



NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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APPOINTMENT OF DISPUTE RESOLUTION COUNSELLOR

The Commission hereby invites qualified and interested members of the public to apply for the position of Dispute Resolution Counsellor ("DRC") for the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry ("NESI").

2. Section 71(2)(c) of Electric Power Sector Reform Act ("EPSRA") empowers the Commission to make referral of disputes to arbitration, mediation or any other means of alternative dispute resolution as part of the terms and conditions of licences issued by NERC and the Dispute Resolution Panel ("DRP") is the alternative dispute resolution platform for resolution of disputes between licensees and market participants. The DRP has 10 members appointed by the Commission.

3. The responsibilities of the DRC as specified in Rule 42.3.1 of the Market Rules for Transitional and Medium-Term Stages of the Nigerian Electricity Industry (the "Market Rules" or "Rules") are as follows –

- a. Administering and ensuring effective operation of the dispute resolution provisions of the Market Rules and the Grid Code.
- b. Specifying the format of notices of dispute and the responses thereto.
- c. Nomination of members of the DRP.
- d. Assigning members of the DRP to mediate, conciliate, arbitrate or otherwise resolve disputes in accordance with Rule 43 of the Market Rules.
- e. Facilitating the resolution of disputes governed by the dispute resolution provisions of the Market Rules and the Grid Code.

SCOPE OF WORK

4. Further details on the scope of work of the DRC and workings of the DRP can be obtained from the Market Rules. The Market Rules can be downloaded from the Commission's website (www.nerc.gov.ng).

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS/EXPERIENCE

5. The minimum qualifications and experience for the role are as follows –

- a. A bachelor's degree in law, accountancy, economics, finance or administration.
- b. Experience or professional qualifications in generation, transmission, system operation, distribution or marketing of electricity.
- c. Significant work experience in the Nigerian electricity industry or that of any other jurisdiction; or other comparable sectors that would demonstrate that the applicant can quickly obtain an understanding of the Nigerian electricity industry.
- d. A detailed understanding of the Nigerian electricity industry with particular expertise in regulation, regulatory law and economics, licensing and other regulatory practices, project finance, commercial transaction documentation and commercial contract management.
- e. A minimum of 15-years' cognate experience in alternative dispute resolution resolving commercial disputes.

DISQUALIFICATION

6. All applicants must be Nigerian citizens; and neither the applicant nor their spouse/relatives shall have any direct or indirect legal or beneficial interest in, or commercial affiliation with the Transmission Service Provider (TSO), Market Operator (MO), System Operator (SO), a Market Participant, a licensee or affiliates of any of these.

TERM

7. The successful candidate shall be appointed as DRC for a term of 5-years (subject to a probationary period as determined by the Commission) and may be eligible for re-appointment for a final term of 5-years.

SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

8. The deadline for submissions of applications is 12:00 noon (Nigeria time) 6 August 2021. Applications and resumes should be submitted in five (5) copies in a sealed envelope clearly marked "**Application for Engagement of Dispute Resolution Counsellor**" with the name of the applicant on the back of the envelope. Applications should be addressed to:

**The Chairman
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9. The Commission is not bound to short-list any applicant, and reserves the right to cancel the application process at any time without incurring any cost or giving any reason.

10. All late submissions shall be rejected.