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Dated, the 14/08

Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo President
Member (Finance)
Co-Opted Member

Sri Krupasindhu Padhee

Complaint Case No. BGR/429/2025 Case No. Consumer No Contact No. Name & Address 911311040069 9777699282 Sri Balgopal Sahu, 2 Complainant/s For Sri Purna Chanda Sahu, At/Po-Burda, Via-Loisingha, Dist-Bolangir Division Name Bolangir Electrical Division, Respondent/s S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Loisingha 3 TPWODL, Bolangir **Date of Application** 06.08.2025 4 2. Billing Disputes √ 1. Agreement/Termination 3. Classification/Reclassi-4. Contract Demand / Connected fication of Consumers Load Disconnection Installation of Equipment Reconnection of Supply apparatus of Consumer Interruptions 8. Metering 5 In the matter of-New Connection 10. Quality of Supply & GSOP 11. Security Deposit / Interest 12. Shifting of Service Connection & equipments 13. Transfer 14. Voltage Fluctuations of Consumer Ownership 15. Others (Specify) -Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved 6 OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019; OERC Regulation(s) 155, 157 Clause(s) 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; Clause Others Date(s) of Hearing 06.08.2025 Date of Order 14.08.2025 Complainant Others 10 Order in favour of Respondent 11 Details of Compensation awarded, if any.

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Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Loisingha

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Balgopal Sahu

For the Respondent

-Sri Saroj Kumar Kanda, S.D.O (Elect.), Loisingha

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Sri Balgopal Sahu, For Sri Purna Ch. Sahu, At/Po-Burda, Via-Loisingha, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 911311040069 COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

ORDER (Dt.14.08.2025)

During Camp Court hearing at Loisingha Office on 06th Aug. 2025, the representative of the consumer Shri Balgopal Sahu was present & Shri Saroj Kumar Kanda, SDO-Loisingha was present as opposite party.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by the representative of the consumer Shri Balgopal Sahu who is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 3 KW. He has disputed about the additional bill of ₹ 14,278.24p raised in the bill of May-2025 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: 06.08.2025

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Loisingha section of Loisingha Sub-division. The complainant represented that an additional bill of ₹ 14,278.24p has been debited in the bill of May-2025 illegally which needs to be withdrawn and 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 raised by the complainant for the additional bill of ₹ 14,278.24p has been raised in May-2025 bill in obedience to Cl-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 Oct-2021 to Dec-2023. On 21st Jan. 2024, the defective meter has been replaced with a new meter having meter no.

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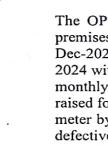
TWB305681. After meter replacement, the monthly bills have been generated on actual basis. The additional bill of ₹ 14,278.24p has been raised based on the consumption pattern of succeeding six months and assessed for the meter defective period.

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-Dom. consumer with a CD of 3 KW. The consumer has availed power supply prior to Apr-1999 and total outstanding upto Jun.-2025 is ₹ 38,633.45p. 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 ₹ 14,278.24p has been added in the bill of May-2025 which needs to be withdrawn.



The OP submitted with relevant record that, the energy meter installed in the premises was gone defective w.e.f. Oct-2021 and continued with same status till Dec-2023. The OP has replaced the defective meter with a new meter on 21st Jan. 2024 with meter no. TWB305681 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 ₹ 14,278.24p due to delay replacement of meter by the OP. Off-late, the OP has replaced the meter after two 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 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 ₹ 9,400.03p is to be debited and ₹ 14,278.24p which was debited in the bill of May-2025 is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.

2. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the total has been accumulated to ₹ 38,633.45p 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.

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 ₹ 9,400.03p is to be debited and the upward assessment of ₹ 14,278.24p 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. PRESIDENT



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

P.K.SAHOO MEMBER (Fin.) K.B.SAHU PRESIDENT

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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; towesternodisha.com \rightarrow customer zone \rightarrow Grievance Redressal Forum \rightarrow BOLANGIR \rightarrow (GRF CASE NO.)

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