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Bench: Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu (President),

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Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/ 759

Dated, the 08/08/2024

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

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| 1 | Case No. | Complaint Case No. BGR/487/2024 | | |
| 2 | Complainant/s | Name & Address | Consumer No | Contact No. |
| | | Sri Suru Sahu, At/Po-Bilaisarda, Dist-Bolangir | 911212200014 | - - |
| 3 | Respondent/s | Name S.D.O (Elect.), No. II, TPWODL, Bolangir | Division Bolangir Electrical Division, TPWODL, Bolangir | |
| 4 | Date of Application | 06.08.2024 | | |
| 5 | In the matter of- | 1. Agreement/Termination | 2. Billing Disputes | ✓ |
| | | 3. Classification/Reclassification of Consumers | 4. Contract Demand / Connected Load | |
| | | 5. Disconnection / Reconnection of Supply | 6. Installation of Equipment & apparatus of Consumer | |
| | | 7. Interruptions | 8. Metering | |
| | | 9. New Connection | 10. Quality of Supply & GSOP | |
| | | 11. Security Deposit / Interest | 12. Shifting of Service Connection & equipments | |
| | | 13. Transfer of Consumer Ownership | 14. Voltage Fluctuations | |
| | | 15. Others (Specify) - | | |
| 6 | Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved | | | |
| 7 | OERC Regulation(s) with Clauses | 1. OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019; 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 | 06.08.2024 | | |
| 9 | Date of Order | 08.08.2024 | | |
| 10 | Order in favour of | Complainant | ✓ Respondent | Others |
| 11 | Details of Compensation awarded, if any. | Nil | | |

CO-OPTED MEMBER

MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing: Camp Court at Bilaisarda

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Suru Sahu
For the Respondent -Sri Jagannath Mohanty, ESO, Chhatamakhna (Representative)

Complaint Case No. BGR/487/2024

Sri Suru Sahu,
At/Po-Bilaisarda,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 911212200014

- COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

- OPPOSITE PARTY



**ORDER
(Dt.08.08.2024)**

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by Shri Suru Sahu who is LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1.5 KW. He has disputed the average bills raised from Feb-Mar/2001 to Oct-2018 with defective meter. He has submitted his grievances for revision of bill. The complainant needs suitable bill revision for the said period.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED : 06.08.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Chatamakhna section of Balangir-II Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with energy bill with defective meter from Feb-Mar/2001 to Oct-2018. For that, the arrear has accumulated to ₹ 97,999.87p upto Jul.-2024. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for suitable revision of the bill.

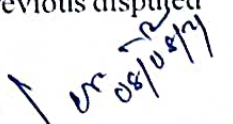
SUBMISSION OF OPPOSITE PARTY DURING HEARING

The OP appeared before the Forum with billing ledger from Feb-Mar/2001 to Oct-2018. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer availing power supply prior to Apr-1999. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Feb-Mar/2001 to Oct.-2018 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. LW067590 has been installed on 12th Oct. 2018, thereafter actual billing has been done. As the above-stated period bill has not been revised, it needs bill revision.

Considering the above, the OP requested before the Forum for revision of previous disputed bills and pass order as deemed fit.


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PRESIDENT

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS OF THE FORUM

The consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer with a CD of 1.5 KW. The consumer has availed power supply prior to Apr-1999 and the arrear outstanding upto Jul.-2024 is ₹ 97,999.87p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. Due to meter defective, the consumer was served with average bills from Feb-Mar/2001 to Oct-2018 with meter no. 1854136 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.
2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no.LW067590 on 12th Oct. 2018, thereafter actual billing has been done. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than eighteen years. In the above case, due to delay in installation of new meter, average billing was done which could have been avoided if the OP was installed the meter without delay for which it is advised to the OP to take some pro-active measure for early replacement of defective meter.
3. The OP has submitted that as the disputed billing period has not yet revised, it needs bill revision as per consumption of new meter.
4. On scrutiny of the documents, it is observed by the Forum that the bills raised during meter defective period needs bill revision under CI-155 & 157 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019 to redress the consumer grievances. However, during the course of hearing, the OP has admitted with the billing complaints and initiated bill revision process on the spot observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the monthly bill has been recalculated with the consumption and an amount of ₹ 69,408.22p is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.



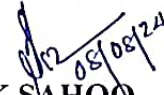
In view of above facts and circumstances and after going through the documents submitted by both the parties, the Forum pronounces the following order as per regulations of the OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019.

The OP has re-calculated the bill and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹ 69,408.22p. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal and must be reflected in the next bill.

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.)


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.

"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."