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Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum
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REF.NO. Member Secretary/CGRF/MSEDCL/BNDUZ/

Date:

Hearing Date: 12/06/2018

CASE NO.93/2018

In the matter of refund of tariff difference amount with interest

Mrs,J aishri Vijay Patkar
Nirman Vyapar Kendra
Office 413,
Above Navratan Hotel Sector 17, Vashi Navi Mumbai
Consumer no :- 000481758793

..... (Hereinafter referred as Applicant)

Vs
Maharashtra state Electricity Distribution Company Ltd
Through it's Nodal Officer,
Vashi Circle,Vashi (Hereinafter referred as Respondent)

Appearance

For Consumer :- Pranab Shende, M/s. Strom Lounger Pvt. Ltd Consumer.

Representative For Respondent :- R. S. Rathod Additional Executive Engineer ,Vashi Sub
Divison

[Coram- Dr. Santoshkumar Jaiswal- Chairperson, Shri. R.S.Avhad -Member Secretary and
Sharmila Ranade - Member (CPO)].

1. Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, is, constituted u/s. 82 of Electricity Act 2003 (36/2003). Hereinafter for the sake of brevity referred as 'MERC'. This Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum has been established as per the notification issued by MERC i.e. "Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum & Ombudsman) Regulation 2006" to redress the grievances of consumers vide powers conferred on it by Section 181 read with subsection 5 to 7 of section 42 of the Electricity Act, (36/2003). Hereinafter it is referred as 'Regulation'. Further the regulation has been made by MERC i.e. Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission. [Electricity Supply Code and other conditions of supply Regulations 2005] Here in after referred as 'Supply Code' for the sake of brevity. Even, regulation has been made by MERC i.e. 'Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (Standards of Performance of Distribution Licensees, Period for Giving Supply & Determination of Compensation) Regulations, 2014.' Hereinafter referred 'SOP' for the sake of convenience
2. Aggrieved by the order of IGRC this application has filed by the applicant for grievances against the Respondent company MSEDCL to correct the tariff and category and refund of the amount. The applicant has submitted that the Petitioner/Applicant is a LT Consumer of MSEDCL having Consumer No. 000481758793/PC-0, BU; 4127 Vashi S/Dn , Sanction Load is 10 KW, Connected load (KW) 10, Contract Demand (KVA) : 9.33 KVA; Applicant is providing health care facilities and has secured the power supply from MSEDCL for the purpose of providing health care facilities. The power supply is connected on 10-06-1985 and since then the Applicant is receiving regular energy bills without any error in meter or any complaint from the representatives of the respondent company (MSEDCL), who use to visit, inspect and record the reading of the energy consumption of the electricity, for raising energy bills and the Applicant were paying towards the energy bills raised by the respondent company (MSEDCL) from time to time without any default.
3. The Tariff is made applicable as per Tariff order issued by the commission from time to time. As per section 62(3) Electricity Act, 2003, tariff is based on purpose of use. Section

2(15) of the electricity act provides that the consumer means any person who is supplied with electricity for his own use. Similarly section 43 of the act also provides that distribution licensee shall give supply to the occupier of the premises, Dr. Mrs Jayashri Vijay Patkar is operating M/S. Patkar Laboratory is thus the end user of electricity supplied by MSEDCL.

4. Therefore applicant claims that the Respondent be directed to change the tariff according to MERC orders which is applicable from 1st of June 2015. There the billing cycle of a consumer is different with respect to the date of applicability of revised tariffs, they should be made applicable for the consumption on a pro rata basis. The bills for the respective periods as per existing and revised Tariffs shall be calculated on the pro rata consumption (Units consumed during respective period arrived at on the basis of average unit consumption per day multiplied by number of days in respective period falling under the billing cycle). In this application applicant prayed for redressal of the grievances in respect to the non-compliance of the tariff order issued by the commission for health care services and its refund for 24 months which is eligible and entitled to the consumer along with interest and cost.
5. The Respondent appeared and filed their point wise reply that the consumer is billed in LT-II tariff and the supply date is 18.04.87. As per commercial circular no. 175 dtd. 16.08.2012, the new tariff category LT-X for public services is come into force. The said tariff category is applicable for nursing home and various public services. Now, the said consumer has applied for change in category from LT-II to LT-X, vide their application dated 10.03.2017. After receipt of the inspection report for confirmation of activities the tariff is changed to LT X(B) with effect from April 2017. It is further said that after verification of the activities, suitable change of tariff is applied from the date of application and as the activities prior to the application can't be ascertained, the consumer's prayer for refund by considering retrospective effect may be disallowed.

