

CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM

ELECTRICAL CIRCLE, ROURKELA

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Present:

Sri Achyutananda Meher ... President
Sri Pulakesh Dasbhaya ... Member (Finance)

1	Case No.	RKL/ 198 /2024				
2	Complainant	Name & Address:		Consumer No:		
		Augustus Topno		8133-1201-1387		
		At/PO- Damdapada, Bimitrapur, Dist- Sundargarh.		Contact No.: 7884253619		
3	Respondent	Name		Division		
		SDO- Kuarmunda, RED, TPWODL, Rajgangpur.		RED, TPWODL, Rajgangpur.		
4	Date of Application	22.03.2024				
5	In the matter of-	1. Agreement / Termination		2. Billing Disputes		√
		3. Classification / Reclassification of Consumers		4. Contract Demand / Connected Load		
		5. Disconnection / Reconnection of Supply		6. Installation of Equipment & apparatus of Consumer		
		7. Interruptions		8. Metering		
		9. New Connection		10. Quality of Supply & GSOP		
		11. Security Deposit / Interest		12. Shifting of Service Connection & equipments		
		13. Transfer of Consumer Ownership		14. Voltage Fluctuations		
		15. Others (Specify) -				
6	Section(s) of Electricity Act, 2003 involved	42(5)				
7	OERC Regulation(s):				Clauses	
	1	OERC Distribution (Licensee's Standard of Performance) Regulations,2004				
	2	OERC Conduct of Business) Regulations,2004				
	3	Odisha Grid Code (OGC) Regulation,2006				
	4	OERC (Terms and Conditions for Determination of Tariff) Regulations,2004				
	5	Others-OERC Distribution (Conditions of Supply) code, 2019			155/157	
8	Date(s) of Hearing	22.03.2024				
9	Date of Order	29.03.2024				
10	Order in favour of	Complainant	√	Respondent	Others	
11	Details of Compensation awarded, if any.	Nil				
12	Appeared for the Complainant:		Appeared for the Respondent:			
	Augustus Topno		Er. Ashok Sahoo, SDO			

ORDER

Brief Facts of the Case

During the spot hearing at Kuarmunda Electrical Sub-division of Rajgangpur Electrical Division camp on 22-03-2024, the complainant appeared before the Forum whereas SDO- Kuarmunda appeared as respondent before the Forum.

Brief facts pertaining to the case are that the Complainant is a LT-Domestic consumer having consumer No. 813312011387 with connected load of 1.00 KW. That the Complainant has raised objection regarding the wrong bills served to him due to wrong meter change. He requested for revision of bills and mentions about verbal complaint being made to the respondent earlier on.

Gist of Arguments made by the Parties

Both parties were present in the hearing. The contentions made by the parties are as follows:

1. Submission of the Complainant:

- The complainant submits that, high consumption bill has been served to him due to wrong meter change resulted to accumulation of arrear.
- He further submits that; he had made verbal complain to the respondent about the erroneous bill.
- He also requested the Forum to revise the bills.

2. Reply Submission of the Respondent:

- The respondent produced the billing abstract from Oct'2020 to Feb'2024 and a PVR dated 13-03-2024 mentioning the meter reading as "617" KWH of meter no. TPWODL1154221.
- The respondent also agreed to the wrong billing from Nov'2021 to Dec'2022 and agreed for revision of bills. However, the respondent requested the Forum to take appropriate decision as necessary.

Findings of the Forum

Written/verbal Submissions were made by both parties and arguments were heard at length. This Forum, after hearing the parties and going through the relevant documents and provisions of law have concluded as follows:

- That the complainant has been billed on actual meter readings up to Oct'2021 with a meter reading of "743" of meter no. LW302069.
- It is further noted from the PVR that, a wrong meter change has been entered in billing with meter Sl. No. WHL045131 in Nov'2021 and wrong billing has been done up to Dec'2022. Later on in the month of Sep'2022, the meter reading has been corrected, but the meter got defective.
- In the meanwhile, a new meter bearing Sl. No. TPWODL1154221 has been installed on 23-04-2023 in the premises of the complainant.
- Therefore, it is decided by the Forum that, the wrong bills for wrong meter change should be revised.

Directions of the forum

In view of the above findings and discussions, the Forum is of the view that,

- The provisional/average bills served to the complainant from Nov'2021 to Dec'2022 are to be revised as per the average of six consecutive billing of new meter as per Section 155 and 157 of Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019.
- Any adjustments done during the revision period are also to be taken in to consideration.
- DPS charged on the wrong bills are also to be withdrawn.

Matter is closed herewith and the compliance report to be submitted to the undersigned on or before dated **30-04-2024**.

"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 Grievances Redressal Forums".


Member (F)

No. GRF/RKL/ 239⁽⁴⁾


President

Date: 30/03/2024

Certified Copy to:

- 1) The Superintending Engineer, Electrical Circle, TPWODL, Rourkela.
- 2) The Chief Legal, TPWODL, Burla.

