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Grievance Redressal Forum TPWODL, BURLA

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Email: grf.burla@tpwesternodisha.com, Ph No.0663-2999601 Bench: A.K.Satapathy, President and S.Tripathy, Member (Finance)



Ref: GRF/Burla/Div/SEED/ (Final Order)/ 292 (4)

Date: 04/07 12025

Present:

Sri A.K. Satapathy, President Sri S.Tripathy Member(Finance)

1	Case No.	BRL/264/2025							
		Name & Address			Consu	Consumer No		Contact No.	
2	Complainant/s				4164-3	4164-3309-2526			
3	Respondent/s	SDO (Elect), Rairakhol				Division S.E.E.D, TPWODL, Sambalpur			
4	Date of Application	21.06.2025							
	In the matter of-	1. Agreement/Termination X 2. Billing I				Disputes		V	
					4. Contract	ct Demand /		X	
		5. Disconnection / X 6. Installa apparate			6. Installati	ation of Equipment &		X	
5		7. Interruptions X 8. Meterin			8. Metering		4	X	
		9. New Connection X 10. Quality of Supply & GSOP				upply &	X		
		11. Security Deposit / X 12. Shi			12. Shift	ifting of Service X tion & equipments			
		13. Transfer of Consumer X 14. Ownership				Voltage Fluctuations			
		15. Others (Specify) -X							
5	Section(s) of Electricity	Act, 2003 involved							
7	OERC Regulation(s) wit	th 1. OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code,2019 √							
		 OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations, 2004 							
		3. OERC Conduct of Business) Regulations,2004							
		4. Odisha Grid Code (OGC) Regulation, 2006							
		 OERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations,2004 							
1	Date(s) of Hearing	6. Others 21.06.2025							
	Date of Order								
0	Order in favour of	Complainant √ Respondent Others							
	others others								
1	Details of Compensation awarded, if any.								

Place of Camp: ESO Office, Naktideol, TPWODI, Sambalpur

Appeared

For the Complainant- Arjun Dhal

For the Respondent - SDO(Electrical), Rairakhol, TPWODL.



Arjun Dhal At-Gelabada, Po-Girishachandrapur, Rairakhol, Dist-Sambalpur-768106 Consumer No-4164-3309-2526 COMPLAINANT

VRS

SDO(Electrical), Rairakhol, TPWODL.

OPPOSITE PARTY

GIST OF THE CASE

Arjun Dhal appeared in the hearing on Dt. 21.06.2025 at the camp held at ESO Office, Naktideol. The Complainant filed the petition objected to abnormal high energy bills charged against his domestic connection. The complainant could not emphatically submit the exact nature and period of dispute. Hence, the Complainant prayed before the Forum to direct the Opposite Party to resolve the billing disputes in an efficacious manner.

SUBMISSION OF OPPOSITE PARTY

The opposite party has not submitted any relevant documents except physical verification report carried out on 02.07.2025 in this case.

OBSERVATION

The case is pursued with all documents available on record and merit of the case. The complainant is an existing consumer of electricity under the operational area of TPWODL bearing consumer No 4164-3309-2526, having CD-0.06KW under LT-Domestic category, coming under ESO-Naktideol & initial power supply effected on 16.06.2013. On scrutinizing the records in detail, the Forum observed the following facts which are envisaged here under that,

- 1) That, on examining the case in detail, the Forum observed from the billing records that 1st energy bill was charged to the complainant in February-2016 on provisional basis with "823" units recorded in initial meter No" 569957" updated for billing. April-2016 bill was also raised on provisional basis and then, May/June-2016 bi-monthly bill was charged on actual basis with "999" units, considering the current reading of KWH"1000".
- 2) That, Actual bills were charged from May-2016 to February-2019 and thereafter, average bills were raised from March-2019 to March-2024 on different units from time to time.
- 3) The licensee's soft records (FG/Samadhan App) revealed that a new smart meter bearing SL. No-" TPWODL1125956" was installed in the premises on 04-Nov-2022 but was updated in billing later on 28-Mar-2025, replacing the old meter No" 569945" but average bills continued to charge from November-2022 to March-2024 and then, actual bills continued to charge from April-2024 to February-2025. Thereafter, March-2025 bill was charged on average basis.

