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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/ 220⁵

Dated, the 23/02/2024

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

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| 1 | Case No. | Complaint Case No. BGR/130/2024 | | | |
| 2 | Complainant/s | Name & Address | | Consumer No | Contact No. |
| | | Sri Sudhira Bag, For Sri Bhaja Bag, At-Radbahal, Po-Mandal, Dist-Bolangir | | 912313041883 | 7749956251 |
| 3 | Respondent/s | Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Patnagarh | | Division Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh | |
| 4 | Date of Application | 06.02.2024 | | | |
| 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 | 06.02.2024 | | | |
| 9 | Date of Order | 23.02.2024 | | | |
| 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 Belpada

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Sudhira Bag

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

Complaint Case No. BGR/130/2024

Sri Sudhira Bag,
For Sri Bhaja Bag,
At-Radbahal,
Po-Mandal,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912313041883

- **COMPLAINANT**

-Versus-

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

- **OPPOSITE PARTY**

ORDER

(Dt.23.02.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has disputed about the erroneous and average bills from Aug-2020 to Sep-2022 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 due to meter defective from Aug-2020 to Sep-2022. For that average bills, the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 7,544.17p 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 since Jun-2017. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Aug-2020 to Sep-2022 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. TPWODL1089991 has been installed on 13th Aug. 2022, thereafter actual billing is going on. As the above-stated average billing 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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MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT



FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS OF THE FORUM

The consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer with a CD of 1 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 04th Jun. 2017 and the arrear outstanding upto Jan-2024 is ₹. 7,544.17p. 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 Aug-2020 to Sep-2022 with meter no. 300354 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.
2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. TPWODL1089991 on 13th Aug. 2022 but due to delay in updation of meter protocol data, the KWH reading has been captured in Oct-2022 with CMR : 198. Accordingly, delay meter updation revision has been done in Oct-2022 with credit of ₹. 270.97p for the period of 13th Aug. 2022 to 08th Oct. 2022.
3. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than one year. Due to delay in installation of new meter, average billing has been 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.
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 & 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 Aug-2020 to Jul-2022 are to be revised as per succeeding months average consumption of new meter by considering IMR: 198 (Nov-2022) & FMR: 333 (Apr-2023) 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

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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.

"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."