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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/ 410⁽⁵⁾

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/252/2024		
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address Smt. Kuni Barik, For Smt. Sumitra Barik, At/Po-Dhumabhata, Via-Belpada, Dist-Bolangir	Consumer No 912313161083	Contact No. 8658822487
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		

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MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing: Camp Court at Belpada

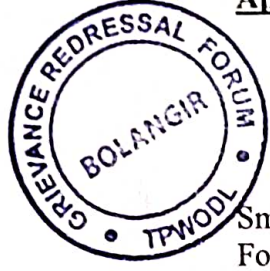
Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Smt. Kuni Barik

For the Respondent

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



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For Smt. Sumitra Barik,
At/Po-Dhumabhata,
Via-Belpada,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912313161083

- **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 1 KW. He has disputed about the erroneous and average bills raised from the date of supply to Jul-2023 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 : 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 no meter from the date of supply to Jul-2023. For that average bills, the arrear was accumulated to ₹. 20,257.30p 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-Domestic consumer availing power supply since Aug.-2018. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from the date of supply to Jul-2023 was due to non-installation of meter at the time of release of power supply. A new meter with sl. no. TWSP51010121 has been installed on 22nd Aug. 2023, 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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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 05th Aug. 2018 and the arrear outstanding upto Feb.-2024 is ₹. 20,257.30p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. Power supply to the consumer has been released without meter by the OP which violates CI-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 the date of supply to Jul-2023 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. TWSP51010121 on 22nd Aug. 2023 and thereafter actual billing is going on.
3. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 20,257.30p 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.


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. 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 ₹. 15,616.50p 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.

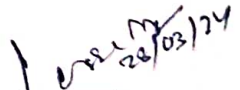
The OP has re-calculated the bill and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹. 15,616.50p. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal which must be reflected in the next bill.

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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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.

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