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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/ 418

Dated, the 28/03/2024

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

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/267/2024		
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address Sri Sadhu Meher, At-Kutanapani, Po-Banaimunda, Via-Patnagarh, Dist-Bolangir	Consumer No 912325012036	Contact No. 7684810498
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Patnagarh	Division Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh	
4	Date of Application	20.03.2024		
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	20.03.2024		
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 Ghumer



Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Sadhu Meher

For the Respondent

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

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Sri Sadhu Meher,
At-Kutanapani,
Po-Banaimunda,
Via-Patnagarh,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912325012036

- **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 the inflated bill raised in Jun-2020 with 1227 units. 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 : 20.03.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under ESO-III section of Patnagarh Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with inflated bill in Jun-2020 with 1227 units. For that, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹. 5,3424.50p 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 Jun-2018. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated billing done in the month of Jun-2020 with 1227 units is genuine. This has happened due to suppressed meter reading done by concerned meter reader to prevent actual billing in the previous months. As the above-stated 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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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 20th Jun. 2018 and the arrear outstanding upto Feb-2024 is ₹. 5,414.50p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. Due to suppressed meter reading by the concerned meter reader in the preceding months, the consumer was billed less units than his actual consumption. This has been detected in the month of Jun-2020 billing and the unbilled units has been billed in the said month. Due to such bill, the arrear amount has accumulated.
2. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 5,424.50p upto Feb.-2024.
3. During the course of hearing, the OP has agreed with the billing complaints and initiated the bill revision process on the spot observing departmental guidelines. Accordingly, the monthly bill has been recasted with the consumption and a net amount of ₹. 2,441.17p 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 recasted the bill and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed withdrawal amount of ₹. 2,441.17p. 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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