



NATIONAL TRANSMISSION & DESPATCH CO. LTD

Chief Engineer (Substation Design) NTDC

No. CE/SSD/M(C)/NTDC/387377

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Sub: YOUR COMMUNICATION DATED 23rd APRIL 2024 VIA EMAIL TO GM (D&E) AND COPY TO DMD (P&E) ALONG WITH CE (TL) DESIGN.


Ref: Complaint to General Manger (Design & Engineering) dated 23.04.2024 via E-Mail regarding Undue Favor to Contractor by NTDC (TL) Design department by accepting Under-designed reels against contract no. TLM-11 (R) and Variation Order-1 (copy of email attached).

With reference to your email / communication dated 23.04.2024 addressed to the office of General Manager (Design & Engineering) NTDC a formal inquiry committee has been constituted to probe into the allegations levelled in the said email. As per NTDC SOP for handling complaints, a copy of your email is being sent to you with following remarks to seek confirmation and affidavit from you to proceed further in this matter accordingly.

1. You are requested to confirm that the above cited e-mail sent vide email address asgharali.transparencv@gmail.com is a genuine email which is sent by you and the mentioned email address also belongs to you.
2. In case of your confirmation of above, a verification letter containing valid postal address, email and telephone no. etc. duly signed by you may please be returned to this office along with an Affidavit on Non-Judicial Paper of worth Rs. 100/- duly attested by the oath commissioner.

The above requested confirmation / affidavit shall reach to the undersigned within 04 working days to proceed further in this matter. Non confirmation and Non provision of required affidavit would lead to the disposal of this complaint as per NTDC policy for handling of anonymous complaints.

DA/As Above:


Engr. Sharjeel Babar
Manager (Design) O/o CE (SSD) NTDC
151-WAPDA House, Lahore
(Convener of the Committee)

CC:

1. Deputy Managing Director (P&E) NTDC, WAPDA House Lahore.
 2. General Manager (Design & Engineering) NTDC, WAPDA House, Lahore.
 3. Chief Engineer (SSD) NTDC, WAPDA House, Lahore.
 4. Chief Engineer (MP&M) NTDC, Shaheen Complex, Lahore.
 5. Chief Engineer (TLD) NTDC, WAPDA House, Lahore.
- M/File. - R/File.

From: Asghar Ali <asgharali.transparency@gmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday 23rd April 2024 9:59

To: General Manager Design and Engineering <gm.dae@ntdc.com.pk>

Cc: Dy. Managing Director (P&E) NTDC <dmd.pe@ntdc.com.pk>; Chief Engineer Transmission Line Design <ce.tld@ntdc.com.pk>

Subject: Undue Favor to Contractor by NTDC TL Design department by accepting under-designed reels against contract No. TLM-11(R) and Variation Order-1

Dear Sir,

According to contract agreement No. TLM-11(R) and Variation Order-1, the contractor M/s. FAST Cables was required to provide AAAC Greely Conductor on steel reels with 16 steel bar supports. However, the contractor has provided under-design reels with 8 steel bar supports, in connivance with TL Design department inspectors who have accepted these reels knowing fully well that the contractor is bound to provide steel reels with 16 steel bar supports as per approved technical data & drawings.

Total 1199 reels (1105 reels in main order + 94 reels in Variation order-1) were supplied by the contractor. An audit para No 1165/2023-24 has also been framed in this regard for 846 reels of this project. These 846 reels were old utilized reels that were provided by NTDC to the contractor at a lesser price but the contractor charged full price for these reels. Balance 353 reels (1199-846) were manufactured by M/s. FAST Cables. These reels were also under design (8 Steel bar supports) but were deliberately accepted by NTDC TL Design department inspectors. This undue favor to the contractor by TL Design inspectors caused a loss of millions of rupees to NTDC and national exchequer.

Most of these reels have already been utilized. After utilization, the reels are sold as scrap. So evidence of any wrongdoing cannot be found. As per our information, some of these reels are still present in the NTDC store in Jamshoro. We request you to investigate the matter before the remaining reels are also utilized and the evidence of wrongdoing by TL Design inspectors is completely removed.

This practice of connivance by TL Design inspectors puts other competitors of M/s. FAST Cables at disadvantage as these competitors believe in fair practices and quote price for full specs of the material whereas bidders like M/s. FAST Cables quote price for sub-standard products which they get passed in connivance with the inspectors.

As per our information, the following inspectors are involved in this project.

1. Mr. Azam Langah
2. Mr. Mohsin Memon
3. Mr. Irfan Bhutto
4. Mr. Afaq Arif

It is requested to investigate the matter and punish the involved NTDC inspectors so that such things don't happen in future and NTDC's image is not tarnished.

Regards

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