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Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/

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Dated, the 11/03/2024

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo Sri Krupasindhu Padhee President

Member (Finance) Co-Opted Member

1 Case No. Complaint Case No. BGR/178/2024 Name & Address Consumer No Contact No. 915203041081 Sri Shyam Sundar Meher, 7750806323 2 Complainant/s For Sri Banchhanidhi Meher, At-Tikrapada, Po-Subalaya, Dist-Sonepur Name Division 3 Respondent/s S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, B.M.Pur Sonepur Electrical Division, TPWODL, Sonepur **Date of Application** 20.02.2024 4 2. Billing Disputes 1. Agreement/Termination 3. Classification/Reclassi-Contract Demand / Connected fication of Consumers Load Disconnection Installation of Equipment Reconnection of Supply apparatus of Consumer 8. Metering Interruptions In the matter of-5 **New Connection** 10. Quality of Supply & GSOP 11. Security Deposit / Interest 12. Shifting of Service Connection & equipments 13. Transfer Consumer 14. Voltage Fluctuations Ownership 15. Others (Specify) -Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019; OERC Regulation(s) Clause(s) 155, 157 with Clauses OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations, 2004: Clause OERC Conduct of Business) Regulations, 2004; Clause Odisha Grid Code (OGC) Regulation, 2006; Clause OERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations, 2004: Clause Others Date(s) of Hearing 20.02.2024 8 Date of Order 11.03.2024 9 Respondent Others Order in favour of Complainant 10 Details of Compensation 11 awarded, if any.

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PRESIDENT

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Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Subalaya

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Shyam Sundar Meher

For the Respondent

-Sri Soumya Ranjan Das, S.D.O (Elect.), B.M.Pur

Complaint Case No. BGR/178/2024

Sri Shyam Sundar Meher, For Sri Banchhanidhi Meher, At-Tikrapada, Po-Subalaya, Dist-Sonepur Con. No. 915203041081 **COMPLAINANT**

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division,

TPWODL, B.M.Pur

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER (Dt.11.03.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. He has disputed about the erroneous and average bills raised from Feb-Mar/2001 to Nov-Dec/2014 due to no meter in his premises. 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: 20.02.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Subalaya section of B M Pur Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with average bills due to no meter from Feb-Mar/2001 to Nov-Dec/2014. For that average bills, the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 43,915.32p 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 bulling abstract pertaining to the period Feb-Mar/2001 to Jan-2024. 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 Feb-Mar/2001 to Nov-Dec/2014 was due to no meter in the premises. 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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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 ₹. 43,915.32p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

- 1. The consumer has availed power supply without meter from Feb-Mar/2001 to Nov-Dec/2014 which violates Cl-97 (ii) of OERC Dist. Conditions of Supply) Code 2019 which is a gross negligence on the part of OP which should not be. The Forum has taken this as a serious note and warned the OP not to repeat such things in future.
- 2. Due to billing with unmetered status, the consumer was served with average bills from Feb-Mar/2001 to Nov-Dec/2014 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to avail power supply without meter for more than thirteen years. Due to delay in installation of new meter, average billing was 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.
- 3. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. 01087788 during Dec.-2014 and thereafter actual billing was done.
- 4. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear was accumulated to ₹. 43,915.32p upto Jan-2024.
- 5. The OP has submitted that as the disputed billing period has not yet been revised, it needs bill revision as per consumption of new meter.
- 6. On scrutiny of the documents, it is observed by the Forum that the bills raised during average billing period needs bill revision under Cl-155 & 157 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) 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 from Jan-Feb/2013 to Nov-Dec/2014 are to be revised as per succeeding six months average consumption of new meter by considering IMR: 79 (Jan-Feb/2015) & FMR: 523 (May-Jun/2015) under Cl-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.PÅDHEE CO-OPTED MEMBER P.K.SAHOO MEMBER (Fin.) K.B.SAHU PRESIDENT

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- 3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Sonepur Electrical Division, TPWODL, Sonepur.
- 4. Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 5. Chief Legal, Head Quarter Office, TPWODL, Burla.

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