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Dated, the

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo Sri Krupasindhu Padhee

> Clause 6. Others

17.04.2025

29.04.2025

Complainant

President

- Member (Finance)

Co-Opted Member

Complaint Case No. BGR/247/2025 1 Case No. Name & Address Consumer No Contact No. Sri Trinath Kumbhar, 911124060161 9937439945 2 Complainant/s For Smt. Mina Kumari Bagh, At-Beherapali, Po/Dist-Bolangir Division Name 3 Respondent/s S.D.O (Elect.), No. I, TPWODL, Bolangir Bolangir Electrical Division, TPWODL, Bolangir 4 Date of Application 17.04.2025 1. Agreement/Termination 2. Billing Disputes 4. Contract Demand / Connected Classification/Reclassification of Consumers Load Disconnection 6. Installation of Equipment Reconnection of Supply apparatus of Consumer Metering Interruptions 5 In the matter of-**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 OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019; OERC Regulation(s) 1. with Clauses 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:

CO-OPTED MEMBER

Details of Compensation

Date(s) of Hearing

Order in favour of

awarded, if any.

Date of Order

MEMBER (Fin.)

Respondent

PRESIDENT

Others

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Camp Court at Bolangir Town Place of Hearing:

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Trinath Kumbhar

For the Respondent

-Sri Swadhin Sahu, OAG-II (Representative)

Complaint Case No. BGR/247/2025

Sri Trinath Kumbhar, For Smt. Mina Kumari Bagh, At-Beherapali, Po/Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 911124060161

COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, No. I, TPWODL, Bolangir

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER (Dt.29.04.2025)

During Camp Court hearing at ESO-IV office on 17th Apr. 2025, the representative of the consumer Shri Trinath Kumbhar was present & Shri Swadhin Sahu, OAG-II (Authorised representative of SDO-I, Balangir) was present as opposite party.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. The complainant represented that he was getting abnormal & inflated bill after meter replacement done in Feb.-2023. For that inflated bills, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹ 41,278.37p upto Mar.-2025. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for installation of new meter & suitable revision of bill.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED: 17.04.2025

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under ESO-IV Section of Balangir-I Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was getting abnormal & inflated bills from Feb.-2023 onwards after replacement of meter. For that, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹41,278.37p upto Mar.-2025. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for installation of new meter & suitable revision of bill.

SUBMISSION OF OPPOSITE PARTY DURING HEARING

The OP appeared before the Forum with relevant documents. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer availing power supply since Apr.-2008. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated billing from Feb.-2023 is not based on facts as all the bills have been generated on actual meter reading basis. Hence, the petition of the complainant should be rejected. 12 - 20 mm) 72.

Considering the above, the OP requested before the Forum to reject the petition of the petitioner and to pass order as deemed fit.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS OF THE FORUM

The consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer with a CD of 2 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 25th Apr. 2008 and total outstanding upto Mar.-2025 is ₹ 41,278.37p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

- The complainant disputed the accuracy of the present meter installed during Feb.-2023 where all bills have been raised on actual meter reading basis during the disputed period. The OP submitted that all bills have been raised on meter reading basis during the disputed period and hence no bill revision is required.
- 2. To resolve the issue, the Forum during the course of hearing directed the complainant to deposit the required meter testing fees with the licensee so that the meter will be tested at site by the MMG team. Also, the OP was made correspondence with the complainant vide letter no. 272, dated 17th Apr. 2025 to deposit the required meter testing fees of ₹ 500/-. The complainant has no response till date. In between that, the OP was intimated verbally to the complainant for deposit of testing fees so that the meter will be tested. But, there is no response from the complainant end. Finally, the OP intimated before the Forum vide letter no. 292 dated 23rd Apr. 2025 regarding the inactiveness of the complainant.
- 3. Taking the above into consideration, the complainant fails to comply the direction given by the Forum regarding deposit of meter testing fees so that his grievances will be redressed. The Forum has taken this as a SERIOUS NOTE for such noncompliance of direction of Forum at the end of the complainant.
- The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has 4 been accumulated to ₹41,278.37p upto Mar.-2025.

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 complainant has failed to comply the direction of the Forum during the hearing dated 17th Apr. 2025. Hence, the complaint of complainant is hereby rejected.

Case is disposed off accordingly.

CO-OPTED MEMBER

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- 1. Srí Trinath Kumbhar, At-Beherapali, Po/Dist-Bolangir-767001.
- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, No. I, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 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 → $BOLANGIR \rightarrow (GRF CASE NO.)$

"If the Complainant is aggrieved with this order or non-implementation of the order of the Grievance Redressal Forum in time, he/she can make the representation to the Ombudsman-II, Qrs. No.3R-2(S), GRIDCO Colony, P.O:Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar-751022 within 30 days from the date of order of the Grievance Redressal Forums."