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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/ 407

Dated, the 28/03/2024

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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/249/2024		
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address Sri Bedprakash Nag, At/Po-Dhumabhata, Via-Belpada, Dist-Bolangir	Consumer No 912313050079	Contact No. 9178933545
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Patnagarh	Division Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh	
4	Date of Application	18.03.2024		
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) <u>155, 157</u> 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	18.03.2024		
9	Date of Order	28.03.2024		
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
For the Respondent

-Sri Bedprakash Nag
-Sri Debadatta Mahapatra, S.D.O (Elect.), Patnagarh

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Sri Bedprakash Nag,
At/Po-Dhumabhata,
Via-Belpada,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912313050079

COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER
(Dt.28.03.2024)

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 Feb-Mar/2001 to Oct-2019 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: 18.03.2024

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 Feb-Mar/2001 to Oct-2019. For that average bills, the arrear was accumulated to ₹. 49,123.93p upto Feb.-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 without relevant documents. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Dom consumer availing power supply prior to Apr-1999. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Feb-Mar/2001 to Oct.-2019 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. LW397669 has been installed on 02nd Oct. 2019, thereafter actual billing was done. 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 Feb.-2024 is ₹. 49,123.93p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,


1. Due to meter defective with meter no. WESCO96886, the consumer was served with average bills from Jan-Feb/2001 to Oct-2019 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.
2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. LW397669 on 02nd Oct. 2019. Thereafter actual billing was done. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than eighteen years. 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.
3. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 49,123.93p upto Feb.-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 & 157 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019 to redress the consumer grievances. However, during the course of hearing, the OP has agreed with the billing complaints and initiated bill revision process on the spot observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the monthly bill has recalculated with the consumption and an amount of ₹. 35,883.39p 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 re-calculated the bill and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹. 35,883.39p. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal which 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.


K.S.PADHEE
CO-OPTED MEMBER


P.K.SAHOO
MEMBER (Fin.)


K.B.SAHU
PRESIDENT

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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.

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