

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/ 607 /2024				
2	Complainant	Name & Address:		Consumer No:		
		Lalababu Ray		8113-2319-0165		
		At/PO- Madhusudanpalli, Rourkela, Dist- Sundargarh.		Contact No.: 8249061850		
3	Respondent	Name		Division		
		SDO-III, RED, TPWODL, Rourkela.		RED, TPWODL, Rourkela.		
4	Date of Application	08.10.2024				
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	08.10.2024				
9	Date of Order	24.10.2024				
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:			
	Baby Kumari		Er. Rajat Mohanty, SDO			

ORDER

Brief Facts of the Case

During the spot hearing at Madhusudan Palli section of Rourkela Electrical Division camp on dt.08.10.2024, the complainant appeared before the Forum whereas SDO-III, RED appeared as respondent before the Forum.

Brief facts pertaining to the case are that the Complainant is a LT-Domestic consumer having consumer No. 8113-2319-0165 with connected load of 02 KW. That the Complainant has raised objection for average billing from Jan'2019 to Oct'2020. 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 average bills have been generated from Jan'2019 to Oct'2020 due to which high billings have been done 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 May'2011 to Aug'2024 and a PVR dated 08-10-2024 mentioning the meter reading as "8403" of meter no. LW584208.
- The respondent also agreed to the provisional/average billing from Jan'2019 to Oct'2020 and agreed for 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:

- That the complainant has been billed on actual meter readings up to Dec'2018 with a meter reading of "26369" of meter no. 8179022.
- From Jan'2019 to Oct'2020, provisional/average bills have been served due to meter defective.
- A new meter bearing number LW584208 had been installed during Oct'2020 and the first month bill was served on pro-rata basis.
- Therefore, it is decided by the Forum that, the average bills generated during the average period should be revised.

Directions of the forum

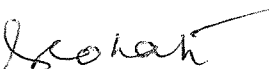
In view of the above findings and discussions, the Forum is of the view that,

- The provisional/average bills served to the complainant from Jan'2019 to Oct'2020 are to be revised as per the average of six consecutive billing of new meter as per Regulation 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.

The compliance report to be submitted to the undersigned on or before dt.**30.11.2024**.

"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".


Co-Opted Member


Member (Finance)


President

No. GRF/RKL/ 764⁽⁴⁾

Date: 28/10/2024

Certified Copy to:

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

