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A PROPHET WITH HONOUR AMONG HIS PEOPLE

The sleepy town of Igarra, in Akoko Edo Local Government Council of Edo State recently played host to who is who in the Nigerian power sector and academic communities in Nigeria and beyond when the Commission's Chairman, Prof James Momoh, was honoured with a chieftancy title by the traditional ruler of his town. More story on this in the next edition of PowerWatch Magazine.

Watch out!!



COMMISSION ASSURES OPERATORS OF FAIR REGULATION, ADVISES CONSUMERS ON ENERGY CONSERVATION

Story by Christiana Iliya

The Chairman of the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission, Professor James Momoh has said that the Commission will ensure fairness to the electricity market players in the discharge of its regulatory mandate even as he counsels electricity consumers on efficient electricity consumption.

Speaking during a radio interview on Option FM, Nasarawa State, recently, the Chairman stated that operators in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry have responsibilities to improve on Nigerians access to electricity just as the consumers pay only for the value of electricity they consumed.

He said that the Commission is interested in working with electricity distribution companies improve on their response rate to fault clearing on their networks, reduce high incidence of estimated billing to the barest minimum so that loses are not heaped on electricity customers. Commenting on specific efforts at achieving this, he said, "Now we have local meter manufacturers that can cover for the metering gap in the industry. We also have the Meter Asset Provider Regulations which investors are now running to access."

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DISCOS ENCOURAGED ON INTEGRITY OF DATA SUPPLY TO THE COMMISSION

Electricity distribution companies have been advised on the integrity of data sent to the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission as part of inputs to regulatory decisions and that they should endeavor to invest in research as part of efforts at solving relationship problems with their customers.

The Chairman of the Commission, Prof. James Momoh gave this advice at a meeting with chief executives of electricity distribution companies where he also counselled the industry operators to stop further blame game but work together to fulfill the important mandate of the industry to provide Nigerians with electricity.

In his opening remark at the meeting which is a continuation of consultations with critical stakeholders in the industry, the Chairman said, "The blame game has not worked. It is time, as professionals, to sit down, think

originally and save the power industry not just with Naira and Kobo but with the talents and capacity God has given us."

He said that the outcome of meetings with Discos' counterpart in the electricity generation markets, transmission and other market operators was providing necessary contributions into the Commission's response to the challenges in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry.

Prof Momoh advised participants at the meeting on the importance of research to solving some of the challenges as he quipped, "I cannot end this without assuring what role and per centage of investment your Disco is putting into research to know how to solve the problems of your relationship with customers and franchise proportions?"

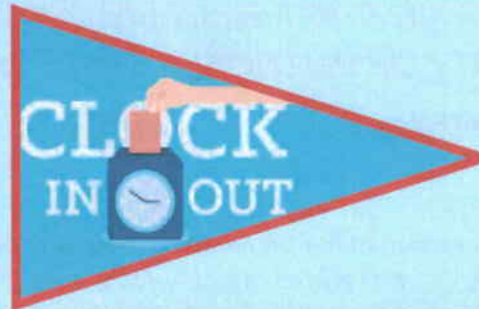
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Pix 1 & 2: Staff participants at September NERC Academy; Min of Power, Works & Housing, Mr. BabtundeFashola; NERC Chairman, Prof James Momoh; Commissioner Legal, Licensing & Compliance, Mr. DafeAkpeneye at NASS Public Hearing on the power sector



Vivacious Lady V



THE YEARS, THE EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Vivian Mbonu, AGM, Media aka Vivacious Lady V will bow out of the Commission by Dec. 28, 2018 after 11 years of meritorious service. She bares her mind in this interview with Christiana Iliya, even as she advises those coming behind. Do have a pleasant reading.

Q: When did you join the Commission and how was it like all these years?

Ans: I have been employed in the Commission from year 2007 till date as the first set of staff in the then Government and Consumer Affairs Division, where I worked in various units within the Division with the following responsibilities among others; Ensuring procedural fairness in handling complaints; Monitoring, investigating and resolving disputes between electricity consumers and Distribution Companies; Educating consumers in locations across the nation to ensure they are protected by knowing their rights and obligations; Preparation of information materials for consumers; Ensuring mutual relations with government Agencies. I moved to the Zonal Office Administration Unit between May and December 2016 from where I joined the Public Affairs Division as Assistant General Manager, Media in December 2016.

Prior to joining the Commission, I had been employed in NICON Insurance – Corporate Affairs Division and Anambra Broadcasting Service with over 25 years work experience.

Over the years, my formal and informal education and professional interactions have provided opportunities not only to manage specific assignments but to also manage human resources, projects and budgets.

I have remained passionate about the reform in the electricity sector and have used opportunities to advance the objectives. I have attended a good number of trainings in utility regulation and have obtained Certified Regulatory Specialist Certificate

Q: You will be clocking out as a staff of the Commission for the last time very soon, what is your advice to those you are leaving behind?

Ans: As I clock-out of the Commission, I must say that I am retired but not tired. I remain an ambassador of our great Commission and member of the NERC family.

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FORUM OFFICE STAFF RECEIVE COMMENDATIONS FOR QUALITY OF PARTICIPATION AT NERC ACADEMY

Story by Michael Faloseyi

Staff of the Commission at the 26 Forum Offices across the country have been commended for their good works in their respective locations, quality of participation and feedback to the head office at a recent training organized for them in Abuja.

The training which coincides with the monthly NERC Academy saw the Forum Officers participating at the August Edition of the academy for the first time where, Commissioner, Engineering Performance and Monitoring, Professor Frank Okafor made presentation on 'ABC of Electrical Engineering'.

The lecturer simplified to the understanding of participants, various engineering terms and their interrelatedness when he said that members of the public will only identify staff of the Commission as regulators in electricity industry, which is engineering based and not as lawyers, economists or any of the other regulatory professions and as such, he advised that staff should be able to speak the language of the industry they regulate.

In his overview of the lecture, the Chairman, Prof. James Momoh, challenged staff to see the interconnection between their various fields of specialization and find equivalent interpretation of their professional language in any of the regulatory professions. For instance, a unit of electricity which is watt should have economic meaning to engineers as well lawyers and accountants in the Commission.

The Chairman and the Commissioners took turn to commend staff of Forum Offices from various locations for the quality of their presentation, especially during the feedback session they had with the Commissioners.

The Chairman said, "We are proud of you as our ambassadors and we are encouraged by the quality of presentations made by many of you. I want you to use the opportunity of the meeting at the head office to acquire new knowledge and bond with your colleagues at the head office."

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