ODISHA ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION BIDYUT NIYAMAK BHAWAN PLOT NO.-4, CHUNUKOLI, SHAILASHREE VIHAR

LOT NO.-4, CHUNUKOLI, SHAILASHREE VIHAR BHUBANESWAR - 751 021

Present: Shri U. N. Behera, Chairperson

Shri S. K. Parhi, Member Shri G. Mohapatra, Member

Case No. 22/2019

Shri Subash Chandra Acaharya Petitioner

Vrs.

The E.E (Elect.), JED, Jagatsinghpur Respondent

In the matter of: Application under S. 142of the Electricity Act, 2003 for non-implementation

of order dated 14.02.2019 of the Ombudsman-I passed in C.R. Case

No.02/2019.

For Petitioner: Shri Lalit K Moharana, Advocate

For Respondent: Shri S.C. Dash, Advocate.

ORDER

Date of hearing: 06.10.2020 Date of order: 06.10.2020

Shri Subash Chandra Acharya, Jagatsinghpur has filed this petition under Section 142 of the Electricity Act, 2003 for non-implementation of order dated 14.02.2019 of the Ombudsman-I passed in C.R. Case No.02/2019. The Ombudsman-I while disposing of the above C.R. Case has directed the Respondent to revise the House Lock period bills for the months of September and October, 2006 as per average three months actual consumption for the months of November, December, 2006 and January, 2007, if not done earlier. The respondent is also directed to revise the House Lock bill for the month of June, 2011 as per actual reading recorded in July, 2011.

2. Due to Covid-19 pandemic situation the Commission had decided to hear the matter through Video Conferencing in the Virtual Court on 06.10.2020. Accordingly the parties had been intimated.

- 3. The counsel of the petitioner submits that the order dated 14.02.2019 of the Ombudsman-I has not been implemented by the respondent till date though there is no stay of operation of the said order. Therefore, the Commission may direct the respondent to implement the said order.
- 4. The counsel for the respondent submits that the distribution utility has challenged the above order of the Ombudsman-I passed in C.R. Case No.02 of 2019 before the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa in W.P.(C) No.15343 of 2019 along with Misc. Case No.11867/2019 for stay of operation of the above Order of the Ombudsman-I. The petitioner herein has appeared in the above writ petition as Opposite Party No-1. The Hon'ble Court vide their interim order dated 03.12.2019 have passed that no coercive action shall be taken against the Petitioner (present Respondent) till the next date of listing. Thereafter, the matter was listed five times before the Hon'ble Court and the Hon'ble Court has been pleased to continue their earlier interim order passed on 03.12.2019 till the next date of listing. Therefore, he prays the Commission to drop the present proceeding as the judgement of the Hon'ble High Court that will be passed in W.P.(C). No. 15343/2019 shall be applicable to both the parties.
- 5. After hearing the parties, the Commission observes that the Order of the Ombudsman-I passed in C.R. Case no.02 of 2019 has been challenged before the of Orissa in W.P.(C) No.15343 of 2019 along with Misc. Case No.11867/2019 and in the meantime several hearings have been held by the Hon'ble High Court. Therefore, the Commission opined that there is no need to proceed further in the present case. The order to be passed by the Hon'ble High Court in the above writ petition shall be binding on the parties herein.
- 6. With the above observation, the case is disposed of.

Sd/(G. Mohapatra)
Member

Sd/(S. K. Parhi)
Member

Chairperson