



NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

NOTICE TO ALL LICENSEES

The attention of the Commission has been drawn to the unnecessary exchange of technical opinions and blame trading in the public space between the Transmission Company of Nigeria Plc (TCN) and the Abuja Electricity Distribution Company Plc on matters that border essentially on power system operation and outage management.

The Commission hereby consider such discourse in the arena of public opinion as serving no useful purpose towards improving quality of service to the teeming electricity consumers and the Nigerian economy in general. It is also of concern to the Commission that, capitalisation of network utilities, an issue bordering on government policy and regulatory direction are now the subject of campaign on various social media platforms at a time when the relevant agencies charged with the subject matter are working assiduously towards getting the market fundamentals right for securing both debt and equity.

The Commission has commenced an investigation into the recurring protection and relay coordination challenges between TCN and all DisCos for an independent assessment of the situation so as to ensure a lasting solution to issues militating against a sustained improvement in quality of service and reliability of supply. In this regard, the Commission has scheduled a meeting with TCN and AEDC at the Commission's Hearing Room on Thursday April 30, 2020 at 10:00am on the matter. The Commission shall schedule further meetings with the other DisCos to

address similar issues following which an appropriate regulatory instrument shall be issued providing general direction in NESI on system protection and other related matters.

The Commission hereby directs all licensees to stop forthwith any such public display of indiscretion on operational matters in the electricity industry. Furthermore, all licensees are hereby reminded to apprise themselves of the dispute resolution procedure and processes provided in the Market Rules governing the operation of the industry.

COMMISSION

April 28, 2020