

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

Case No. CGRF(NZ)/84/2018

Applicant : Shri Suraj Nilkanthrao Wanjari,
Plot No. 67A/3, Bhandewadi,
Rly.Station Road,
Nagpur-440035.

Non-applicant : Nodal Officer,
The Superintending Engineer,
(D/F), NUC, M.S.E.D.C.L.,
Nagpur.

Applicant represented by : 1) In person

Non-applicant represented by: 1) Shri V.R. Sonkusle, Exe.Engr.,
2) Shri Dahasahastra, SNDL, Nagpur

Quorum Present : 1) Shri Arvind Jayram Rohee,
Chairperson.
2) Mrs. V.N.Parihar,
Member Secretary.
3) Mrs. Asmita Avinash Prabhune,
Member (CPO)

ORDER PASSED ON 11.09.2018

1. The applicant approached this Forum, under Regulation 6.4 of the Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievances Redressal Forum & Electricity Ombudsman) Regulations, 2006 (hereinafter referred to as, the Regulations) for redressal of his grievance regarding excessive reading of electricity consumption than the one actually used by him.

2. The applicant holds electricity connection bearing consumer No.410018841111 for residential use on his address. According to him till February,2018 he received electricity consumption bills as per meter reading. However thereafter for the month of March, April & May 2018 he received excessive bills showing consumption of 1254, 1279 & 1513 units respectively. On his request the meter was tested in the laboratory, which was found O.K. His request for revision of the electric bills showing higher consumption was rejected by both the authorities on the ground that no fault was detected. He, therefore, approached this Forum against the order of IGRC on the ground that it is incorrect.

3. On notice the Non-applicant appeared and vide reply dated 23.07.2018 denied the averments made and stated that since no defect was noticed in the meter the applicant is presumed to have used the electricity shown as per meter reading. It is, therefore, prayed to dismiss the application.

4. On 31.08.2018 oral submissions of the applicant who appeared in person and that of Nodal Officer Shri V.R. Sonkusale, Executive Engineer (Adm.), Nagpur Urban Circle, MSEDCL, Nagpur and Shri Dahasahastra, representative of M/s SNDL on behalf of Non-applicant were heard on merit. We have carefully perused the case related.

5. During the course of hearing the Non-applicant has produced

copies of meter reading of last six months. Similarly on the request made by the applicant his meter was tested by MSEDCL. However no defect was noticed.

6. Perusal of the order dt. 05.07.2018 passed by IGRC shows that all these aspects are considered while rejecting the grievance. It appears that there is some defect in the wiring/cable, earthing and switches installed in the premises of the applicant, otherwise there is no reason for displaying excessive meter reading for consumption of electricity, especially when on both occasions, the electric meter was found ok. The applicant may get the said defect rectified privately or he may even apply for replacement of the meter as per rules, which request if made should be attended promptly by the Non-applicant. In such circumstances of the case, no relief can be granted to the applicant. It appears that the applicant has not paid the electricity bill for the month of May,2018 and onwards. He shall do the needful and else the consequences shall follow.

7. In the result the application stands rejected, however with no order as to costs.

Sd/-
(Mrs.Asmita A. Prabhune)
MEMBER (CPO)

Sd/-
(Mrs.V.N.Parihar)
MEMBER SECRETARY

Sd/-
(Arvind J. Rohee)
CHAIRPERSON

Nagpur
Dt. : 11.09.2018