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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/ 894

Dated, the 17/09/2024

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

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/600/2024		
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address Sri Kushal Kumbhar, For Sri Adeswar Kumbhar, At-Sikapatrapali, Po-Kamarlaga, Dist-Bolangir	Consumer No 912421140013	Contact No. 8093946329
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Saintala	Division Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh	
4	Date of Application	04.09.2024		
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	04.09.2024		
9	Date of Order	17.09.2024		
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 Belgaon

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Kushal Kumbhar
For the Respondent -Sri Ansuman Sahoo, S.D.O (Elect.), Saintala

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Sri Kushal Kumbhar,
For Sri Adeswar Kumbhar,
At-Sikapatrapali,
Po-Kamarlaga,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912421140013

- COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

- OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER

(Dt.17.09.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by the representative of the consumer Shri Kushal Kumbhar who is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has disputed the average bills raised from Jan-2015 to Nov-2019 for defective meter billing. He has also 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 : 04.09.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Belgaon section of Saintala Sub-division. The consumer represented that he has received energy bill with defective meter from Jan-2015 to Nov-2019. For that, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹ 33,138.60p 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 Mar.-2012. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Jan-2015 to Nov-2019 was due to meter defective. A new meter with sl. no. LW412029 was installed during on 11th Nov. 2019, thereafter actual billing was done. As the above-stated period bill has not 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 17th Mar. 2012 and the arrear outstanding upto Jul.-2024 is ₹ 33,138.60p. 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 Jan-2015 to Nov-2019 with meter no. 6034805 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding. A new meter was installed by OP with meter no. LW412029 on 11th Nov. 2019, thereafter actual billing was done. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than four 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 has 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.

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 ₹ 14,750.85p 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 ₹ 33,138.60p 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 re-calculated the disputed bill and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹ 14,750.85p. 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

Copy to: -

1. Sri Kushal Kumbhar, At-Sikapatrapali, Po-Kamarlaga, Dist-Bolangir.
2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Saintala.
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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