

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Order No. 2/2005

In the matter of applications by consumers of electricity with respect to billing for alleged interference and meter tampering.

Applicants

Names	Meter Nos.
• Pooran Boodhaily	60369
• Comal Singh	118488
• Roxanne Bynoe	151196
• Deonauth Mahadeo	314
• Shri Baldeo	28851
• Baldeo	154539
• Azzim Khan	139198
• A. Hussain	73264
• C. Bhagwandin	9784
• Rama Sahadeo	22479
• Rama Sahadeo	50556
• Ramcharitar Singh	101442
• L. Ramsingh	39498
• Joseph Grant	33151
• Mark Douglas	
• Donald London	
• Ramdyal Persaud	

CORAM:

Justice Prem Persaud, C.C.H.	-	Chairman
Mr. Badrie Persaud	-	Commissioner
Mr. Maurice Solomon	-	Commissioner
Mr. John Caesar	-	Commissioner



Appearances:

Guyana Power & Light Inc.:

Mr. Timothy Jonas - Attorney-at-Law

Consumers:

Mr. Nigel Hughes - Attorney-at-Law

Ms. E. Cox - President, Guyana Consumers Association

DECISION

WHEREAS several consumers have filed complaints against Guyana Power & Light Inc. alleging that the Utility Company is accusing them of unauthorised interfering with the meters causing them not to be properly metered, and as a consequence claiming large sums of money on a retroactive basis.

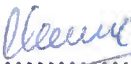
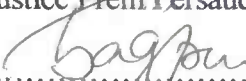

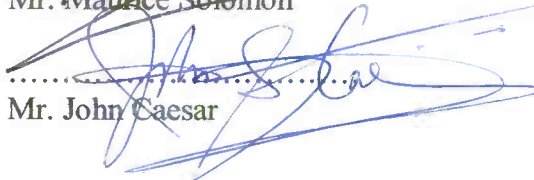
Despite requests to the Company to supply the evidence of the alleged unauthorised interference it did not supply any such evidence, but shortly before the date for hearing supplied some information with respect to the complaints.

In response the Company disclosed that it revisited five premises of complainants and granted credits to four. There was no explanation for the non-revisit to the other consumers.



The Commission, considering it reasonable and just in all the circumstances, hereby orders the Utility not to collect nor impose any charges for alleged diversion, interference or meter tampering until final determination of the issue before the Commission.

Dated this 3rd day of February, 2005.

 Justice Prem Persaud, C.C.H.	-	Chairman
 Mr. Badrie Persaud	-	Commissioner
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