

# NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

Credited Advance Payment for Metering Implementation



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## Introduction

- One of the top priorities of the Commission is the speedy metering of customers
- Numerous customer complaints indicate a high level of dissatisfaction with the way they are billed by the DISCOs
- Currently no upfront payment for meters is required of customers
- The Commission considers it expedient to explore other avenues of ensuring that customers are metered to eliminate wildly estimated bills



## Facts about CAPMI

- Willing customers can be allowed to advance funds for the purchase and installation of meters
- These advance payments are subsequently refunded through a rebate on the fixed charge element of their electricity bills
- CAPMI will minimize estimation and enhance revenue collection



#### **CAPMI Guidelines**

- The scheme is optional
- Meter specifications shall comply with the Metering Code
- The cost of meters and associated installation costs is as approved by NERC and no profit shall accrue to the DISCOs
- The DISCOs shall follow a transparent and competitive procurement process determined by NERC/BPP in selecting the vendors/installers



#### **CAPMI Guidelines (Cont'd)**

- All vendors/installers shall be certified by NERC/BPP
- NERC has developed guidelines for registration of importers/manufacturers and vendors/installers and are on the website
- The DISCO shall refund the customer cost of the meter only with interest through rebate in monthly fixed charge
- The payment made by the customer shall be amortized over a period of time

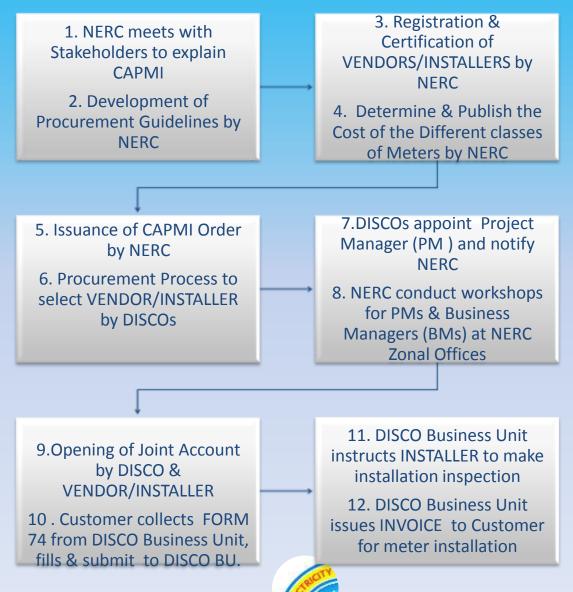


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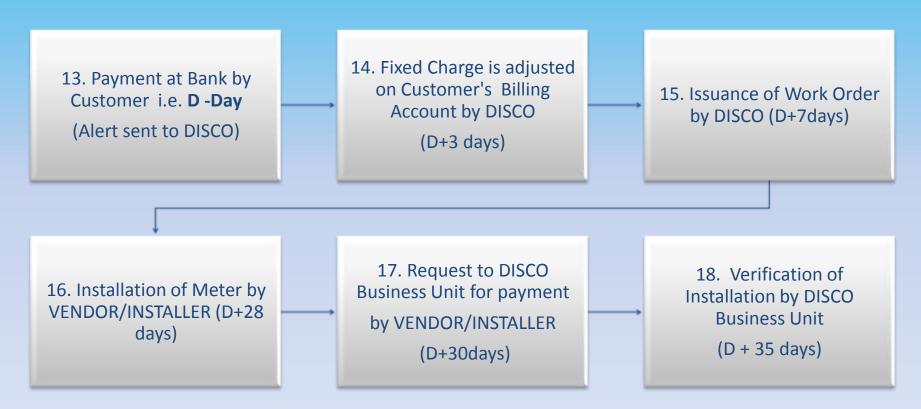
- All urban areas within Nigeria shall have smart metering with prepayment functionality and upgradeable software
- DISCOs shall render monthly reports to NERC
- Customers who have made payments for meters from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2011 shall be metered by DISCOS within 45 days of the commencement of CAPMI
- Customers who make payments under the CAPMI Scheme shall have meters installed within 45 days of payment
- Payments shall be made into escrow accounts controlled jointly by the DISCOS and Vendor/Installers



#### **CAPMI PROCESS MAP**



## CAPMI PROCESS MAP (cont'd)





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19. DISCO BU instructs Bank to pay VENDOR/INSTALLER (D + 36 days)

20. Payment is made to the VENDOR/INSTALLER by BANK

21. Monthly Installations Report sent to NERC by DISCO CEO

22. Monthly Complaints report prepared by CC Unit to NERC



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