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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/

Dated, the

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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/405/2024						
	Complainant/s	Name & Address			Consumer No	Contact	No.	
		Sri Rupadhar Putel,		911211180113	7205818	3714		
2		For Sri Samaru Putel,						
		At/Po-Kudasingha,						
		Dist-Bolangir						
3	Respondent/s	Name S.D.O (Elect.), No. II, TPWODL, Bolangir Bolangir Electrical Division TPWODL, Bolangir					on,	
4	Date of Application	12.06.2024						
5	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination	2	2. Billin	Billing Disputes			
		3. Classification/Reclassi-	- 4	. Contract Demand / Connected				
		fication of Consumers		Load				
		5. Disconnection /	1		Installation of Equipment &			
		Reconnection of Supply			apparatus of Consumer			
		7. Interruptions			. Metering			
		9. New Connection			O. Quality of Supply & GSOP			
		11. Security Deposit / Interest		12. Shifting of Service Connection & equipments				
		13. Transfer of Consumer Ownership	1	14. Voltage Fluctuations				
		15. Others (Specify) –						
6	Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved							
7	OERC Regulation(s)	1. OERC Distribution (Condition	us of S	Supply)	Code,2019;			
	with Clauses	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	12.06.2024						
9	Date of Order	20.06.2024						
10	Order in favour of	Complainant √ Respondent			C	Others		
11	Details of Compensation Nil awarded, if any.							

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MEMILER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Kudasingha

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Rupadhar Putel

For the Respondent

-Sri Sunil Kumar Swain, S.D.O (Elect.), No. II, Bolangir

Complaint Case No. BGR/405/2024

Sri Rupadhar Putel, For Sri Samaru Putel, At/Po-Kudasingha, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 911211180113 **COMPLAINANT**

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, No. II, TPWODL, Bolangir OPPOSITE PARTY

BOLANGIR TOWN

ORDER (Dt.20.06.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 1.5 KW. He has disputed the erroneous bills raised till May-2017 and average bill served from Jun-Jul/2017 to May-2021. 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: 12.06.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under ESO-Chudapali Section of Sub-division-II, Balangir. The consumer represented that he was served with erroneous bills from the date of supply to May-2017. Also, average bills raised from Jun-Jul/2017 to May-2021 due to meter defective. For that, the arrear was accumulated to ₹. 42,188.45p upto Apr.-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 with relevant documents. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Domestic consumer availing power supply since Oct.-2005. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for two different period i.e.

a) Erroneous billing from the date of supply to May-2017

b) Average billing from Jun-Jul/2017 to May-2021 due to meter defective

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The dispute raised by the complainant is genuine. 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.

FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS OF THE FORUM

The consumer is a LT-Dom. consumer with a CD of 1.5 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 25th Oct. 2005 and the arrear outstanding upto Apr.-2024 is ₹. 42,188.45p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

 The complainant has disputed the erroneous billing from the date of supply to Apr-May/2017 where the OP admitted it.

2. From the billing abstract, the Forum observed that in some months of the said period, there is erroneous billing. During Apr-May/2017, the bill was generated on actual meter reading basis with CMR: 10948. Also, the same meter is in running condition from the initial date of supply to Apr-May/2017. 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 been recasted with the consumption and a net amount of ₹. 16,183.02p is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.

3. Also, the complainant has disputed about the average billing done from Jun-Jul/2017 to May-2021 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. LW624363 on 19th Aug. 2019 but due to delay in updation of meter protocol data, the KWH reading has been captured in Jun-2021 with CMR: 500. Accordingly, delay meter updation revision from Sep-2019 to Dec.-2022 has been done in Dec.-2022 bill with credit of ₹. 11,675.25p. But still, the bill from Jun-Jul/2017 to Aug-2019 has not yet been revised by the OP.

In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than four 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. 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 been recasted with the consumption and a net amount of ₹. 3,881.14p is to be withdrawn from the arrear outstanding.

4. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 42,188.45p upto Apr.-2024.

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 agreed with the billing dispute and revised the bill on spot and the petitioner was convinced with the proposed total withdrawal amount of $\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{?}}$. 20,064.16p ($\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{?}}$ 16,183.02p + $\stackrel{?}{\underset{?}{?}}$ 3,881.14p). Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal which must be reflected in the next bill.

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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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