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Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/ 573

Dated, the 31/07/2025

Corum: Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu
Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo
Sri Krupasindhu Padhee

- President
- Member (Finance)
- Co-Opted Member

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/410/2025																																											
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address		Consumer No	Contact No.																																								
		Sri Hrushikesh Patra, For Smt. Mira Patra, At/Po-Bangomunda, Dist-Bolangir		912212020211	8249722035																																								
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Kantabanji		Division Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh																																									
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8	Date(s) of Hearing	23.07.2025																																											
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10	Order in favour of	Complainant	✓	Respondent	Others																																								
11	Details of Compensation awarded, if any.	Nil																																											

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Place of Hearing: Camp Court at Bagbahal

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Hrushikesh Patra
For the Respondent -Sri Sanjay Tirkey, S.D.O (Elect.), Kantabanji

Complaint Case No. BGR/410/2025

Sri Hrushikesh Patra,
For Smt. Mira Patra,
At/Po-Bangomunda,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912212020211

COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer,
Electrical Sub-Division,
TPWODL, Kantabanji

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER
(Dt.31.07.2025)

During Camp Court hearing at Bangomunda on 23rd Jul. 2025, the representative of the consumer Shri Hrushikesh Patra was present & Shri Sanjay Tirkey, SDO-Kantabanji was present as opposite party.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by the representative of the consumer Shri Hrushikesh Patra who is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has disputed about the additional bill of ₹ 41,036.15p raised in the bill of May-2025. Also, he disputed that he has gone to outstate for a long period prior to the year 2024 and monthly bills have been raised by the OP which needs to be revised. The complainant needs suitable bill revision for the said period.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED : 23.07.2025

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Tureikela section of Kantabanji Sub-division. The complainant represented that an additional bill of ₹ 41,036.15p has been debited in the bill of May-2025 illegally which needs to be withdrawn. Also, fictitious bills have been raised till the year 2024 where the house was locked. The complainant requested before the Forum for revision of 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

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raised by the complainant for the additional bill of ₹ 41,036.15p has been raised in May-2025 bill in obedience to CI-155 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019 which is liable to pay by the consumer. The reason of additional bill due to average billing made from Nov.-2020 to Jan.-2024. On 14th Mar. 2024, the defective meter has been replaced with a new meter having meter no. TWB305156. After meter replacement, the monthly bills have generated on actual basis. The additional bill of ₹ 41,036.15p has been raised based on the consumption pattern of succeeding six months and assessed for the meter defective period restricted to two year. Regarding monthly billing prior to the year 2024 as represented by the consumer, the consumer has made payment in regular interval. Hence, the petition of the complainant is not accepted.

Based on the above, the OP requested before the Forum to pass order as deemed fit.

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 Jun.-2025 is ₹ 43,383.95p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. As represented by the consumer, an additional bill of ₹ 41,036.15p has been added in the bill of May-2025 which needs to be withdrawn.

The OP submitted by OP with relevant record that, the energy meter installed in the premises was gone defective w.e.f. Nov-2020 and continued with same status till Jan-2024. The OP has replaced the defective meter with a new meter on 14th Mar. 2024 with meter no. TWB305156 and has been reflected in the bill. Thereafter, the monthly energy bill has been raised on actual meter reading basis. The dispute has raised for imposition of additional bill of ₹ 41,036.15p due to delay replacement of meter by the OP. Off-late, the OP has replaced the meter after three year of meter defective which violates CI-155 of OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code-2019 and also attracts under Schedule-III of Guaranteed Standard of Performance of OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code. Hence, it is advised the OP to be more pro-active for replacement of defective meter within standard time as prescribed by Hon'ble OERC. In the instant case, the OP has exercised CI-155 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019.

During the course of hearing, the OP admitted with the billing complaints and intimated that they have initiated re-assessment of upward assessment observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the re-assessed amount has been recalculated with the consumption and an amount of ₹ 20,109.46p is to be debited and ₹ 43,383.95p which was debited in the bill of May-2025 is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.

In response to the complaint of the complainant about non-staying in his premises prior to the year 2024, the Forum analysed the billing data and found that the consumer has made several payments from the year 2018 to 2024. Taking into consideration of this, the claim of the complainant is not based on facts and hence rejected.

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2. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the total has been accumulated to ₹ 43,383.95p upto Jun.-2025.

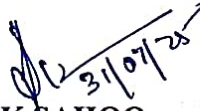
In view of above facts and circumstances and after going through the documents submitted by both the parties, the Forum pronounces the following order as per regulations of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019.

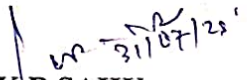
1. The OP has initiated the re-assessment of upward assessed amount and the petitioner was convinced with the proposal. Accordingly, the re-assessed amount of ₹ 20,109.46p is to be debited and the upward assessment of ₹ 41,036.15p which was debited in the bill of May-2025 is to be withdrawn. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal and must be reflected in the next bill.
2. The claim of non-staying of complainant at the premises prior to the year 2024 is not based on facts as regular payment has been made by the complainant during that period. Hence, the claim of complainant is hereby rejected.

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.


K.S. PADHEE
CO-OPTED MEMBER


P.K. SAHOO
MEMBER (Fin.)


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2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Kantabanji.
3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh.
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.)

"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."