

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/ 89 /2024				
2	Complainant	Name & Address:		Consumer No:		
		Francis Bage At/PO- Girijatolo, Anthuguda, Kuarmunda, Dist- Sundargarh.		8133-1313-1659		
				Contact No.:		
		8763955194				
3	Respondent	Name		Division		
		SDO- Kuarmunda, RED, TPWODL, Rajgangpur.		RED, TPWODL, Rajgangpur.		
4	Date of Application	16.02.2024				
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	16.02.2024				
9	Date of Order	26.02.2024				
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:			
	Francis Bage		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 16-02-2024, 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. 813313131659 with connected load of 0.50 KW. That the Complainant has raised objection regarding the high consumption bills served to him in the month of Mar'2023. 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 bills served to him due to which high billing has been done 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 Apr'2018 to Nov'2023 and a PVR dated 06-01-2024 mentioning the meter reading as "132" KWH of meter no. TW02080585.
- The respondent also agreed to the high consumption bills served to him in the month of Mar'2023 due to wrong meter reading 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 Jan'2023 with a meter reading of "12" of meter no. WHL045548. For the month of Feb'2023 provisional/average bill has been served but from Mar'2023 to Apr'2023, as submitted by the respondent, reading of another consumer was punched in the above-mentioned months due to wrong meter number updated against this consumer, so high amount bill generated due to wrong reading.
- In the meanwhile, a new meter bearing Sl. No. TW02080585 has been installed on 01-06-2023 in the premises of the complainant.
- Therefore, it is decided by the Forum that, the wrong meter reading bills should be revised.
- It is also noted that, after meter change the billing for the month of May'2023 has been done @461 units taking the higher average units of previous billing despite the meter reading of the new meter has been recorded as "6", which also needs revision.


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 Feb'2023 to May'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 **31-03-2024**.

"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/108⁽⁴⁾


President

Date: 26/02/2024

Certified Copy to:

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

