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Communiqué Issued at the end of the meeting of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission with Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry stakeholders on October 15, 2018 at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja.

A Meeting of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) with the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) Stakeholders held on October 15, 2018 at the Transcorp Hilton, Abuja. The licensees and other stakeholders were fully represented at the highest executive management levels. The Permanent Secretary (Power), Federal Ministry of Power, Works & Housing was in attendance.

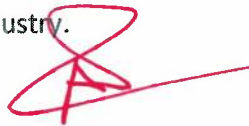
The Chairman of NERC, Prof. James Momoh set the tone for the meeting by assuring stakeholders of the Commission's commitment in providing the necessary regulatory guidance and direction towards addressing critical issues of liquidity, metering, revenue collection and service delivery and challenged stakeholders to do all it takes to get the sector working in a sustainable manner.

The Commission presented an overview of the current state of the NESI highlighting issues and challenges related to Liquidity, Metering and the Capping of Estimated Billing, Franchising, Merit Order Dispatch and load Rejection (Unutilised Load), Competitive Procurement of Generation, System Stability and Frequency Control, Ancillary Services, Modernisation and System Expansion, Water Spill issues, Customer Enumeration and findings from the Commission's visits, Business Continuity, Compliance and Enforcement.

The meeting deliberated extensively on the state of the industry and the following actions were agreed:

1. NERC will retrieve previous records from the Ministry of Power on the report requested from Distribution Companies (DisCos) where partnership with the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) or off-grid would better serve the purpose of electrification and communicate a two (2) week submission period to the DisCos.

2. Load Rejection (Unutilised Load) was extensively discussed and DisCos were mandated to communicate issues relating to unviable feeders and other such complaints through the appropriate channels.
3. Only eligible customer transactions which are in full compliance with the regulation and law will be approved by the Commission.
4. A working group headed by the System Operator (SO) with participation by the Generation Companies (GenCos), Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN), DisCos and the Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading Plc (NBET) will be set up to co-ordinate generation dispatch, load allocation and monitoring.
5. The Commission shall facilitate a one day meeting to discuss issues relating to Power Purchase Agreements and other commercial agreements.
6. The Commission noted the urgency to focus on the technology requirements stipulated under the Meter Asset Provider (MAP) regulations. In this regard, a one day workshop will be arranged by the Commission at which potential MAPs, DisCos and technology companies share possible solutions.
7. The frequency of the NESI Stakeholder Meeting was put to vote and the decision reached to convene the meeting bi-monthly, i.e. every other month.
8. Meeting venues will alternate between Abuja and Lagos. The next meeting will hold on December 3, 2018 in Lagos.
9. The meeting discussed ways of addressing critical issues inhibiting improved remittance, growth in generation capacity, improved service delivery and the creation of a financially viable industry.



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