

CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM

ELECTRICAL CIRCLE, ROURKELA

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Present:

Sri Achyutananda Meher ... President
Sri Chitta Ranjan Dash ... Member (Finance)
Sri Girish Chandra Mohapatra... Co-opted Member

1	Case No.	RKL/ 450 /2024			
2	Complainant	Name & Address:		Consumer No:	
		S. K. Sabat		8141-2312-0143	
		Qr. No.L/114, RRIT Colony, At/PO- Chhend, Rourkela, Dist- Sundargarh.		Contact No.: 9937075666	
3	Respondent	Name		Division	
		SDO-I, RSED, TPWODL, Rourkela.		RSED, TPWODL, Rourkela.	
4	Date of Application	06.08.2024			
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	06.08.2024			
9	Date of Order	27.08.2024			
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:		
	S. K. Sabat		Er. Sandeep Parida, SDO		

ORDER

Brief Facts of the Case

During the spot hearing at Chhend section of Rourkela Sadar Electrical Division camp on dt.06.08.2024, the complainant appeared before the Forum whereas SDO-I, RSED appeared as respondent before the Forum.

Brief facts pertaining to the case are that the Complainant is a LT-Domestic consumer having consumer No. 8141-2315-0143 with connected load of 02 KW. That the Complainant has raised objection for high billing during which the meter was defective in the month of Apr'24 and May'24. 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:

Submission of the Complainant:

- The complainant submitted that meter defective excess bills have been generated from Apr'2024 to May'2024 due to which high billings have been done resulted to accumulation of arrear.
- He further submitted that he had made verbal complain to the respondent about the erroneous bill.
- He also requested the Forum to revise the bills.

Reply Submission of the Respondent:

- The respondent produced the billing abstract from Jan'2024 to Jul'2024 and a PVR dated 07-08-2024 mentioning the meter reading as "422" of meter no. TWST1750224.
- The respondent also agreed to the high consumption billing from Apr'2024 to May'2024 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 Mar'2024 with a meter reading of "20914" of meter no. 8025507. From Apr'2024 to May'2024, high consumption actual bills have been served as the meter is tested defective on dt.29.06.2024
- A new meter bearing Sl. No. TWST1750224 has been installed on dt.19.06.2024 in the premises of the complainant.
- Therefore, it is decided by the Forum that, the average bills generated during the quarter vacant period should be Withdrawn.

Directions of the forum

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

- The provisional bills served to the complainant from Apr'2024 to May'2024 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 into 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 **31-01-2025**.

"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".


Co-Opted Member


Member (F)


President

No. GRF/RKL/ 561⁽⁴⁾

Date: 30/08/2024

Certified Copy to:

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