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- 4) The Forum further observed from the records that the meter No" TPWODL1125956" was actually installed against another service connection No"416433092527", instead of the complainants premises. Hence, the energy bills so charged on actual basis particularly from April-2024 to February-2025, based on the consumption recorded in meter No" TPWODL1125956", was found to be wrongly charged & astounded to note that how the same meter could be updated in billing database against both the consumer account as depicted in Samadhan App.
- 5) The Opposite Party failed to submit any reply statement to this effect. The FG database suggested that there was no meter installed & updated in billing from 04-Nov-2022 to 28-Apr-2025.
- 6) The Forum observed that the energy bills charged from 04-11-2022 to 07-05-2024 have been revised by the Opposite Party on the basis of actual consumption recorded in meter No." TPWODL1125956" and Rs. 919.25/- was added(debited) to consumer account on 16-05-2024. It was pointed out that there was wrong bill revision assessment done for the above period, taking into account the consumption recorded meter No." TPWODL1125956", which was not installed/available in the complainants premises.
- 7) The licensee's soft records (FG/Samadhan App) revealed that a new smart meter bearing SL. No-" TWST15109877" was installed in the premises on 29-Apr-2025 & actual bills continued to charge from April-2025 onwards.
- 8) The Physical Verification Report dtd.92:07.2025 indicated that the existing meter No" TWST15109877" has been found in running condition with advanced meter reading recorded as KWH"000024".

On verifying the records, reports available on record and the petition filed by the complainant, the Forum construed that the energy bills charged upto and including two years prior to the installation of existing meter SL. No." TWST15109877" are to be revised by the Opposite Party on actual monthly average basis, as per Regulation 155 of OERC Distribution (Condition of Supply), Code, 2019. The Opposite Party is also required to revise the average energy bills charged upto and including two years prior to the installation of meter No" TWST15109877", based on succeeding six months actual monthly average consumption recorded in the above mentioned meter.

ORDER

After careful consideration of hearing and documents, statements available on records, the Forum hereby passes order in consonance with Regulation of OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply), Code,2019

1. The Opposite Party is directed to revise the energy bills charged for the period from 16.06.2013 (date of initial power supply) upto June-2016 billing, by recasting/spreading over of total accumulated units of KWH"1000"as recorded in meter No" 569957" upto June-2016 billing, on actual monthly average consumption basis, duly adjusting the bill revision made earlier and/or the benefit arising out of the OTS Scheme, if any.

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- 2. The Opposite Party is directed to revise average energy bills charged upto and including two years prior to the installation of meter No" TWST15109877", on the basis of succeeding six months actual monthly average consumption recorded in the above mentioned meter, from the date/month of installation of the same, duly adjusting the bill revision made earlier and/or the benefit arising of the OTS Scheme, if any.
- 3. The Opposite Party is directed to serve the revised energy charges bill with revised due date within 120 days from the issue of this Order, duly considering the applicable tariff during the period taking into account the adjustments, if any, and adjustment for the payments made by the complainant.
- 4. The Complainant is directed to pay the revised billed amount so arrived at, if any, within due date after receipt of the revised energy charges bill to which the complainant is liable to pay. Accordingly, the case is disposed of.

The Opposite Party is directed to submit the compliance report to this Forum within five months from the date of the issue of this order.

S.Tripathy

Member (Finance)

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Grievance Redressal Forum TPWODL, Burla - 768017 A.K. Satapathy (President)

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- 1. Arjun Dhal, At-Gelabada, Po-Girishachandrapur, Rairakhol, Dist-Sambalpur-768106.
- 2. Sub-Divisional Officer (Elect.) Rairakhol, TPWODL, with the direction to serve one copy of the order to the Complainant/Consumer
- 3. Executive Engineer (Elect.), SEED, TPWODL, Sambalpur
- 4. The Chief Legal-cum-Nodal Officer, TPWODL, Burla for information.

"If the complainant is aggrieved by this order of the Grievance Redressal Forum, he/she is at liberty to make representation to the Ombudsman II, Qrs. No.3R-2(S), GRIDCO Colony, P.O:Bhoinagar, Bhubaneswar-751022 (Tel No. 0674-2543825 and Fax No. 0674-2546264) within 30 days from the date of this order of the Grievance Redressal Forum."

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