

NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION BEFORE THE NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Order for the Operation of the Metering Code by Electric Power Sector Operators.

Preamble:

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC)in carrying out the objectives contained in section 32 (1) of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act has the function under section 32 (2) (b) of the Act, to establish or, as the case may be, approve appropriate operating codes and safety, security, reliability, and quality standards.

Following the issuance of Electricity Licences to various Companies by the Commission, the Commission hereby enacts a Metering Code to regulate the activities of Operators.

Facts:

A Draft Metering Code was developed over 2006 and 2007 by the Research and Development Division of NERC working together with the Consultant – Mercados EMI.

A three day workshop was held from the 12th to the 14th of September, 2006. This brought together stakeholders in the electricity industry to receive and discuss the outline of the Draft Metering Code. Invitees included Officers of the Successor Companies and the Liason Office of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria and the Federal Ministry of Power and Steel, as well as Independent Power Producers, Engineers, Lawyers, Consumer Rights Advocacy Groups, Electricity Meter Manufacturers and Journalists.

Participants at the Workshop discussed the outline of the Metering Code extensively and made useful contributions which were all noted by the Regulatory Commission and the Consultant,

The Workshop participants agreed that an Advisory Committee be inaugurated to collate inputs to, and review the Draft Code and come up with a revised Draft for the Regulatory Commission's consideration. The Committee was made up of representatives of:

- 1. Successor Generation Companies;
 - a. Delta Power Station
 - b. Jebba Hydro Power Station
- 2. Meter Manufacturers:
 - a. EMCON Ltd.
 - b. Unistar Hi Tech System Ltd.
- 3. Transmission Company of Nigeria;
- 4. Market Operations;
- 5. Independent Power Producers
 - a. ICS Power Ltd.
 - b. ELF Petroleum
- 6. Instrument Laboratory (Former PHCN HQ);
- 7. Successor Distribution Companies;
 - a. Eko Distribution Company Plc
 - b. Enugu Distribution Company Ple
 - c. Ibadan Distribution Company Ple
- 8. NERC

The revised Draft Metering Code was submitted to the Commission on May 2, 2007.

Upon due consideration of the revised Draft Metering Code incorporating the comments of all Stakeholders.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Metering Code as amended, be adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Metering Code become effective and binding on all Operators from the 1st day of August, 2007.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Metering Code be publicly presented to all Stakeholders on June 21, 2007.

By Order of the Commission.

Signed this 18th day of June, 2007.

Chairman/CEO