

Grievance Redressal Forum
TPWODL, BARGARH
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 Bargarh, Pin- 768028

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 Bench: Sri B.K Singh (President) and Sri S. Tripathy, Member (Finance)



Ref: GRF/Bargarh/Div/BED/ (Final Order)/

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Date: 29.01.2024

Present: Sri B. K Singh (President),
 Sri S. Tripathy, Member (Finance).

1	Case No.	BGH/02/2023			
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address	Consumer No	Contact No.	
		Sri Jayadev Dila At-Narangpur, PO-Ruchida, Via-Ambabhona. Dist- Bargarh.	5120-0106-3349	9777423841	
3	Respondent/s	E.E,B.E.D.Bargarh , TPWODL		Division B.E.D, TPWODL, Bargarh	
4	Date of Application	20.12.23 (Received on 16.01.24 from Opposite party)			
5	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination	X	2. Billing Disputes	√
		3. Classification/Reclassification of Consumers	X	4. Contract Demand / Connected Load	X
		5. Disconnection / Reconnection of Supply	X	6. Installation of Equipment & apparatus of Consumer	X
		7. Interruptions	X	8. Metering	X
		9. New Connection	X	10. Quality of Supply & GSOP	X
		11. Security Deposit / Interest	X	12. Shifting of Service Connection & equipments	X
		13. Transfer of Consumer Ownership	X	14. Voltage Fluctuations	X
		15. Others (Specify) -X			
6	Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved				
7	OERC Regulation(s) with Clauses	1. OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019 √			
		2. OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations,2004			
		3. OERC Conduct of Business) Regulations,2004			
		4. Odisha Grid Code (OGC) Regulation,2006			
		5. OERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations,2004			
		6. Others			
8	Date(s) of Hearing	04.01.24			
9	Date of Order	29.01.2024			
10	Order in favour of	Complainant	√	Respondent	Others
11	Details of Compensation awarded, if any.	NIL			

PRESIDENT

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Hearing at: GRF Office, TPWODL, Bargarh.

Appeared
For the Complainant- Sri Jayadev Dila

For the Respondent - Priyabrata Joshi (JFM), B.E.D, Bargarh, TPWODL.

GRF Case No- BGH/02/2023

(1) Sri Jayadev Dila
At-Narangpur,
PO-Ruchida
Via-Ambabhona.
Dist- Bargarh.
Consumer No.- 5120-0106-3349

COMPLAINANT

VRS

(1) E.E (Elect.), B.E.D, Bargarh, TPWODL

OPPOSITE PARTY

GIST OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed in the name of Sri Jayadeb Dila, At-Narangpur, PO-Ruchida, Dist-Bargarh, objected about the abnormal energy bill charged in August-2023, where an upward assessment of previous bills have been done with an amount of Rs.55000/-. The complainant also objected about the accuracy of the existing meter installed. Hence, the Complainant prayed before the Forum to direct the Opposite Party to withdraw such erroneous bills raised & resolve the billing dispute accordingly.

SUBMISSION OF OPPOSITE PARTY

The Opposite Party submitted the ledger copies from October-2018 to November-2023, metering test report dt.12.01.2024, copy of upward bill revision proposal processed amounting Rs.57,649.29/- & a written submission to this case. In reply to this case, the Opposite Party submitted that, the consumer has been availing LI point supply since 25.06.2018 & average/provisional bills were charged upto September-2022. A new meter was installed during October-2022 & thereafter monthly bills were raised on actual meter reading basis. Rs. 57649.29/- has been debited/added in the bill of August-2023 due to an upward assessment of previous energy bills that were charged on average/provisional basis, for the period from October-2020 to September-2022, on the basis of actual monthly average consumption recorded in the new meter installed during October-2022, considering succeeding six months actual monthly average consumption recorded in the new meter installed. The Opposite Party affirmed that the afore mentioned bill revision is done in consonance with the regulation-155 of OERC, Distribution (Condition of supply) Code, 2019. Hence, the Opposite Party urged before the Forum to issue necessary order as deemed fit.