6. I have gone through the contented of the grievances application and also gone through the point wise reply submitted by the Respondent. It appears admittedly that there is commercial circular no 243 of MSEDCL that as per MERC tariff order dated 26.06.2015 in the case no 121 of 2014 that the date of revised tariff is applicable from 1st June 2015 and will continue till further orders. In this circular serial No.3 the separate category for Gov. school and hospitals are come under LT X (A) and private and other category LT X(B) is made for other public services the applicability for this tariff shall be applicable to educational institutions such as schools and colleges, and Hospitals, Dispensaries, primary Health Care Centers and Pathology Laboratories and Libraries and Public reading rooms other than those of State or Central Government, Municipal Bodies, Zilla Parishads, Panchayat Samities or Gram Panchyat; all offices of Government/Municipal Bodies, Local Authority, local self Government, Zilla Parishad, and Gram Panchayat;Police Stations, Police Chowkies, Post offices, Defence establishments (army,navy and air-force),Spiritual Organizations which are service oriented, Railway/Monorail/Metro except traction, State transport establishments,; and State Transport Workshops, Transport Workshops operated by Local Authority, Fire Services Stations, Jails, Prisons, Courts, Airports (only activity related to aeronautical operations), Ports, Sports Club/Health Club/Gymnasium/Swimming Pool attached to the Educational Institution Hospital provided said Sports Club/Health Club/Gymnasium/Swimming Pool is situated in the same premises and is primary meant for the students/faculty/employees/patients of such educational Institutions and Hospitals.
7. For the implementation of this circular as per serial no 4 the field officers are directed to ensure that where ever the tariff category is redefined or newly created by the commission, the existing / prospective consumer should be properly categorized by the actual field inspection immediately and the data to be immediately update in the IT data base.All the field officer shall sensitize staff about various aspect of the tariff order and give proper guidance to all the officers and the staff members working under them. These are only

important guidelines and for the actual implementation, the filed officers are requested to refer the detail order of MERC of 26.06.2015 in case of 121/2014.

8. I have gone through the application filed by the consumer regarding grievances and also gone through the point wise reply of the Respondent. It appears admittedly that the connection of the electric supply of the consumer is covered under the Hospital, Dispensary and Public Health Care Centre that is in the category of LT X(B) and therefore they are entitled for the said tariff. However , if matter of refund of amount of tariff difference is to be consider , the consumer has submitted Shop license certificate issued by competent authority which is register on address Office No 411 Plot No 10, Nirman Vappar Kendra ,Sector 27,Vashi on the name Dr.V.S.Patkar. Whereas ,the electricity Supply Stands in the Name of Mrs Jaishiri Vijay Patkar and address Office 413 Plot No 10, Nirman Vappar Kendra ,Sector 27,Vashi . The addresses not matches where the permission has obtained for running business and where the electricity supply taken. The applicant not presented any documentary evidence to establish that the same activity at the time of inspection was carried out in the same premises. The proof of registration of hospital does not ensure that hospital started on that same day in existing premises. Hence, consumer grievance fails. I proceed to pass following order

ORDER

This application here by dismissed.

No order as to the cost.

I Agree/Disagree

I Agree/Disagree

**MRS. SHARMILA RANADE,
MEMBER
CGRF, BHANDUP**

**Dr. SANTOSHKUMAR JAISWAL
CHAIRPERSON
CGRF, BHANDUP**

**RAVINDRA S. AVHAD
MEMBER SECRETARY
CGRF, BHANDUP**

The order is issued under the seal of Consumer Grievance Redresses Forum M.S.E.D.C. Ltd., Bhandup Urban Zone, and Bhandup.

Note:

- a) The consumer if not satisfied, may file representation against this order before the Hon. Ombudsman within 60 days from the date of this order at the following address. “ Office of the Electricity Ombudsman, Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission,606, Keshav Building,Bandra - Kurla Complex, Bandra (E),Mumbai - 400 051”
- b) b) consumer, as per section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003, can approach Hon’ble Maharashtra electricity Regulatory Commission for non- compliance, part compliance or
- c) Delay in compliance of this decision issued under” Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission (consumer Redressed Forum and Ombudsman) Regulation 2003” at the following address:-

“Maharashtra Electricity Regulatory Commission, 13th floor,world Trade Center, Cuffe Parade, Colaba, Mumbai 05”

- d) It is hereby informed that if you have filed any original documents or important papers you have to take it back after 90 days. Those will not be available after three years as per MERC Regulations and those will be destroyed.