

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/ 667 /2024				
2	Complainant	Name & Address:		Consumer No:		
		Chidi Pani Panchayat		8140-0110-0038		
		At- Chidi, PO- Chandarpur,		Contact No.:		
		Lathikata, Rourkela, Dist- Sundargarh.		9827455004		
3	Respondent	Name		Division		
		Executive Engineer, RSED, TPWODL, Rourkela.		RSED, TPWODL, Rourkela.		
4	Date of Application		12.11.2024			
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		12.11.2024			
9	Date of Order		28.11.2024			
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:			
	Jogeswar Naik		Er. Gaurab Chattopadhyay, SDO			

ORDER

Brief Facts of the Case

During the spot hearing at Panposh section of Rourkela Sadar Electrical Division camp on dt.12.11.2024, the complainant appeared before the Forum whereas SDO-V, RSED appeared as respondent before the Forum.

Brief facts pertaining to the case are that the Complainant is a LT-LI consumer having Consumer Number 8140-0110-0038 with connected load of 12.5 Kw. That the Complainant has raised an objection for provisional/average billing from May'2022 to Jan'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 May'2022 to Jan'2024 due to which high billings have been done resulting 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 Jul'2021 to Oct'2024 and a PVR dt.13.11.2024 mentioning the meter reading as "2917" of meter number TWSC59004294.
- The respondent also agreed to the provisional/average billing from May'2022 to Jan'2024 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:

- From May'2022 to Dec'2023, provisional/average bills had been served with various units per month as the meter was defective.
- A new meter bearing Serial Number TWSC59004294 had been installed on dt.01.02.2024 and meter reading is "2917" as on dt.13.11.2024.
- The first bill of new meter during Jan'2024 is a pro-rata bill and needs revision.
- Therefore, it is decided by the Forum to revise the provisional/average bills.

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 Feb'2022 to Jan'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 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.**31.12.2024**.

"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/ 841⁽⁴⁾

Date: 28/11/2024

Certified Copy to:

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

