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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/ 479⁽⁵⁾

Dated, the 30/03/2024

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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/257/2024		
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address Sri Sankirtan Putel, At/Po-Samalaichuan, Via-Dunguripali, Dist-Sonepur	Consumer No 915302170117	Contact No. 9556853500
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Binka	Division Sonepur Electrical Division, TPWODL, Sonepur	
4	Date of Application	19.03.2024		
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) 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	19.03.2024		
9	Date of Order	30.03.2024		
10	Order in favour of	Complainant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Respondent	<input type="checkbox"/> Others
11	Details of Compensation awarded, if any.	Nil		

CO-OPTED MEMBER

MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing: Camp Court at Dunguripali

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Sankirtan Putel
For the Respondent -Sri Deepak Kumar Behera, S.D.O (Elect.), Binka

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Sri Sankirtan Putel,
At/Po-Samalaichuan,
Via-Dunguripali,
Dist-Sonepur
Con. No. 915302170117

COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER

(Dt.30.03.2024)

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 Jan-Feb/2015 to Nov-Dec/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 : 19.03.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Cherupali section of Binka Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with average bills due to meter defective from Jan-Feb/2015 to Nov-Dec/2022. For that average bills, the arrear was accumulated to ₹. 34,117.36p upto Feb.-2024. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for suitable revision of 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 since Dec-2010. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Jan-Feb/2015 to Nov-Dec/2022 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. TW02059694 has been installed on 29th Jan. 2023, thereafter actual billing has done. As the above-stated average billing period bill was not revised and 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 since 25th Dec. 2010 and the arrear outstanding upto Feb.-2024 is ₹. 34,117.36p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,


1. Due to meter defective with meter no. 994880, the consumer was served with average bills from Jan-Feb/2015 to Nov-Dec/2022 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.
2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. TW02059694 on 29th Jan. 2023. 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 seven years. Due to delay in installation of new meter, average billing has 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 ₹. 34,117.36p 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 initiate bill revision process on the spot observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the monthly bill has recalculated with the consumption and an amount of ₹. 30,121.22p 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 ₹. 30,121.22p. 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, Binka.
3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Sonapur Electrical Division, TPWODL, Sonapur.
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."