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

Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/ 482(8)

Dated, the 30/03/2024

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

President

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo

- Member (Finance)

Sri Krupasindhu Padhee - Co-Opted Member

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1	Case No. Complaint Case No. BGR/289/2024							
	Complainant/s	Name & Address			Consumer No	Contact	No.	
2		Sri Prasadi Sahu,			911311100236	637243	7302	
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		Via-Loisingha,						
		Dist-Bolangir			ORESSA			
	Respondent/s	Name			Division			
3		S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Loisingha			Bolangir Electrical Division			
						TPWODL, Bolangir		
4	Date of Application	22.03.2024						
5	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination	2	2. Billing Disputes				
		3. Classification/Reclassi-	4	4. Contract Demand / Connected				
		fication of Consumers		Load				
		5. Disconnection /	6	6. Installation of Equipment &				
		Reconnection of Supply	<u> </u>	apparatus of Consumer .				
		7. Interruptions		8. Metering				
		9. New Connection 11. Security Deposit / Interest		10. Quality of Supply & GSOP 12. Shifting of Service Connection &				
		11. Security Deposit / Interest	equipments					
		13. Transfer of Consumer	1	14. Voltage Fluctuations				
		Ownership						
		15. Others (Specify) -						
6	Section(s) of Electricity							
7	OERC Regulation(s) 1. OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019;							
	with Clauses	Clause(s) 155, 157						
		2. OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations,2004;						
		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) Regular							
	Clause							
		6. Others						
8	Date(s) of Hearing	22.03.2024						
9	Date of Order	30.03.2024						
10	Order in favour of	Complainant √ Respond	0	thers				
11	Details of Compens	Details of Compensation Nil						
	awarded, if any.							

CO-OPTED MEMBER

MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Jharnipali

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Prasadi Sahu

For the Respondent

-Sri Abanikanta Maharana, S.D.O (Elect.), Loisingha

Complaint Case No. BGR/289/2024

Sri Prasadi Sahu, At/Po-Jharnipali, Via-Loisingha, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 911311100236

COMPLAINANT



-Versus-

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

OPPOSITE PARTY

ORDER (Dt.30.03.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1 KW. He has disputed the average bill raised from Feb-Mar/2015 to Sep-2023 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: 22.03.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Loisingha section of Loisingha Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with average bills from Feb-Mar/2015 to Sep-2023 due to meter defective. For such, the arrear has been accumulated to ₹. 14,391.64p 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 since Jan.-2014. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Feb-mar/2015 to Sep-2023 is due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. TPWODL1165534 has been installed on 10th Sep. 2023 but due to protocol delay, it has been reflected in Oct-2023 with CMR: 24, thereafter actual billing is going on. As the above-stated period bill has not 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 18th Jan. 2014 and the arrear outstanding upto Feb-2024 is ₹. 14,391.64p. 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 Feb-Mar/2015 to Sep-2023 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.

2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no.TPWODL1165534 on 10th Sep. 2023 but due to delay in updation of meter protocol data, the KWH reading has been captured in Oct-2023 with CMR: 24. Accordingly, delay meter updation revision has been done with credit of ₹. 161.61p.

- 3. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than eight 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.
- 4. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 14,391.64p upto Feb.-2024.
- 5. The OP has submitted that as the disputed billing period has not yet revised, it needs bill revision as per consumption of new meter.
- 6. On scrutiny of the documents, it is observed by the Forum that the bills raised during meter defective period needs bill revision under Cl-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 ₹. 9,117.68p 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 ₹. 9,117.68p. 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.ŠAHOÒ MEMBER (Fin.) K.B.ŠAHU PRESIDENT

Copy to: -

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- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Loisingha.
- 3. DFM/ AFM/ JFM, Bolangir Electrical Division, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 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."

