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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/ 764^{ES}

Dated, the 12/08/2024

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/490/2024			
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address		Consumer No	Contact No.
		Sri Prahallad Sandha, For Sri Sarathi Sandha, At/Po-Bilaisarda, Dist-Bolangir		911212200472	8144340884
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) <u>155, 157</u>			
		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	12.08.2024			
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 Prahallad Sandha
For the Respondent –Sri Jagannath Mohanty, ESO, Chhatamakhna (Representative)

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For Sri Sarathi Sandha,
At/Po-Bilaisarda,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 911212200472

COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

OPPOSITE PARTY



ORDER
(Dt.12.08.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1.5 KW. He has disputed the provisional & average bill raised from Mar.-2019 to May-2020 due to meter defective. 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 Bolangir-II Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with provisional & average bills from Mar-2019 to May-2020 due to meter defective. For that, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹ 17,297.55p 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 relevant record. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer availing power supply since Jul.-2016. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the provisional & average billing from Mar-2019 to May-2020 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. LW575400 has been installed on 24th Jan. 2020 but due to protocol delay, it has been reflected in Jan.-2023, thereafter actual billing is going on. 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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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 since 20th Jul. 2016 and the arrear outstanding upto Jul.-2024 is ₹ 17,297.55p. 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 Mar.-2019 to May-2020 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. LW573400 on 24th Jan. 2020 but due to delay in updation of meter protocol data, the KWH reading has been captured in Jan.-2023. Accordingly, delay meter updation revision has been done with credit of ₹ 8,865.00p for the period 24th Jan. 2020 to 11th Feb. 2023 and reflected in the bill of Jan.-2023 (served in Feb.-2023).

In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than one year. Due to delay in installation of new meter, average billing was done which could have been avoided if the OP has installed the meter without delay for which it is advised to the OP to be taken care in future.

During the course of hearing, the OP has agreed with the billing complaints and initiated bill revision process on the spot observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the monthly bill was recalculated with the consumption and an amount of ₹ 8,865.00p is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.

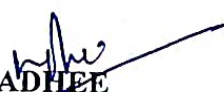
2. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has been accumulated to ₹ 17,297.55p upto Jul.-2024.

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 agreed with the billing dispute and revised the bill on spot and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹ 8,865.00p. 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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4. Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, TPWODL, Bolangir.
5. Chief Legal, Head Quarter Office, TPWODL, Burla.

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