



NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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FACT-SHEET on Meter Asset Provider Regulations

- (i) The Meter Asset Provider Regulations is aimed at the elimination of estimated billing and its attendant challenges in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry.
- (ii) The Regulation is expected to close the metering gap in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry within three (3) years of coming into effect.
- (iii) Meter Asset Providers shall be competitively engaged by electricity distribution companies through a transparent and competitive process. Meters shall be installed at customer premises at the competitive cost approved by the Commission.
- (iv) Electricity distribution companies shall within 120 days complete the process of engaging Meter Asset Providers based on their respective meter deployment plan and targets set by the Commission.
- (v) The current meters being installed by electricity distribution companies are not free as the current tariff being paid by all electricity customers includes a return on the investment on meter assets.
- (vi) The new regulation provides that customers only pay for metering service charge after the installation of a meter at their premises. Electricity Distribution companies shall create new tariff classes to bring this to effect.
- (vii) Customers provided with meters under the MAP regulation will pay a metering service charge and a distinct tariff lower than other customers with legacy meters. Discos will be held responsible for closing the metering gap by engaging MAP through an open transparent competitive process.
- (viii) Under this new regulatory framework, defective meters shall be repaired or replaced free of charge within two working days of being notified, unless the damage was caused by the customer.

- (ix) Where there is delay in repair or replacement of faulty meter within the billing period, an average of the last three (3) months billing/vending shall be applied for the purpose of determining customer's energy consumption.
- (x) Where a customer relocates within the franchise area, the customers shall apply for transfer of services including applicable credits for energy.
- (xi) The payment of Metering Service Charge by the customer to the MAPs shall cease upon full amortization of the meter asset over its technical life.
- (xii) Where a customer elects to pay in full upfront for a meter under the regulation, he/she shall be exempt from the payment of Metering Service Charge. Installation of meter at customer premises shall be within ten working days of the receipt of payment.
- (xiii) The MAP regulations shall not over-ride metering contracts entered into by distribution licensee. Existing metering contracts shall transit to the provisions of the Meter Asset Provider regulation after December 31, 2018.