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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/

Dated, the

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo President Member (Finance)

Sri Krupasindhu Padhee **Co-Opted Member**

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/715/2024						
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address			Consumer No	sumer No Contact No.		
		Sri Ghundu Kumar Sahu,			911524010167	8328825065		
		At/Po-Deogaon,						
		Dist-Bolangir						
	Respondent/s	Name			Division			
3		S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Tusura			Bolangir Electrical Division,			
		TPWODL, Bolangir						
4	Date of Application	06.11.2024						
5	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination		2. Billing Disputes √			√	
		3. Classification/Reclassi-		4. Contract Demand / Connected				
		fication of Consumers		Load				
		5. Disconnection /		6. Installation of Equipment &				
		Reconnection of Supply	-		apparatus of Consumer . Metering			
		7. Interruptions 9. New Connection			Quality of Supply & GSOP			
		11. Security Deposit / Interest		12. Shifting of Service Connection &				
					oments			
		13. Transfer of Consumer		14. Voltage Fluctuations				
		Ownership						
		15. Others (Specify) -						
6	Section(s) of Electricity							
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;						
		3. OERC Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004; Clause						
		4. Odisha Grid Code (OGC) Regulation, 2006; Clause						
14.1		5. OERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations,2004;						
		Clause						
V.		6. Others						
8	Date(s) of Hearing	06.11.2024						
9	Date of Order	12.11.2024						
10	Order in favour of	Complainant √ Respond	ent		0	thers		
11	Details of Compensation Nil							
	awarded, if any.							

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Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Deogaon

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Ghundu Kumar Sahu

For the Respondent

-Sri Dipak Kumar Kar, Accountant (Representative)

Complaint Case No. BGR/715/2024

Sri Ghundu Kumar Sahu, At/Po-Deogaon, Dist-Bolangir Con, No. 911524010167 COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Tusura **OPPOSITE PARTY**

ORDER (Dt.12.11.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complaint petition filed by the consumer Shri Ghundu Kumar Sahu who is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1.5 KW. He has disputed about the inflated and erroneous bills raised in Nov.-2011 with 7259 units & average bill from Aug-2013 to Jul-2020. 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: 06.11.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Deogaon section of Tusura Sub-division. The complainant represented that he was served with erroneous & inflated bill in Nov.-2011 with 7259 units. Also, average bill was served from Aug.-2013 to Jul-2020 due to meter defective. For that, the total outstanding has been accumulated to ₹ 1,07,460.60p upto Oct.-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 prior to Apr-1999. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated and erroneous billing in Nov.-2011 with 7259 units is a genuine dispute. This has happened due to suppressed meter reading done by concerned meter to prevent actual billing in the previous months. Also, the billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Aug-2013 to Jul-2020 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. LW578174 has been installed during Aug.-2020, thereafter actual billing is going on. 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 1.5 KW. The consumer has availed power supply prior to Apr-1999 and total outstanding upto Oct.-2024 is ₹ 1,07,460.60p. 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 done in the month of Nov-2011 with 7259 units which needs bill revision as per actual meter reading.

The OP admitted the complaint and submitted that due to supressed meter reading by the concerned meter reader in the above-stated period, the consumer was 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 ₹ 7,652.20p is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.

2. As represented by the consumer, due to meter defective, he was served with average bills from Aug-2013 to Jul-2020 which needs bill revision.

The OP admitted the complaint and submitted that a new meter has been installed with meter no. LW578174 during Aug.-2020 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 six 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 ₹ 42,744.02p is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.

3. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the total has been accumulated to ₹ 1,07,460.60p upto Oct.-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.

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The OP was agreed with the billing dispute and revised the bill on spot and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of $\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{$\sim}}$ 50,396.22p ($\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{$\sim}}$ 7,652.20p + $\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{$\sim}}$ 42,744.02p). 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\SÄHU PRESIDENT

Copy to: -

1. Sri Ghundu Kumar Sahu, At/Po-Deogaon, Dist-Bolangir.

- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Tusura.
- 3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Bolangir Electrical Division, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 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 \rightarrow customer zone \rightarrow Grievance Redressal Forum \rightarrow BOLANGIR \rightarrow (GRF CASE NO.)

"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."