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Bench: Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu (President),

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo (Member (Finance)), Sri Krupasindhu Padhee, (Co-Opted Member)

Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/ 631

Dated, the 26/08/

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

President

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo

Member (Finance)

Sri Krupasindhu Padhee

Co-Opted Member

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/4	12/202	25			
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address			Consumer No Contact I		t No.
		Sri Ramesh Kumar Behera,			912001012355 7978125		5884
		At/Po-Titilagarh,					
		Dist-Bolangir					
	Respondent/s	Name			Division		
3		S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Titilagarh			Titilagarh Electrical Division,		
		TPWODL, Titilagarh					
4	Date of Application	24.07.2025		-			
	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination		2. Billing Disputes √			V
		3. Classification/Reclassi-	4	4. Contract Demand / Connected			·
		fication of Consumers		Load			T.
		5. Disconnection / Reconnection of Supply	6	6. Installation of Equipment & apparatus of Consumer			
		7. Interruptions	8		Metering		
5		9. New Connection		10. Quality of Supply & GSOP			
		11. Security Deposit / Interest 12. Shift equi			ting of Service Connection &		
					pments		
		13. Transfer of Consumer	1	14. Voltage Fluctuations			
		Ownership 15. Others (Specify) –					
6	Section(s) of Electricity						
7	OERC Regulation(s)	1. OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019;					
	with Clauses	Clause(s) 2. OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations, 2004;					
		Clause					
		3. OERC Conduct of Business) Regulations,2004; Clause					
		4. Odisha Grid Code (OGC) Regulation, 2006; Clause					
		5. OERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2004;					
		Clause					
0		6. Others					
8	Date(s) of Hearing	13.08.2025					
9	Date of Order	26.08.2025 Complainant Respondent √ Others					
10	Order in favour of	And the second control of the second control	Respondent		N I	Others	
11	Details of Compensation Nil						
Name of the Owner, or	awarded, if any.						**

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Place of Hearing: Camp Court at Titilagarh

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Ramesh Kumar Behera

For the Respondent

-Sri Binay Kumar Panigrahi, S.D.O (Elect.), Titilagarh

Complaint Case No. BGR/412/2025

Sri Ramesh Kumar Behera, At/Po-Titilagarh, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 912001012355

COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh **OPPOSITE PARTY**

ORDER (Dt.26.08.2025)

The consumer has appealed before the Forum for revision of bill. Accordingly, hearing date was fixed on 13th Aug. 2025 and notice was served to both the parties to remain present with supportive documents on the said date.

During hearing conducted at Titilagarh Division office on 13th Aug. 2025, the consumer Shri Ramesh Kumar Behera was present & Shri Binay Kumar Panigrahi, SDO-Titilagarh was present as opposite party.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by the consumer Shri Ramesh Kumar Behera who is a LT-Irr. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has disputed about the arrear outstanding and requested for bill revision. The complainant needs suitable bill revision for the said period.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED: 13.08.2025

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under ESO-II section of Titilagarh Sub-division. The complainant represented that due to erroneous bill served by the OP, the arrear outstanding has been accumulated which needs to be revised and requested before the Forum for revision of bill.

PREVIOUS COMPLAINS IF ANY:

Letter dated 16th Jun. 2023 addressed to SDO-Titilagarh.

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-Irr. consumer availing power supply since July-2021. The billing dispute raised by the complainant about the arrear outstanding is not a genuine dispute. The arrear outstanding

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has been accumulated due to non-payment of monthly energy bill by the consumer. There is an average bill raised to the consumer for the meter defective period pertaining to Feb-2023 to Sep-2024. The said defective meter has been replaced on 19th Oct. 2024 with meter no. TWSP51107391. After installation of meter and as per succeeding six months average consumption, an additional bill of ₹ 5,112.79p has been raised in Jun-2025 bill in obedience to Cl-155 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019 which is liable to pay by the consumer.

Based on the above, the OP requested before the Forum to reject the complaint of complainant and pass order as deemed fit.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS OF THE FORUM

The consumer is a LT-Irr. consumer with a CD of 1 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 07th Jul. 2021 and total outstanding upto Jul.-2025 is ₹ 18,096.34p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. As represented by the consumer, there is an accumulation of arrear outstanding due to erroneous bill raised by the OP which needs to be revised.

The OP submitted relevant record that, average billing was done for the month of Feb-2023 to Sep-2024 due to meter defective. The OP has replaced the defective meter with a new meter on 19th Oct. 2024 with meter no. TWSP51197391 and has been reflected in the bill. Thereafter, the monthly energy bill has been raised on actual meter reading basis. Based on the average consumption of new meter for the succeeding six months, an additional bill of ₹ 5,112.79p has been raised under Cl-155 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019. Also, the consumer has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear outstanding has been accumulated.

2. The Forum has gone through the documents submitted by both parties and observed that average billing has been done for the month of Feb.-2023 to Sep-2024 with meter status of "DEFECTIVE". The OP has replaced the defective meter with a new meter on 19th Oct. 2024 with meter no. TWSP51197391 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 ₹ 5,112.79p due to delay replacement of meter by the OP. Off-late, the OP has replaced the meter after one & half year of meter defective which violates Cl-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 Cl-155 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019.

During the course of hearing, the Forum observed that though the consumer has executed agreement with OP under LT-Irrigation category but at present he is using power supply for poultry firm purpose which violates billing tariff category. The complainant is hereby advised to apply before the OP with compliance of departmental formalities and for execution of an amended agreement.

3. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the total has been accumulated to ₹ 18,096.34p upto Jul.-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.

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- 1. There is no error in the monthly energy bill and the consumer is liable to pay the same.
- 2. Regarding additional bill of ₹ 5,112.79p as has been raised by the opposite party is in obedience to Cl-155 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019 and the complainant is liable to pay the same. Hence, the complaint of the complainant is hereby rejected. However, The Forum advised the OP to allow suitable installment on the additional bill to the complainant if the complainant so desires and the complainant has to adhere the same.
- 3. The complainant is advised to apply before the OP regarding amendment of billing tariff category observing departmental formalities.

Case is disposed off accordingly.

K.S.PADHEE CO-OPTED MEMBER P.K.SAHOO MEMBER (Fin.)

K.B.SAHU PRESIDENT

Copy to: -

- 1. Sri Ramesh Kumar Behera, At/Po-Titilagarh, Dist-Bolangir-767033.
- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh.
- 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 \rightarrow customer zone \rightarrow Grievance Redressal Forum \rightarrow 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."