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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/ 880⁵¹

Dated, the 12/09/2024

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

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/565/2024			
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address		Consumer No	Contact No.
		Sri Kasta Nag, At-Haldipadar, Po-Budula, Dist-Bolangir		911312120495	7608859097
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Loisingha		Division Bolangir Electrical Division, TPWODL, Bolangir	
4	Date of Application	23.08.2024			
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	23.08.2024			
9	Date of Order	12.09.2024			
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 Kendumundi

Appeared:

For the Complainant –Sri Kasta Nag
For the Respondent –Sri Abanikanta Maharana, S.D.O (Elect.), Loisingha

Complaint Case No. BGR/565/2024

Sri Kasta Nag,
At-Haldipadar,
Po-Budula,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 911312120495

- **COMPLAINANT**

-Versus-

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

- **OPPOSITE PARTY**



ORDER
(Dt.12.09.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has disputed about the erroneous and average bills raised from the date of supply to Jan-2021 due to no meter in his premises. 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 : 23.08.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Agalpur Section of Loisinga Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with average bills due to without meter from the date of supply to Dec.-2020. For that average bills, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹ 29469.40 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 records. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Domestic consumer availing power supply since Oct-2018. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from the date of supply to Jan-2021 was due to without meter in his premises as this is given under soubhagya scheme. As the above-stated average billing 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.


CO-OPTED MEMBER


MEMBER (Fin.)


PRESIDENT

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 20th Oct-18 and the arrear outstanding upto Jul.-2024 is ₹ 29469.40. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. The consumer has availed power supply without meter from the date of supply to Dec-2020 which violates CI-97 (ii) of OERC Dist. Conditions of Supply) Code 2019 which is a gross negligence on the part of OP which should not be. The Forum has taken this as a **serious note** and warned the OP not to repeat such things in future.
2. A new meter with sl. no. LW437979 has been installed on Dt.11.01.21, thereafter actual billing has been done. Due to billing without meter, the consumer was served with average bills from the date of supply to Jan-2021 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.
3. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has been accumulated to is ₹ 29469.40 upto Jul.-2024.
4. On scrutiny of the documents, it is observed by the Forum that the bills raised during without meter period needs bill revision under CI-155 & 157 of OERC Distribution Code-2019 to redress the consumer grievances. However, during the course of hearing, the opposite party admitted the billing complaints and initiated bill revision process on the spot observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the monthly bill has recalculated with the consumption and an amount of Rs.13666.16ps 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 opposite party was recalculated the bill and the Complainant was convinced with the proposed withdrawal of Rs.13666.16ps. Hence, the Forum directed the opposite party 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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