



NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

ORDER ON THE EXTENSION OF TIME FOR CONCLUSION OF THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS FOR THE ENGAGEMENT OF THE FIRST SET OF METER ASSET PROVIDERS IN THE NERC METER ASSET PROVIDER REGULATIONS, 2018

ORDER NO: NERC/180/2018

WHEREAS:

- A. The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (the "Commission") is required by sections 32 (1) (b) and 32 (2) (a) of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act ("EPSRA") to –
- i. Maximise access to electricity services, by promoting and facilitating consumer connections to distribution systems in both rural and urban areas.
 - ii. Promote competition and private sector participation, when and where feasible.
- B. The Meter Asset Provider Regulations (the "Regulations") of 2018 provide standard rules to –
- i. Encourage the development of independent and competitive meter services in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry ("NESI").
 - ii. Eliminate estimated billing practices in NESI.
 - iii. Attract private investment to the provision of metering services in NESI.
 - iv. Close the metering gap through accelerated meter roll out in NESI.
 - v. Enhance revenue assurance in NESI.
- C. Section 8 of the Regulations provides for the process for the procurement of MAPs by distribution licensees and the grant of MAP permit by the Commission.

D. Section 8 (2) of the Regulations mandates distribution licensees to conclude the procurement process for the engagement of the first set of MAPs within 120 days from the 3rd day of April 2018.

E. The Commission has considered the benefits of an extension of the time-frame for conclusion of the procurement process for the first set of MAPs to the development of independent and competitive meter services in NESI.

NOW THEREFORE:

Upon due consideration of the foregoing and the obligation on the Commission to take steps necessary or convenient for the effective implementation of the Regulations, the Commission, pursuant to the powers conferred by the EPSRA and as resolved at its 15th formal meeting of 13 June 2018 hereby orders as follows –

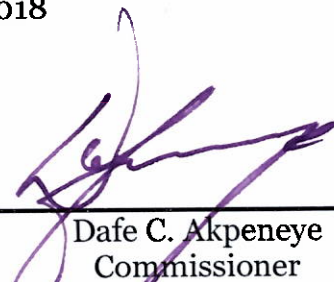
1. Section 8 (2) of the Regulations which provide for the conclusion of the procurement process for the engagement of the first set of MAPs by the distribution licensees within 120 days from the 3rd day of April 2018 is hereby amended as follows:

Distribution Licensees shall conclude the procurement process for the engagement of the first set of MAPs within 120 days from the 1st day of July 2018. The engagement process for subsequent MAPs shall be completed within 120 days from the commencement of the procurement.

Dated this 13th day of June 2018



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Chairman



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