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Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo (Member (Finance)), Sri Krupasindhu Padhee, (Co-Opted Member)

Dated, the 31/12/2029

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

- President

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo

Member (Finance)
Co-Opted Member

Sri Krupasindhu Padhee

Case No. Complaint Case No. BGR/767/2024 1 Consumer No Contact No. Name & Address Sri Lukendra Putel, 912313010354 7605952535 2 Complainant/s At/Po-Belpada, Dist-Bolangir Division Name Titilagarh Electrical Division, S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Patnagarh 3 Respondent/s TPWODL, Titilagarh 4 **Date of Application** 2. Billing Disputes 1. Agreement/Termination 4. Contract Demand / Connected 3. Classification/Reclassification of Consumers Load 6. Installation of Equipment Disconnection apparatus of Consumer Reconnection of Supply Interruptions 8. Metering 5 In the matter of-10. Quality of Supply & GSOP **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 OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019; Regulation(s) 1. **OERC** Clause(s) with Clauses OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations, 2004; Clause 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 Others Date(s) of Hearing 17.12.2024 Date of Order 31.12.2024 9 Others Complainant Respondent Order in favour of 10

CO-OPTED SIEMBER

Details of Compensation

awarded, if any.

MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Dhumabhata

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Lukendra Putel

For the Respondent

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

Complaint Case No. BGR/767/2024

Sri Lukendra Putel, At/Po-Belpada, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 912313010354 COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

ORDER (Dt.31.12.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. The complainant represented that he has being served with abnormal & inflated since Dec-2021 i.e. after installation of new meter to till date. For that inflated bill, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹ 1,22,056.26p upto Nov.-2024. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for suitable revision of the bill and replacement of meter.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED: 17.12.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Belpada section of Patnagarh Sub-division. The consumer represented that he has served with abnormal & inflated bill after installation of new meter i.e. since Dec-2021 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 since Oct-2005. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated billing since Dec-2021 is not a genuine dispute as all bills have raised on actual meter reading basis. Regarding, accuracy of meter, if the consumer desires the meter can be tested by depositing of meter testing fees.

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 since 13th Oct. 2005 and the arrear outstanding upto Nov.-2024 is ₹ 1,22,056.26p. 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 is going on after installation of new meter since Dec-2021 which needs bill revision as per actual meter reading. Also, he raised dispute about the said meter accuracy.

2. The OP submitted that all the bills has been raised on actual meter reading basis. Hence, there is no requirement of bill revision. Regarding meter accuracy, the meter can be tested after deposit of meter testing fees. 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. 44741917122401030003. The MMG team has tested the meter on 19th Dec. 2024 and submitted the report. The abstract of the PVR is,

"After successfully testing the meter, the test results were found to be within permissible limit".

The meter test conducted by MMG team and report generated on 19th Dec. 2024 has been taken into record. Hence, it is concluded that the present meter is out of error. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹.1,22,056.26p upto Nov.-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 disputed meter i.e. sl. no. WLT265239 was tested on 19th Dec. 2024 and found error is within permissible limit. Hence, the petition of the complainant regarding dispute on meter accuracy is hereby rejected and the consumer is advised to clear the arrear outstanding. The Forum advised the OP to allow suitable installment on the arrear outstanding if the complainant desires and the complainant must adhere the same.

Case is disposed off accordingly.

K.S.PADBEE CO-OPTED MEMBER P.K.SAHOO MEMBER (Fin.) K.B.SAHU PRESIDENT

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1. Sri Lukendra Putel, At/Po-Belpada, Dist-Bolangir.

- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Patnagarh.
- 3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh.
- 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,"