

CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM

ELECTRICAL CIRCLE, ROURKELA

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Present:

Sri Achyutananda Meher ... President
Sri Chitta Ranjan Dash ... Member (Finance)

1	Case No.	RKL/ 519 /2024			
2	Complainant	Name & Address:		Consumer No:	
		Shiba Shankar Sethi		8147-1114-0179	
		At/PO- Bonaigarh, Dist- Sundargarh.		Contact No.:	
3	Respondent	Name		Division	
		SDO-VII, RSED, TPWODL, Rourkela.		RSED, TPWODL, Rourkela.	
4	Date of Application	23.08.2024			
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	23.08.2024			
9	Date of Order	12.09.2024			
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:		
	Shiba Shankar Sethi		Er. Anukul Chandra Mohanty, SDO		

ORDER

Brief Facts of the Case

During the spot hearing at Bonai Electrical Section of Rourkela Sadar Electrical Division camp on dt.23.08.2024, the complainant appeared before the Forum whereas SDO, Bonai, RSED appeared as respondent before the Forum.

Brief facts pertaining to the case are that the Complainant is a LT-General Purpose consumer with connected load of 0.5 Kw. That the Complainant has raised objection regarding the average billing given from Oct'2021 to Feb'2024 served to him. He requested revision of bills and mentions verbal complaints being made to the respondent earlier.

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 average billing given from Oct'2021 to Feb'2024 served to him resulted to accumulation of arrears.
- He further submitted that he had made verbal complaint 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 Dec'2019 to Jul'2024.
- He had also produced a PVR dt.13.08.2024 mentioning the meter reading as "492" of meter number TWB655487.
- The respondent also agreed to the average billing given from Oct'2021 to Feb'2024. However, the respondent requested the Forum to take appropriate decisions 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:

- The bills from Sep'2021 to Feb'2024 have been billed on average basis with different units per month. From Mar'2024 onwards almost actual bills have been served.
- As per PVR submitted by respondent, the new meter bearing Sl. No. TWB655487 has been installed in the premises of the complainant and the meter reading is "492" Kwh as on dt.13.08.2024.
- Therefore, it is decided by the Forum that, the average bills should be revised.

Directions of the forum

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

- The average bills served to the complainant from Sep'2021 to Aug'2023 (Two Years) are to be revised by taking average of six months' actual consumption of new meter as per Section 155 and 157 of the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019.
- Any adjustments made during the revision period are also to be taken into consideration.
- DPS charged on the wrong bills are also to be withdrawn.

The matter is closed herewith and the compliance report to be submitted to the undersigned on or before dated **31-10-2024**.

"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 (Finance)

No. GRF/RKL/ 642⁽⁴⁾

Certified Copy to:

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


President

Date: 17/09/2024

