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Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/__25

Dated, the 17/01

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo Sri Krupasindhu Padhee - President

Member (Finance)Co-Opted Member

Case No. Complaint Case No. BGR/17/2025 Name & Address Consumer No Contact No. Sri Rohita Meher. 911312111192 7894950493 2 Complainant/s For Sri Dambaru Meher, At/Po-Nagaon (A), Via-Agalpur, Dist-Bolangir Name Division 3 Respondent/s S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Loisingha Bolangir Electrical Division. TPWODL, Bolangir 4 **Date of Application** 07.01.2025 1. Agreement/Termination 2. Billing Disputes 3. Classification/Reclassi-4. Contract Demand / Connected fication of Consumers Load Disconnection 6. Installation of Equipment Reconnection of Supply apparatus of Consumer Interruptions In the matter of-8. Metering 5 **New Connection** 10. Quality of Supply & GSOP 11. Security Deposit / Interest 12. Shifting of Service Connection & equipments 13. Transfer Consumer 14. Voltage Fluctuations Ownership 15. Others (Specify) -Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved 6 OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019; Regulation(s) Clause(s) with Clauses 155, 157 OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations, 2004; Clause OERC Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004; Clause Odisha Grid Code (OGC) Regulation, 2006; Clause OERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2004; Clause 6. Others Date(s) of Hearing 07.01.2025 Date of Order 17.01.2025 10 Order in favour of Complainant Respondent Others 11 Details of Compensation awarded, if any.

CO-OPTED MEMBER

MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

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Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Ingsa

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Rohita Meher

For the Respondent

-Sri Abani Kanta Maharana, S.D.O (Elect.), Loisingha

Complaint Case No. BGR/17/2025

Sri Rohita Meher, For Sri Dambaru Meher, At/Po-Nagaon (A), Via-Agalpur, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 911312111192 COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Loisingha OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER (Dt.17.01.2025)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by the representative of the consumer Shri Rohita Meher who is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has disputed about the average bill raised from Jan-Feb/2001 to May-Jun/2003. He has filed his grievances for revision of bill. The complainant needs suitable bill revision for the said period.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED: 07.01.2025

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Agalpur section of Loisingha Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with average bills due to no meter in his premises from Jan-Feb/2001 to May-Jun/2003. For that average bill, the arrear amount has been accumulated to ₹31,051.07p upto Dec.-2024. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for suitable revision of the bill.

SUBMISSION OF OPPOSITE PARTY DURING HEARING

The OP appeared before the Forum with relevant records. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Domestic consumer availing power supply prior to Apr-1999. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Jan-Feb/2001 to May-Jun/2003 was due to no meter in his premises. A new meter with sl. no. 164613 was installed during Jan-Feb/2003, thereafter actual billing was done. As the above-stated average billing period bill has not been revised, it needs bill revision.

Considering the above, the OP requested before the Forum for revision of previous disputed

bills and pass order as deemed fit.

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FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS OF THE FORUM

The consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer with a CD of 1 KW. The consumer has availed power supply prior to Apr-1999 and total outstanding upto Dec.-2024 is ₹ 31,051.07p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

- 1. The consumer has availed power supply without meter from Jan-Feb/2001 to May-Jun/2003 which violates Cl-97 (ii) of OERC Dist. Conditions of Supply) Code 2019 which is a gross negligence on the part of OP which should not be. The Forum has taken this as a <u>serious note</u> and warned the OP not to repeat such things in future.
- 2. The OP admitted the complaint and submitted that a new meter with sl. no. 164613 was installed during Jan-Feb/2003, thereafter actual billing was done. Due to billing with unmetered status, the consumer was served with average bills from Jan-Feb/2001 to May-Jun/2003 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.
- 3. During the course of hearing, the OP has admitted with the billing complaints and initiated bill revision process on the spot observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the monthly bill has been recalculated with the consumption and an amount of ₹ 5,985.50p is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.
- 4. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the total has been accumulated to ₹ 31,051.07p upto Dec.-2024.

In view of above facts and circumstances and after going through the documents submitted by both the parties, the Forum pronounces the following order as per regulations of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019.

The OP was agreed with the billing dispute and revised the bill on spot and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹ 5,985.50p. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal and must be reflected in the next bill.

Case is disposed off accordingly.

Compliance report must be submitted to the Forum by the opposite party within one month after receipt of GRF order otherwise it will be treated as non-compliance.

CO-OPTED MEMBER

P.K.SAHOO MEMBER (Fin.)

K.B.ŞAHU PRESIDENT

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- 1. Sri Rohita Meher, At/Po-Nagaon (A), Via-Agalpur, Dist-Bolangir.
- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Loisingha.
- 3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Bolangir Electrical Division, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 4. Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 5. Chief Legal, Head Quarter Office, TPWODL, Burla.

The order is also available at TPWODL Web site: tpwesternodisha.com → customer zone → Grievance Redressal Forum → BOLANGIR → (GRF CASE NO.)

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