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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/

Dated, the 26/08/2025

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

PresidentMember (Finance)

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo Sri Krupasindhu Padhee

Co-Opted Member

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/455/2025					
	Complainant/s	Name & Address			Consumer No Contact No		t No.
2		Sri Dhruba Kumar Bagarty,			912123080144	977729	7045
		For Sri Lingaraj Bagarty,				12	
		At-Charbhata, Po-Desil,				9	
		Via-Titilagarh, Dist-Bolangir					
		Name			Division		
3	Respondent/s	S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Titilagarh			Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh		
4	Date of Application	13.08.2025					
5	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination	2. I	Billing	ng Disputes √		
		3. Classification/Reclassi-	4. (Contract Demand / Connected			
		fication of Consumers		Load	nstallation of Equipment & pparatus of Consumer		
		5. Disconnection /					
		Reconnection of Supply					
		7. Interruptions		Metering			
		9. New Connection		10. Quality of Supply & GSOP 12. Shifting of Service Connection &			
					pments		
		13. Transfer of Consumer 14. Voltage Fluctuations					
		Ownership					
		15. Others (Specify) -					
6	Section(s) of Electricity	Act, 2003 involved		1 1 4		0	70 A
7	OERC Regulation(s)	1. OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019;					
	with Clauses	Clause(s) 155, 157					
		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					
		6. Others					
8	Date(s) of Hearing	13.08.2025					
9	Date of Order	26.08.2025					
10	Order in favour of	Complainant Respondent				Others	
11	Details of Compens	ation Nil					

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PRESIDENT



Camp Court at Titilagarh Place of Hearing:

Appeared:

-Sri Dhruba Kumar Bagarty For the Complainant

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

Complaint Case No. BGR/455/2025

Sri Dhruba Kumar Bagarty, For Sri Lingaraj Bagarty, At-Charbhata, Po-Desil, Via-Titilagarh, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 912123080144

COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER (Dt.26.08.2025)

During Camp Court hearing at Titilagarh division office on 12th Aug. 2025, the representative of the consumer Sri Dhruba Kumar Bagarti was present & Shri Binay Kumar Panigrahi, SDO-Titilagarh was present as opposite party.

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by the representative of the consumer Shri Dhruba Kumar Bagarti who is a LT-GPS. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has submitted that he Has availed power supply for a shop purpose since the date of power supply but from the year 2016, the said meter has been installed in his domestic premises but billing has been raised in GPS tariff till date which needs bill revision under Dom tariff since the year 2016. The complainant needs suitable bill revision for the said period.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED: 12.08.2025

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under ESO-II section of Titilagarh Sub-division. The consumer represented that initially he Has availed power supply for GPS purpose but from the year 2016, the said meter has been installed in his domestic premises but the billing is being continued with the previous tariff i.e. GPS tariff in stead of Dom tariff which needs bill revision under DOMESTIC tariff. For that change of tariff, the total outstanding has been accumulated to ₹ 1,02,250.54p upto Jul.-2025. 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 documents. On defence, he intimated that initially the consumer was availed power supply under GPS tariff w.e.f. Mar-2005 and till date the billing is continuing with the same tariff. Regarding use of domestic category, the OP has no information about this matter. Also, till date the consumer has not approached the matter before the department.

Considering 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-GPS. consumer with a CD of 1 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 10th Mar. 2005 and the arrear outstanding upto Jul.-2025 is ₹ 1,02,250.54p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

The consumer represented that earlier he Has availed power supply for Commercial purpose but from the year 2016 onwards, he is availing the same connection for domestic purpose but till date he is being billed with GPS tariff which needs bill revision as per LT-Dom. tariff w.e.f. the year 2016.

The OP submitted that there is no information with the licensee about the change of tariff category from GPS to Dom tariff. The consumer might be done this by his own. Also, from the year 2016 to till date, the complainant has not yet approached regarding this dispute. Hence, the complaint of the complainant is not based on facts and hence the petition is likely to be rejected.

The Forum analysed the documents submitted by both parties. It is observed that the consumer is availing power supply for GPS purpose. The Forum asked the complainant to submit any application submitted before the OP regarding change of tariff from GPS to Dom tariff but the complainant has failed to produce any application submitted before the licensee. In the instant case, the complainant has claimed unilateral change of tariff category from GPS to DOM w.e.f. the year 2016 without any sort of formalities on behalf of consumer in accordance with amended Regulation of Hon'ble OERC, which is not maintainable in its face since the tariff notification promulgated was meant for information of all and applicability of a different tariff category involves proper application which is not possible without any move by the consumer which is lacking in this case. Initially power supply has been released under GPS tariff and till date it is continuing with same tariff, also the complainant has paid the monthly bill subsequently without any protest. At the belated stage, now when claims benefit or altered tariff retrospectively the same is not feasible in absence of any application from the consumer. Rather, the consumer has approached this forum on 13th Aug. 2025 for the first time but there is huge arrear outstanding of ₹ 1,02,250.54p upto Jul-2025 which needs to be cleared before change of tariff.

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 representation of the complainant cannot be considered as there is arrear outstanding against him and hence rejected. The Forum directed the complainant to clear all arrear outstanding before submission of application for change of tariff category. Also, the licensee is advised to take pro-active action for change of billing tariff category subject to clearance of arrear outstanding and proper application made by the complainant in obedience to OERC Regulation.

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Case is disposed off accordingly.

K.S.PADINEE CO-OPTED MEMBER P.K.SAHOO MEMBER (Fin.) K.B.SAHU PRESIDENT

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- 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 → customer zone → Grievance Redressal Forum → BOLANGIR → (GRF CASE NO.)

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