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Memo No. GRF/BGR/Order/ 211

Dated, the 22/02/2024

Corum: Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu - President
 Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo - Member (Finance)
 Sri Krupasindhu Padhee - Co-Opted Member

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/122/2024																		
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address Sri Prabin Kumar Padhi, For Sri Ghasiram Padhi, At/Po-Mandal, Dist-Bolangir	Consumer No 912313040098	Contact No. 9348158407																
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Patnagarh	Division Patnagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Patnagarh																	
4	Date of Application	06.02.2024																		
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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	06.02.2024																		
9	Date of Order	22.02.2024																		
10	Order in favour of	Complainant	✓	Respondent																
11	Details of Compensation awarded, if any.	Nil																		

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CO-OPTED MEMBER

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MEMBER (Fin.)

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PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing: Camp Court at Mandal

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Prabin Kumar Padhi
For the Respondent -Sri Debadatta Mahapatra, S.D.O (Elect.), Patnagarh

Complaint Case No. BGR/122/2024

Sri Prabin Kumar Padhi,
For Sri Ghasiram Padhi,
At/Po-Mandal,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912313040098

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COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

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OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER
(Dt.22.02.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. He has disputed about the average bills raised from Oct-Nov/2006 to Apr-2018 due to meter 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: 06.02.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Belpada Section of Patnagarh Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with average bills from Oct-2006 to Apr-2018 due to meter defective. For such average bill, the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 72,485.12p upto Jan-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

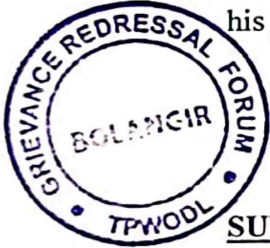
The OP appeared before the Forum with billing abstract only. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Domestic consumer availing power supply prior to Apr-1999. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Oct-Nov/2006 to Apr-2018 is due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. WLT094784 has been installed on 20th May 2018, thereafter actual billing is going on. As the above-stated average billing 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.

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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 Jan-2024 is ₹. 72,485.12p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,


1. Due to meter defective, the consumer was served with average bills from Oct-Nov/2006 to Apr-2018 with meter no. 62304 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.
2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. WLT094784 on 20th May 2018, thereafter actual billing has done. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than eleven years. In the above case, due to delay in installation of new meter, average billing was done which could have been avoided if the OP was installed the meter without delay for which it is advised to the OP to be taken care in future.
3. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 72,485.12p upto Jan-2024.
4. The OP has submitted that as the disputed billing period has not yet revised, it needs bill revision as per consumption of new meter.
5. 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 and 157 of OERC Regulation 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 from May-2016 to Apr-2018 are to be revised as per succeeding six months average consumption of new meter by considering IMR : 0 (20.05.2018) & FMR : 650 (Nov-2018) under CI-155 & 157 of OERC Regulation 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 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.SAHU
PRESIDENT

Copy to: -

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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:Bhoingar, Bhubaneswar-751022 within 30 days from the date of order of the Grievance Redressal Forums."