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Dated, the

16/08/2024

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Member (Finance)

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Complaint Case No. BGR/509/2024 Case No. Consumer No Contact No. Name & Address 912325040360 Sri Kailash Majhi, 2 Complainant/s For Sri Rajaram Jani, At-Ainlatunga, Po-Tamia, Dist-Bolangir Division Name Titilagarh Electrical Division, S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Patnagarh 3 Respondent/s TPWODL, Titilagarh Date of Application 09.08.2024 4 2. Billing Disputes 1. Agreement/Termination 3. Classification/Reclassi-4. Contract Demand / Connected fication of Consumers Load 6. Installation of Equipment Disconnection apparatus of Consumer Reconnection of Supply Interruptions 8. Metering In the matter of-5 10. Quality of Supply & GSOP 9. New Connection 12. Shifting of Service Connection & 11. Security Deposit / Interest equipments 14. Voltage Fluctuations 13. Transfer of Consumer Ownership 15. Others (Specify) -Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved 6 OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019; 7 Regulation(s) **OERC** 155, 157 Clause(s) with Clauses OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations,2004; 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 6. Date(s) of Hearing 09.08.2024 8 9 Date of Order 16.08.2024 Complainant Respondent Order in favour of Others 10 Details of Compensation 11

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MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing: Ca

Camp Court at Ghumer

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Kailash Majhi

For the Respondent

-Sri Debadatta Mahapatra, S.D.O (Elect.), Patnagarh

Complaint Case No. BGR/509/2024

Sri Kailash Majhi, For Sri Rajaram Jani, At-Ainlatunga, Po-Tamia, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 912325040360

COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer, Flectrical Sub-Division, DPWODL, Patnagarh

BOLANGIR

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER (Dt.16.08.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. He has disputed the provisional & average bill raised from Apr-2013 to Jan.-2019 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: 09.08.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under ESO-III section of Patnagarh Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with provisional & average bills from Apr-2013 to Jan-2019 due to meter defective. For that, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹ 48,370.73p 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 Dec.-2005. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the provisional & average billing from Apr-2013 to Jan-2019 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. LW095973 has been installed during Feb.-2019, thereafter actual billing is going on. As the above-stated period bill has not 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 2 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 06th Dec. 2005 and the arrear outstanding upto Jul.-2024 is ₹ 48,370.73p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. As represented by the consumer, due to meter defective, he was served with average bills from Apr-2013 to Jan-2019 with meter no. 1949103 which needs bill revision.

The OP admitted the complaint and submitted that against the defective meter, a new meter has been installed with meter no. LW095973 during Feb.-2019 and thereafter actual billing is going on. The defective billing period needs bill revision as per consumption of new meter.

In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than five years. 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 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 ₹ 10,966.74p 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 ₹ 48,370.73p 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 ₹ 10,966.74p. 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.

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

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- 3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh.
- 4. Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 5. Chief Legal, Head Quarter Office, TPWODL, Burla.

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