

**THE FORUM FOR REDRESSAL OF CONSUMER GRIEVANCES OF  
NORTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF TELANGANA LIMITED  
NIRMAL.**

**24<sup>th</sup> Day of June, 2019.**

**Present:-**

1. M. A Shareef,  
Chairperson (District & Sessions judge Rtrd.).
2. S. Rama Krishna,  
Member (Tech), (Chief Engineer NPDCL).
3. L. Kishan,  
Member (Fin), (General Manager NPDCL).

**C.G.No.26 of 2019.**

**Between:**

Sri. B. Ravi,  
S/o Fakeera,  
Ankol Thanda,  
Nasrullabad Mdl.,  
Dist: Kamareddy.  
Ph: 6300291409.

**COMPLAINANT**

**AND**

**RESPONDENTS**

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| 1. Assistant Engineer/OP/Nasrullabad - 9848948364         | } |  |
| 2. Assistant Divisional Engineer/OP/Banswada - 9440811611 |   |  |
| 3. Assistant Accounts Officer/ERO/Banswada - 9440811659   |   |  |
| 4. Divisional Engineer/OP/Banswada - 9440811588           |   |  |

This cases has come for hearing on 02-04-2019 and after hearing both the sides this CGRF passed the following:-

**ORDER**

1. This case is filed to reduce the excess bill.
2. The averments of the complaint are that the complainant is having service No.17 for his house and he is paying bill regularly. In one month all of a sudden a bill of Rs.13,000/- was imposed by the respondents which is excess as such it is to be reduced.
3. The 3<sup>rd</sup> respondents filed reply stating that on 22-05-2013 the then AAE/SD-II/DPE/Nizamabad, Viz. Sri. B. Sanjeevaiah inspected the house of complainant and found that the supply was being utilized directly tapping from nearby LT overhead line of PVC insulated aluminium wire and meter was kept idle, therefore the consumer indulged in theft of energy under Sec. 135 of electricity act. an amount of Rs.11747 + supervision charges Rs.100 and reconnection charges Rs.75 are included and the bill was issued to the consumer. Therefore the complainant is liable to pay this bill.

4. The point for consideration is whether the excess bill included can be withdrawn.
5. As per the reply filed by respondent No.3 the complainant committed theft of energy and the AAE/Nizamabad inspected on 22-05-2013. This amount was admittedly included in the bill for the month of September - 2018 i.e on 23-09-2018. According to this it is clear that this amount was included after a period of 5 years in the bill. In this connection sec.56 of electricity of 2003 is taken in the consideration and subsection 2 of this section is extracted as follows.

**“Notwithstanding anything contained in any other law for the time being in force, no sum due from any consumer, under this section shall be recoverable after the period of two years from the date when such sum became first due unless such sum has been shown continuously as recoverable as arrear of charges for electricity supplied and the licensee shall not cut off the supply of the electricity”.**

From the above contents of sub-section the respondents paid to demand the bill within 2 years from the date as it became due and within that 2 years they have not included this arrears in any bill, therefore by applying this section as the electricity bill was demanded after more than 5 years it cannot be recovered from the complainant and it is liable to be withdrawn.

6. in the result complaint is allowed. Accordingly the respondents are directed to withdraw the bill of Rs.13,953/- of Service No.52285-00017 of complainant of Ankole Thanda Village forthwith.

**Sd/-**  
**Member (Finance)**  
(General Manager,  
NPDCL).

**Sd/-**  
**Member (Technical)**  
Chief Engineer,  
NPDCL).

**Sd/-**  
**Chairperson**  
(District & Sessions  
Judge Rtrd.).

**Copy issued by Order.**

**Dictated to the computer operator and pronounced in the open court on 24-06-2019.**

**//forwarded by Order//**

**To**

The Assistant Engineer/OP/Nasrullabad.  
The Assistant Divisional Engineer/OP/Banswada.  
The Assistant Accounts Officer/ERO/Banswada.  
The Divisional Engineer/OP/Banswada.

**Copy To:**

The Superintending Engineer/OP/TSNPDCL/Kamareddy.