

CONSUMER GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL FORUM

ELECTRICAL CIRCLE, ROURKELA

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Bench:

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

1	Case No.	RKL/ 56 /2025				
2	Complainant	Name & Address:		Consumer No:		
		Thomas Soren		8122-2204-0670		
		At- Kurga		Contact No.:		
		Ujanlpur, Dist- Sundargarh.		Nil		
3	Respondent	Name		Division		
		SDO-Ujalpur, SED, TPWODL, Sundargarh.		SED, TPWODL, Sundargarh.		
4	Date of Application		29.01.2025			
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 & equipment	×	
		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		29.01.2025			
9	Date of Order		31.01.2025			
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:			
	Thomas Soren		Er. Biraj Patel, SDO			

ORDER

Brief Facts of the Case

During the spot hearing at SDO-Ujalpur Office of Ujalpur Electrical Sub-division camp on dt.29.01.2025, the Complainant appeared before the Forum whereas SDO-Ujalpur, SED, Sundargarh appeared as Respondent before the Forum.

Brief facts pertaining to the case are that the Complainant is an LT-Domestic consumer having connected load of 0.14 KW. That the Complainant has raised objection for average billing from Nov'2017 to Mar'2024. He requested revision of bills and mentions about verbal complaints 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 provisional/average bills have been generated from Nov'2017 to Mar'2024 due to which high billings have been made resulting in 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 following documents:
 - Billing abstract from May'2016 to Nov'2024.
 - Physical Verification Report on dt.13.12.2024.
 - Written version on dt.29.01.2025.
- The Respondent also agreed to the wrong billing from Nov'2017 to Mar'2024 and revision of bills.
- 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:

- From Oct'2017 to Mar'2024, average bills have been served mostly with 160 units per month as the meter is defective.
- A new meter bearing Sl. No. TWB328510 had been installed on dt.09.05.2024 and the current reading is 60 Kwh as on dt.13.12.2024.
- Therefore, it is decided by the Forum to revise the average bills.

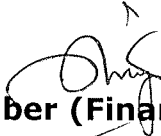
Directions of the forum

In view of the above facts and circumstances and after going through the documents submitted by both the parties, the Forum pronounces the following order as per regulations 155 and 157 of the Odisha Electricity Regulatory Commission Distribution (Conditions of Supply) Code, 2019.

- The provisional/average bills served from Oct'2019 to Sep'2021 (Two Years) are to be revised by taking average of six consecutive billing of new meter.
- 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.

The compliance report to be submitted to the undersigned on or before dt.**28.02.2025**.


Member (Finance)


President

No. GRF/RKL/ 85⁽⁴⁾

Date: 31/01/2025

Certified Copy to:

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

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.

