

BEFORE THE COURT OF ELECTRICITY OMBUDSMAN, JHARKHAND
4th floor, Bhagirathi Complex, Karamtoli Road, Ranchi – 834001

Case no. EOJ/04/2007

Dated- 13-March-2007

Shri N.K. Singh

Vrs.

AGMS (Estate) SAIL

Present:

Mr. Sarju Prasad

Electricity Ombudsman

Mr. N.K. Singh

For the petitioner

Mr. Mukul Akhouri, AGM (ADMN)

For the respondent

ORDER

Shri N.K. Singh along with representative Shri Badri Babu, Ex-Supt. of Department of P&T is present on behalf of the appellant. Shri Mukul Akhouri, AGM (Admn.) is present on behalf of respondent (SAIL).

The appellant has made a grievance that according the appellant as per the request of the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL), a post office has been opened in Satellite Township of SAIL at Ranchi where SAIL has provided residential quarters to the appellant and another quarters for the Post Office–cum-Residence of Sr. Superintendent, Post Office. According to the appellant, SAIL is charging electricity charges at the rate of 4.65 paise per unit whereas SAIL is charging electricity charges from its own employees at the rate of 1.70 paise per unit. According the appellant, the SAIL was charging electricity consumption charges at the rate of 1.75 paise per unit from the appellant also but from June, 2003 it is charging 4.65 paise per unit and had threaten of disconnection of electricity and told him to deposit electricity charges at the rate of 4.65 paise per unit.

According to the SAIL, they are purchasing electricity from JSEB at the rate of 4.65 paise per unit and are charging electricity charges at the same rate from all the consumers who are not employees in SAIL. Therefore SAIL is not charging single paisa more than the rate of which they are purchasing electricity from the JSEB. It is further submitted that they had moved the Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court in a writ petition and ultimately the Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court in LPA No. 129 of 2003 it has been placed the order that JSEB must charge electricity charges at the prescribed tariff rate for domestic consumers for supply of electricity in the Township. The SAIL has written a letter to the Chairman of JSEB for reducing the electricity charges for consumption in company township in view of the order of the Jharkhand High Court in writ petition WP(C)

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No. 4027 of 2001 and LPA No. 129 of 2003 at the moment JSEB revises its tariff for domestic service, SAIL will automatically implement the same in charging the consumption charges from the consumers who are not employees of SAIL. Till then they are unable to reduce the rate of the electricity charges with respect to consumer of the appellant.

It is not disputed that SAIL is charging the electricity consumption charge at the rate of JSEB, is charging from them and the matter is pending for revision of electricity consumption charges for domestic consumers. Since, the SAIL is making undertaking that they will revise the charge at the moment when JSEB reduces its charges for domestic consumers from the date of JSEB, reduces the rate and give benefit of adjustment of any excess amount of electricity energy charge calculated from the outsider consumers like appellant.

Since, SAIL is ready to reduce the electricity charges at the moment JSEB reduces the charges. This application is disposed of with direction that SAIL must revise the electricity charges from its domestic consumers who are outsiders (i.e. not the employees of SAIL) including the appellant and adjust the electricity charges if they paid in excess by appellant of such consumers till then the appellant must pay at the rate of 4.65 paise per unit.

Sd/-
Electricity Ombudsman