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

Memo No.GRF/BGR/Order/ 668

Dated, the 24/06/2

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Er. Kumuda Bandhu Sahu

- President

Sri Prasanta Kumar Sahoo Sri Krupasindhu Padhee

Member (Finance)
Co-Opted Member

1	Case No.	Complaint Case No. BGR/416/2024					
2		Name & Address		Consumer No	Contac	t No.	
		Sri Premananda Sahu,		911313020313	775005		
	Complainant/s	For Sri Bimbadhar Sahu,		/	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	000)	
		At/Po-Mursund, Via-Loisingha,					
		Dist-Bolangir					
		Name		Division			
3	Respondent/s	S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Loisingha Bolangir Electrical Division TPWODL, Bolangir		n,			
4	Date of Application	21.06.2024					
		1. Agreement/Termination	2. Billi	2. Billing Disputes √		1	
		3. Classification/Reclassi-		4. Contract Demand / Connected			
		fication of Consumers		Load			
		5. Disconnection /		6. Installation of Equipment &		4.	
		Reconnection of Supply	appa 9 Mate	apparatus of Consumer			
5	In the matter of-	7. Interruptions 9. New Connection				5- L	
		11. Security Deposit / Interest 12. Shifting of Service Connection 4					
	-2	equipments		nection &	=,		
		13. Transfer of Consumer 14. Voltage Fluctuations					
		Ownership					
		15. Others (Specify) –					
6	Section(s) of Electricity	Act, 2003 involved					
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	with Clauses	Clause(s) 155, 157					
		2. OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations,2004					
		Clause					
		 OERC Conduct of Business) Regulations,2004; Clause 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	21.06.2024					
9	Date of Order	24.06.2024					
10	Order in favour of	Complainant Respondent Others					
11	Details of Compens					L	
	awarded, if any.						

CO-OPTED MEMBER

MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Salebhata

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Premananda Sahu

For the Respondent

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

Complaint Case No. BGR/416/2024

Sri Premananda Sahu, For Sri Bimbadhar Sahu, At/Po-Mursund, Via-Loisingha, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 911313020313 COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

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

ORDER (Dt.24.06.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-Dom. consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. The complainant represented that he was served with abnormal & inflated bill from Jul-2023 to Nov-2023. For that inflated bills, the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 17,574.02p upto May-2024. The complainant raised dispute against the said period and requested before the Forum for suitable revision of the bill.

The case was heard in detail.

PROCEEDING OF HEARING DATED: 21.06.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under ESO-Salebhata Section of Loisingha Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with abnormal & inflated bills from Jul-2023 to Nov-2023. For that, the arrear was accumulated to ₹. 17,574.02p upto May-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 with relevant documents. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-Dom consumer availing power supply since Apr.-2013. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the inflated billing from Jul-2023 to Nov-2023 is a genuine dispute. After receipt of complaint, parallel meter was installed on 10th Nov. 2023 and kept under observation till 17th Nov. 2023 and found that there is error in existing meter. As the above-stated average billing 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 2 KW. The consumer has availed power supply since 15th Apr. 2013 and the arrear outstanding upto May-2024 is ₹. 17,574.02p. As complained by the complainant and submission of OP, it is observed by the Forum that,

1. The consumer is being billed on actual meter reading basis during Jul-2023 to Nov-2023 which is disputed by the consumer that the meter is showing excess consumption than his actual consumption. The OP has agreed with the same and intimated that after receipt of complaint a parallel meter was installed on 10th Nov. 2023 and kept under observation till 17th Nov. 2023 and found that the existing meter error is (+) 461%. The details are,

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DATE	MAIN METER	PARALLEL METER
10.11.2023	4707	0
17.11.2023	6553	4
	1846	4
in %	-461%	

The report submitted by OP dated 17th Nov. 2023 has taken into record.

Hence, the Forum feels the present meter i.e. meter no. 103467 is a defective one. Accordingly, the bills raised with the said meter from Jul-2023 to Nov-2023 needs to be revised under Cl-155 of OERC Distribution Code-2019 to redress the consumer grievances.

- 2. As submitted by OP that a new meter has been installed with meter no. TPWODL1166027 on 18th Nov. 2023 and thereafter actual billing was done. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP is well-known that the previous meter is defective with confirmation of parallel meter observation. But till date the bill has not been revised and pending since 18th Nov. 2023. Due to delay in bill revision, the grievance of the consumer has not been redressed. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to be taken care in future and resolve the consumer grievances at the earliest observing OERC Rules & regulations in force..
- 3. The complainant has not paid the monthly bill regularly for which the arrear has accumulated to ₹. 17,574.02 upto May-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 Cl-155 & 157 of OERC Dist. (Conditions of Supply) Code 2019 to redress the consumer grievances. 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 recasted with the consumption and a net amount of ₹. 16,798.90p 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 agreed with the billing dispute and revised the bill on spot and the petitioner has convinced with the proposed total withdrawal amount of ₹. 16,798.90p. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal and must be reflected in the next bill.

CO-OPTED MEMBER

MEMBER (Fin.)

PRESIDENT

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, Bolangir Electrical Division, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 4. Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, TPWODL, Bolangir.
- 5. Chief Legal, Head Quarter Office, TPWODL, Burla.

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