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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 25/01/2024

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo Sri Krupasindhu Padhee - President

Member (Finance) Co-Opted Member

1	Case No.	Case No. Complaint Case No. 1052/2023						
	Complainant/s	Name & Address			Consumer No	Contact	No.	
		Sri Dhaniraj Putel,			912124082367	8457836304		
2		For Smt. Belamati Putel,			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	0.07000		
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		P.S-Sindhekela, Dist-Bolangir				a		
_	_	Name			Division			
3	Respondent/s	S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Titilagarh			Titilagarh Electrical Division,			
4	Data of Amelian	TPWODL, Titilagar						
4	Date of Application 06.11.2023							
5	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination		2. Billing Disputes √				
		3. Classification/Reclassi-			4. Contract Demand / Connected Load 6. Installation of Equipment &			
		fication of Consumers						
		5. Disconnection / Reconnection of Supply						
		7. Interruptions			apparatus of Consumer Metering			
		9. New Connection		10. Quality of Supply & GSOP				
		11. Security Deposit / Interest		12. Shifting of Service Connection & equipments				
		13. Transfer of Consumer		14. Voltage Fluctuations				
		Ownership 15. Others (Specify) –						
6	Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved							
7	OERC Regulation(s)	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						
	with Clauses							
8	Date(s) of Hearing	6. Others						
9	Date of Order	06.11.2023						
10	Order in favour of	25.01.2024 Complainant						
		Others						
11	Details of Compensation Nil							
awarded, if any.								

CO-OPTED MAIBER

MEMBER (Fin)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Sindhekela

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Dhaniraj Putel

For the Respondent

-Sri Sushanta Behera, S.D.O (Elect.), Titilagarh

Complaint Case No. 1052/2023

Sri Dhaniraj Putel, For Smt. Belamati Putel, At-Budhipadar, Po-Mundapadar, P.S-Sindhekela, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 912124082367 **COMPLAINANT**

-Versus-

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

BOLANGIR

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER (Dt.25.01.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 0.5 KW. He has disputed the inflated bill raised in Jan.-2023 with 2224 units. 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: 06.11.2023

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Sindhekela Section of Titilagarh Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with inflated bill in Jan.-2023 with 2224 units. For such, the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 8,055.96p upto Nov-2023. 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 billing abstract. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Domestic consumer availing power supply since Jul.-2021. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated billing done in the month of Jan.-2023 with 2224 units is genuine. This has happened due to suppressed meter reading done by concerned meter reader to prevent actual billing in the previous months. As the above-stated period bill has not been 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 0.5 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 17th Jul. 2021 and the arrear outstanding upto Nov-2023 is ₹. 8,055.96p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

- Due to supressed meter reading by the concerned meter reader in the preceding months, the consumer was billed with less units than his actual consumption. This has been identified in the month of Jan.-2023 billing and the unbilled units has been billed in the said month. Due to such bill, the arrear amount has accumulated.
- 2. The consumer has availed power supply on 17th Jul. 2021 but due to delay in updation of billing data, the 1st bill has generated on Oct-2022 i.e. after one year & 3 months which is a gross negligence of the OP in discharging the duties & responsibilities. The Forum herewith warned the OP not to repeat such mistake in future.
- 3. During the course of hearing, the OP has agreed with the billing complaints and initiate the bill revision process on the spot observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the monthly bill has recasted with the consumption and a net amount of ₹. 4,133.19p 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 OP has recasted the bill and the petitioner has agreed with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹. 4,133.19p. 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.

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- 1. Sri Dhaniraj Putel, At-Budhipadar, Po-Mundapadar, P.S-Sindhekela, Dist-Bolangir.
- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh.
- 3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh.
- 4. Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 5. Chief Legal, Head Quarter Office, TPWODL, Burla.

"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."