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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/

732 (5)

Dated, the 30/07/2024

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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/467	7/2024				
	Complainant/s	Name & Address		Consumer No	Consumer No Contact No.		
2		Sri Gopinath Sahu,		912422010080			
		For Sri Golap Sahu,		712.22010000	7.071.02		
		At/Po-Belgaon,					
		Dist-Bolangir			11.5		
		Name		Divis	Division		
3	Respondent/s	S.D.O (Elect.), TPWODL, Saintala		Titilagarh Elec	Titilagarh Electrical Division, TPWODL, Titilagarh		
4	Date of Application	24.07.2024					
	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination	2. Bi	Billing Disputes √			
		3. Classification/Reclassi-	4. Co	4. Contract Demand / Connected			
		fication of Consumers		Load			
		5. Disconnection /		6. Installation of Equipment &			
		Reconnection of Supply 7. Interruptions		apparatus of Consumer			
5		9. New Connection		8. Metering 10. Quality of Supply & GSOP			
		11. Security Deposit / Interest		12. Shifting of Service Connection &			
		and a specific and a	equipments				
		13. Transfer of Consumer	14. V	14. Voltage Fluctuations			
		Ownership 15 Out (6)					
		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; 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					
	D. () GY	6. Others					
8	Date(s) of Hearing	24.07.2024					
9	Date of Order	30.07.2024					
10	Order in favour of	Complainant √ Responde	ent		Others		
11	Details of Compensation Nil awarded, if any.						

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PRESIDENT

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Place of Hearing:

Camp Court at Belgaon

Appeared:

For the Complainant

-Sri Gopinath Sahu

For the Respondent

-Sri Ansuman Sahoo, S.D.O (Elect.), Saintala

Complaint Case No. BGR/467/2024

Sri Gopinath Sahu, For Sri Golap Sahu, At/Po-Belgaon, Dist-Bolangir Con. No. 912422010080 COMPLAINANT

-Versus-

Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Saintala **OPPOSITE PARTY**



ORDER (Dt.30.07.2024)

HISTORY OF THE CASE

The Complainant is a LT-GPS consumer availing a CD of 2 KW. He has disputed about the provisional & average bills raised from Jan-Feb/2023 to Oct.-2023. 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: 24.07.2024

SUBMISSION OF COMPLAINANT DURING HEARING

The complainant is a consumer under Belgaon Section of Saintala Sub-division. The consumer represented that he was served with average bills from Jan-Feb/2023 to Oct-2023 due to meter defective. For that, the arrear has accumulated to ₹ 5,936.70p upto Jun.-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 record. On defence, he intimated that the consumer is a LT-GPS consumer availing power supply prior to Apr-1999. The billing dispute raised by the complainant for the average billing from Jan-Feb/2023 to Oct.-2023 was due to meter defective for that period. A new meter with sl. no. 300085095 has been installed on 21st Nov. 2023, thereafter actual billing has been done. 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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FINDINGS AND ANALYSIS OF THE FORUM

The consumer is a LT-GPS consumer with a CD of 2 KW. The consumer has availed power supply prior to Apr-1999 and the arrear outstanding upto Jun.-2024 is ₹ 5,936.70p. 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 Jan-Feb/2023 to Oct-2023 with meter no. WESCO93512 resulting accumulation of arrear outstanding.

2. A new meter has been installed by OP with meter no. 300085095 during 21st Nov. 2023, thereafter actual billing has been done. In the instant case, it is surprised that the OP has allowed the consumer to continue with defective meter for more than ten months. In the above case, due to delay in installation of new meter, average billing was done which could have been avoided if the OP has installed the meter without delay for which it is advised to the OP to take some pro-active measure for early replacement of defective meter.

3. The OP has submitted that as the disputed billing period has not yet revised, it needs bill revision as per consumption of new meter.

4. 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 been recalculated with the consumption and an amount of ₹7,037.27p 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 ₹ 7,037.27p. Hence, the Forum directed the OP to carry-out the revision proposal and 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.

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P.K.SAHOO MEMBER (Fin.)

K.B\SAHU PRESIDENT

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- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer, Electrical Sub-Division, TPWODL, Saintala.
- 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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