OBSERVATION

The case is perused with all documents available in record and merit of the case. The complainant is an existing consumer of electricity under the operational area of TPWODL bearing Consumer No-5120-0106-3349, having CD-3HP, under LT-Irrigation Pumping & Agriculture category, under ESO, Bhukta.



On scrutinizing the case in detail, it was observed from the ledger abstract that average/provisional bills were charged continuously from the date of initial power supply i.e. from 25.06.2018 till September-2022. A new meter bearing serial No."TPU044456" was installed in the premises on 10.10.2022 & monthly energy bills were charged thereafter on actual meter reading basis. It was revealed that an amount of Rs. 57,649.29/- was debited/added in the bill of August-2023.

The Opposite party clarified the fact that an upward assessment of previous average bills have been done for the period from October-2020 to September-2022, considering succeeding six months actual monthly average consumption @1805 unit per month, as recorded in the new meter installed bearing serial No" TPU044456". During the course of hearing, the complainant also raised objection about the accuracy of the existing meter (serial No" TPU044456"). The Opposite Party was asked to submit the meter test report to ascertain the accuracy of the same meter. The meter test report of MRT, Bargarh, dt.12.01.2024, as submitted by the Opposite Party revealed that the existing meter (serial No" TPU044456") has been tested "OK" with accuracy of meter found within permissible limit.

Hence, the Forum observed that the additional bills raised from October-2020 to September-2022, is in obedience to regulation-155 of OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019. However, in order to even out effect of seasonality, the complainant being an agricultural consumer, 12-months average consumption be re-considered instead of 6 months actual monthly average consumption of existing running meter, so evaluated already, to justify the consumption as recorded & redress the grievances accordingly.

ORDER

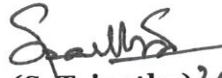
Considering the documents and statements submitted by both the parties and agreed upon at the time of hearing, the Forum hereby passes orders in consonance with regulations of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019.

- 1. The Opposite Party is directed to reassess & revise the energy bills raised to the consumer for the period from **October-2020 to September-2022**, based on succeeding twelve months actual monthly average consumption so recorded in the existing meter bearing meter sl. no." TPU044456", from the date of installation of the same.*
- 2. The Opposite party is directed not to consider the bill revision for the period already where the complainant has availed the OTS scheme and rebate thereon, if any, as applicable, as not submitted any information for the same by either of the parties.*
- 3. The Opposite Party is directed to serve the revised energy charges bill with revised due date within 30 days from the receipt of this Order, duly considering the applicable tariff during the period, taking in to account the adjustments, if any, and adjusting the payments made by the complainant and ensure payment thereof.*
- 4. The Complainant is directed to pay the revised billed amount so arrived, if any, within due date after receipt of the revised energy charges bill as per regulation- 144 of OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019.*

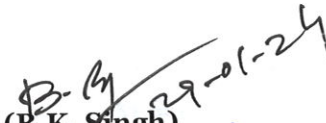


The Opposite party is directed to submit the compliance report to this Forum within one month from the date of issue of this order.

Accordingly, the case is disposed of.


(S. Tripathy) 29/01/2024
Member (Finance)
MEMBER

**Grievance Redressal Forum
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(B.K. Singh)
(President)
PRESIDENT

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1. Sri Jayadev Dila, At-Narangpur, PO-Ruchida, Via-Ambabhona, Dist-Bargarh, Mob-9777423841.
2. Sub-Divisional Officer (Elect.), Bhatli, TPWODL, Bhatli with the direction to serve one copy of the order to the Complainant/Consumer.
3. Executive Engineer (Elect.), BED, TPWODL, Bargarh.
4. The Chief Legal-cum-Nodal Officer, TPWODL, Burla for information.

"If the complainant is aggrieved either by this order or due to non-implementation of the order of the Grievance Redressal Forum in time, he/she is at liberty to make representation to the Ombudsman-II, Qrs. No.3R-2(S), GRIDCO Colony, P.O:Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar-751022 (Tel No. 0674-2543825 and Fax No. 0674-2546264) within 30 days from the date of this order of the Grievance Redressal Forums."

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