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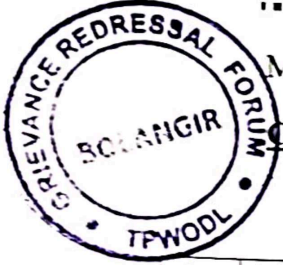
Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo (Member (Finance)), Sri Krupasindhu Padhee, (Co-Opted Member)

Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/ 36 (5)

Dated, the 11/01/2024

Corum: Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu
Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo
Sri Krupasindhu Padhee

- President
- Member (Finance)
- Co-Opted Member



1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. 1114/2023		
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address Sri Gokul Bhati, At/Po-Kantabanji, Ward No. 06, Dist-Bolangir	Consumer No 912211080401	Contact No. 9178277666
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Kantabanji	Division Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh	
4	Date of Application	20.11.2023		
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	20.11.2023		
9	Date of Order	11.01.2024		
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 Bangomunda

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Gokul Bhati
For the Respondent -Sri Jagannath Pati, S.D.O (Elect.), Kantabanji

Complaint Case No. 1114/2023

Sri Gokul Bhati,
At/Po-Kantabanji,
Ward No. 06,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912211080401

- **COMPLAINANT**

-Versus-

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

- **OPPOSITE PARTY**

ORDER

(Dt.11.01.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. He has disputed the inflated bill raised in Sep. & Oct-2023 due to meter jump as the meter was defective. 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: 20.11.2023

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Kantabanji Section of Kantabanji Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with inflated bill during Sep. & Oct.-2023 on 4206 & 1723 units due to meter defective. For such, the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 37,394.94p upto Oct-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 ledger. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Dom consumer availing power supply since Feb-2017. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated billing for Sep. & Oct-2023 with 4206 & 1723 units respectively. After receipt of complaint, the meter was tested by MMG team on 10th Nov. 2023 and found that the existing meter (meter no. 02552673) is having error of (+) 54.35 %. Hence, bill revision is required for the above disputed month. As the above-stated period bill has not 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.

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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 21st Feb. 2017 and the arrear outstanding upto Oct-2023 is ₹. 37,394.94p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,


1. Due to mal-functioning of meter with meter no. 02552673, the consumer was billed on 4206 units in Sep-2023 & 1723 units in Oct-2023. After receipt of complaint, the OP arranged for meter testing by MMG team. On 10th Nov. 2023, the said meter was tested by MMG team and found that the error % is (+) 54.35 %.
2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. TWSP51089343 on 25th Nov. 2023, thereafter actual billing was done.
3. The OP has submitted that as the disputed billing period has not yet revised, it needs bill revision as per consumption of new meter.
4. 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 of OERC Distribution Code-2019 to redress the consumer grievances.


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.


1. The energy bills raised to the consumer for Sep-2023 & Oct-2023 are to be revised as per succeeding six months average consumption of new meter by considering IMR: 0 (25.11.2023) & FMR of May-2024 under CI-155 of OERC Distribution Code 2019.
2. DPS is to be levied as per OERC Regulation.
3. All sundries and adjustments are to be considered during the above revision period.

Case is disposed off accordingly.

Compliance report must be submitted to the Forum by the opposite party within five months 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

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2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Kantabanji.
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."