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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/ 778⁽⁵⁾

Dated, the 16/08/2024

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/507/2024 | | |
| 2 | Complainant/s | Name & Address Sri Krushna Chandra Meher, At-Dundel, Po-Bagmund, Via-Patnagarh, Dist-Bolangir | Consumer No 912325061347 | Contact No. 9556970910 |
| 3 | Respondent/s | Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Patnagarh | Division Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh | |
| 4 | Date of Application | 09.08.2024 | | |
| 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 | 09.08.2024 | | |
| 9 | Date of Order | 16.08.2024 | | |
| 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 Ghumer

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Krushna Chandra Meher
For the Respondent -Sri Debadatta Mahapatra, S.D.O (Elect.), Patnagarh

Complaint Case No. BGR/507/2024

Sri Krushna Chandra Meher,
At-Dundel,
Po-Baghmund,
Via-Patnagarh,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912325061347

- COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

- OPPOSITE PARTY



ORDER
(Dt.16.08.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by the consumer Shri Krushna Chandra Meher who is LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has disputed the erroneous and inflated bills raised in different months starting from date of supply i.e. 01st Feb. 2020 to Mar.-2022. He has filed 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 : 09.08.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under ESO-III section of Patnagarh Sub-division. The complainant represented that he was served with erroneous & inflated bills from the date of supply to Mar.-2022. For that, the arrear has accumulated to ₹ 8,608.87p 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.-2021 to to Jul.-2024. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer availing power supply since Feb.-2020. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated billing done in some of the previous months is a genuine dispute. This has happened due to suppressed meter reading done by concerned meter to prevent actual billing in the previous months. As the above-stated period bill has not been revised, it needs bill revision.

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

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS OF THE FORUM

The consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer with a CD of 1 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 01st Feb. 2020 and the arrear outstanding upto Jul.-2024 is ₹ 8,608.87p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. The consumer represented that erroneous reading & inflated billing was observed from the date of supply to Mar.-2022 which needs bill revision as per actual meter reading.

The OP admitted the complaint and submitted that due to suppressed meter reading by the concerned meter reader in the above-stated period, the consumer has billed less units than his actual consumption. Hence, to resolve the consumer grievances, the meter reading should be recasted as per TPWODL guidelines.

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 ₹ 2,208.35p is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.

2. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹ 8,608.87p 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.

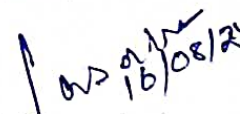
The OP has recasted the energy bill and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹ 2,208.35p. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal and must be reflected in the next bill.

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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2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Patnagarh.
3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh.
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."