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Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo (Member (Finance)), Sri Krupasindhu Padhee, (Co-Opted Member)

Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/

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Dated, the

29/03/2024

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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/278/2024		
2	Complainant/s	Name & Address Sri Tarani Sahu, For Sri Ganda Sahu, At/Po-Ghasian, Dist-Bolangir	Consumer No 912325020208	Contact No. 9348757813
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	29.03.2024		
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 Patnagarh

Appeared:

For the Complainant -Sri Tarani Sahu
For the Respondent -Sri Debadatta Mahapatra, S.D.O (Elect.), Patnagarh

Complaint Case No. BGR/278/2024

Sri Tarani Sahu,
For Sri Ganda Sahu,
At/Po-Ghasian,
Dist-Bolangir
Con. No. 912325020208

- COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

- OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER

(Dt.29.03.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2.2 KW. He has disputed the average bill raised from Dec-2019 to Nov-2020 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: 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 average bills from Dec-2019 to Nov-2020 due to meter defective. For such, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹. 23,879.65p 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 record. 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 Dec-2019 to Nov-2020 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. LW677940 was installed on 28th Nov. 2020, thereafter actual billing has been done. 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 2.2 KW. The consumer has availed power supply prior to Apr-1999 and the arrear outstanding upto Feb-2024 is ₹. 23,879.65p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,


1. Due to meter defective, the consumer was served with average bills from Dec-2019 to Nov-2020 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.
2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. LW677940 on 28th Nov. 2020. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for one year. 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 ₹. 23,879.65p upto Feb.-2024.
4. 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.
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.


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.

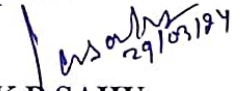
1. The energy bills raised to the consumer from Dec-2019 to Nov.-2020 are to be revised as per succeeding six months average consumption of new meter by considering IMR: 50 (Jan.-2021) & FMR: 737 (Jun.-2021) under CI-155 & 157 of OERC Dist. Code 2019.
2. DPS is to be levied as per OERC Regulation.
3. 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. 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.

"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."