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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/ 962

Dated, the 27/09/2024

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/629/2024			
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address		Consumer No	Contact No.
		Sri Udenath Biswal, S/o-Sri Ranka Biswal, At/Po-Dunguripali, Dist-Sonepur		915302030228	9937677098
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Binka		Division Sonepur Electrical Division, TPWODL, Sonepur	
4	Date of Application	18.09.2024			
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)			
		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	18.09.2024			
9	Date of Order	27.09.2024			
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 Cherupali

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Udenath Biswal
For the Respondent -Sri Udaya Sankar Patjoshi, S.D.O (Elect.), Binka

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Sri Udenath Biswal,
S/o-Sri Ranka Biswal,
At/Po-Dunguripali,
Dist-Sonepur
Con. No. 915302030228

- COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

- OPPOSITE PARTY



ORDER
(Dt.27.09.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. The complainant represented that he is being served with abnormal & inflated bill after installation of new meter in Jul.-2019. For that inflated bill, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹ 3,91,544.65p upto Aug.-2024. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for suitable revision of the bill.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED : 18.09.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Cherupali section of Binka Sub-division. The consumer represented that he is served with abnormal & inflated bill from the date of installation of new meter since Jul.-2019 and he is under apprehension that the said meter is recording excess consumption than actual consumption. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for replacement of meter and suitable revision of bill.

SUBMISSION OF OPPOSITE PARTY DURING HEARING

The OP appeared before the Forum with relevant documents. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Dom consumer availing power supply prior to Apr.-1999. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated billing from Jul.-2019 is not a genuine dispute as all bills are raised on actual meter reading basis. Hence, the petition of the complainant should be rejected.

Considering the above, the OP requested before the Forum to 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 2 KW. The consumer has availed power supply prior to Apr-1999 and the arrear outstanding upto Aug.-2024 is ₹ 3,91,544.65p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. The consumer was billed on AVERAGE basis from Aug-2013 to Jun-2019. The energy meter of the consumer has been replaced with a new smart meter on 31st May 2019 having meter sl. no. LW382949. The consumer was disputed the accuracy of the meter and represented that the said meter is showing excess consumption than actual consumption.
2. In response to that, the Forum directed the complainant to deposit the required meter testing fees with the licensee within seven days and directed the OP to test the meter by the MMG team at the earliest with submission of detailed report to the Forum. Accordingly, the complainant deposited the required testing fees of ₹ 500/- + GST @ 18% totalling ₹ 590/- on the same day vide receipt no. 44746118092412120006. The MMG team has tested the meter on 24th Sep. 2024 and submitted the report. The abstract of the PVR is,
“During meter testing, meter accuracy found within limit. No. of pulse testing = 30, % of error : +0.18%”
The meter test conducted by MMG team and report generated on 24th Sep. 2024 has been taken into record.
3. Hence, it is concluded that the present meter i.e. meter no. LW382949 is out of error.



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 disputed meter sl. no. LW382949 was tested on 24th Sep. 2024 and found error is within permissible limit. Hence, the petition of the complainant regarding dispute on meter accuracy is hereby rejected and directed the consumer to clear the arrear outstanding.

Case is disposed off accordingly.

K.S.PADHIE
CO-OPTED MEMBER

P.K.SAHOO
MEMBER (Fin.)

K.B.SAHU
PRESIDENT

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

The order is also available at TPWODL Web site : tpwesternodisha.com → customer zone → Grievance Redressal Forum → BOLANGIR → (GRF CASE NO.)

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