

CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM

ELECTRICAL CIRCLE, ROURKELA

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Present:

Sri Achyutananda Meher ... President
Sri Pulakesh Dasbhaya ... Member (Finance)
Sri Girish Chandra Mohapatra... Co-opted Member

1	Case No.	RKL/ 92 /2024			
2	Complainant	Name & Address:		Consumer No:	
		Sahid Hussain		8112-2424-0931	
		At-Bhatti Road, Rourkela, Dist- Sundargarh.		Contact No.: 9437942237	
3	Respondent	Name		Division	
		SDO-II, RED, TPWODL, Rourkela.		RED, TPWODL, Rourkela.	
4	Date of Application	17.02.2024			
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	17.02.2024			
9	Date of Order	28.02.2024			
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:		
	Md Armanul Haque		Er. Abhiram Swain, SDO		

ORDER

Brief Facts of the Case

During the spot hearing at Main Road Electrical section of Rourkela Electrical Division camp on 17-02-2024, the complainant appeared before the Forum whereas SDO-II, RED appeared as respondent before the Forum.

Brief facts pertaining to the case are that the Complainant is a LT-General Purpose consumer having consumer No. 811224240931 with connected load of 0.50 KW. That the Complainant has raised objection regarding the abnormal consumption bills served to him. 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, abnormal consumption bills have been served to him due to which high billings have 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 Jan'2024 and a PVR dated 17-02-2024 mentioning the meter reading as "340" KWH of meter no. 300052828.
- The respondent also agreed to the provisional/abnormal consumption billing from Jan'2021 to Mar'2023 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 Dec'2020 with a meter reading of "1798" of meter no. WPM310520 with a monthly average consumption of 18 units (average from Jan'2020 to Dec'2020). From Jan'2021 to Jan'2022, provisional bills have been served. In the month of Feb'2022, abnormal consumption bill has been served @ of 5963 units by recording the meter reading as "7761". After that meter became defective and average bills have been served @ 767 units, 581 units, 624 units etc.
- In the meanwhile, a new meter bearing Sl. No. 300052828 has been installed on 27-01-2023 in the premises of the complainant but reflected in Mar'2023.
- The new meter average was also recorded as 23 units per month (from Jan'2023 to Jan'2024) which leads the Forum to revise the abnormal bills as per new meter.
- It is also noted that, after meter change the billing for the month of Mar'2023 has been done @2073 units taking the higher average units of previous billing despite the meter reading of the new meter has been recorded as "88", which also needs revision.
- It is also noted that, a bill revision has already been done from Mar'2022 to Jul'2022 but no DPS amount has been withdrawn on wrong billings.

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 Apr'2021 to Mar'2023 (Two Years) 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)



President

No. GRF/RKL/123⁽⁴⁾
Certified Copy to:

Date: 28/02/2024

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