiving bill which was 60% less since April 2012. Considering these aspects amount of slow recording of consumption is calculated Rs. 3,68,165.45. Supplementary bill was issued to consumer Dt. 19.12.2014 and applicant paid this bill on 4.2.2015. All legal provisions specially Section 56 2) of E.A. 2003

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were complied. Supplementary bill was issued within a span of two years and therefore there is no bar u/s 56 (2) of E.A. 2003.

- 4. Forum heard arguments of non applicant's side and perused record.
- 5. We have carefully perused spot inspection report dated 15.12.2014 which is placed on record. It is specifically mentioned in the spot inspection report that meter was found 60% slow. Accordingly supplementary bill was issued on 19.12.2014. Said meter was replaced in April 2012 and supplementary bill is dated 19.12.2014. Therefore it was within the span of 2 years and hence there is no bar for this recovery u/s 56 (2) of Electricity Act 2003. Not only this, applicant even paid the bill vide M.R. No. 2693378 Dt. 4.2.2015.
- 6. We have carefully perused order passed by Learned I.G.R.C. It is perfectly legal and valid and needs no interference. In our opinion grievance application deserves to be dismissed. Hence following order:

ORDER

1) Grievance application is dismissed.

Sd/-(Anil Shrivastava) MEMBER SECRETARY Sd/-(Adv. Subhash Jichkar) MEMBER

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