



NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

METER ASSET PROVIDER AND NATIONAL MASS METERING REGULATIONS

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In exercise of powers conferred on the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission ("NERC" or the "Commission") under section 96 of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act ("EPSRA" or the "Act"), and all its other enabling powers the Commission makes the following Regulations –

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GENERAL

These Regulations amend the Meter Asset Provider ("MAP") Regulations NERC-R-112 and provide standard rules for the implementation of metering programmes under the MAP framework, National Mass Metering Programme ("NMMP") and other metering programmes approved by the Commission.

1. Commencement

- 1) These Regulations shall come into effect on the 9th day of August 2021.
- 2) These Regulations shall be signed by the Chairman of the Commission who shall cause the seal of the Commission to be affixed thereon.

2. Objectives

- The main objective of these Regulations is to provide regulatory guidelines for the provision of meters to customers of successor electricity distribution licensees and the achievement of the following goals –
 - a. Closing the metering gap through an accelerated roll out of meters.
 - b. Eliminating the prevalent practice of estimated billing in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI).
 - c. Attracting private investment in the provision of meters and metering services in NESI.
 - d. Enhancing revenue assurance at the retail end of the NESI.

3. Interpretation

- Unless otherwise specified in these Regulations
 - Words importing any one gender include the other gender and the singular includes the plural and vice versa.
 - b. Words or expressions used in these Regulations but not defined shall have the same meanings respectively assigned to them in the Act.

- c. Any reference to a statute or statutory provision includes a reference to that provision as amended, re-enacted or replaced and any regulations or orders made under such provisions from time to time.
- d. If the date on which an event is scheduled to occur by these Regulations is a day which is not a business day, then the event shall be deemed to occur on the next business day.

4. Definitions

1) In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires -

"Act" means the Electric Power Sector Reform Act No. 6 of 2005, as may be amended from time to time.

"Applicant" means a person that has submitted a request to the Commission for "No Objection" for the provision of meters and metering services to Distribution Licensees under these Regulations.

"CBN" means the Central Bank of Nigeria.

"Commission" means the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission.

"Cost of Meter Asset" means the cost of the meter, metering accessories and all associated costs of meter installation plus a return on investment as approved by the Commission.

"Customer" means any end-user who is contracted to receive electricity supply from a Distribution Licensee.

"Distribution Licensee" means a person that has been issued a distribution licence under section 67 of the Act.

"Energy Credit" means the value of prepaid electricity in kWh that is issued to a Customer upon vending with a Distribution Licensee for access to electricity on a prepaid meter.

"Licence Terms and Conditions" means the terms and conditions of licences issued under the Act including terms and conditions in the licences of Distribution Licensees on the metering of Customers.

"Local Meter Manufacturer/Assembler" ("LMMA") means a person certified by the Commission for the local production/manufacture and assembly of electric energy meters or metering systems in Nigeria.

"Meter" means a device that measures and registers active and/or reactive energy over a metering interval and may include a data recorder and/or communication capability but shall be deemed to exclude instrument transformers.

"Meter Asset Provider" ("MAP") means a person that is granted a Permit by the Commission to provide metering services with role that may include meter financing, procurement, supply, installation, maintenance and replacement.

"Metering Code" means the Code issued by the Commission on the regulation of metering systems in NESI.

"Meter Procurement Agreement" ("MPA") means an agreement between a Distribution Licensee and LMMA for the supply of meters, metering accessories and meter installation.

"Metering Service Agreement" ("MSA") means an agreement between a Distribution Licensee and MAP for the provision of metering services.

"Metering Service Charge" ("MSC") means periodic payments made by an electricity customer to cover the cost of metering services.

"Metering Service Provider" ("MSP") means a person certified by the Commission as a manufacturer, supplier, vendor or installer of electric energy meters and/or metering systems.

"National Mass Metering Programme" ("NMMP") means the policy initiative of the Federal Government of Nigeria that was launched in 2021 to rapidly bridge the metering gap in NESI.

"NESI" means the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry.

"No Objection" means an authorisation issued by the Commission to qualified applicants for the purpose of participating in a Distribution Licensee's procurement process for the provision of meters and metering services.

"Permit" means a MAP Permit granted by the Commission under these Regulations.

"Regulations" means these Meter Asset Provider Regulations, or any other specific regulation made pursuant to section 96 of the Act.

"Service Level Agreements" ("SLA") means an agreement between a Distribution Licensee and MAP on the minimum levels of service to be provided to customers by MAPs.

"Successful Applicant" means a person that is successful in the Distribution Licensee's procurement process and has filed an application with the Commission for a MAP permit.

"Vending Platform" means the system comprising software and hardware required to sell electricity to customers based on a prepayment platform.

5. APPLICABILITY

These Regulations shall apply to all Distribution Licensees, MAPs, and LMMAs for the provision of all types of non-maximum demand customer meters in NESI.

CONTEXT

1) MAP

The MAP Regulations was approved by the Commission in 2018 as a. a regulatory initiative towards closing the metering gap of about 10 million meters in NESI over a period of 3 years. The MAP framework sought to provide for the provision (and maintenance) of end-use meters as a service by third party investors based on which customers benefitting from such meters pay MSC. This concept was underpinned by the recognition that electricity meters are fixed assets with a long useful life and may therefore be financed by interested investors, with capital recovery over the life of the asset. Distribution Licensees were excluded from the direct purchase of meters as a means of incentivising private sector investment in metering. Customers paying MSC over the life of their meters were to benefit from lower end-use tariffs based on a special tariff class. The basis for the determination of the regulated cost of meters (single phase and three phase) was the outcome of a procurement process

- conducted by the Distribution Licensees with a provision for indexation to the United States Dollar due to foreign exchange risks.
- b. The MAP Regulations also provided an option for customers willing to pay upfront for the full cost of meters directly to MAPs and were excluded from the recurring payment of monthly MSC over the life of the meters.
- c. The MSC option recorded limited success primarily due to the absence of risk mitigation mechanisms for payment defaults and the inability of MAP Permit holders to secure local medium/long term financing with a tenor longer than 5 years. A total of 583,733 meters were installed by MAPs from 1 August 2019 to 30 June 2021, out of which 571,835 meters were installed from upfront payments and 11,898 meters were installed on the basis of MSC payments.

2) NMMP

- In the recognition that the closure of the metering gap for end-use a. customers is a key requirement for the financial sustainability of NESI and the success of the sector reform agenda, the Federal Government approved a policy intervention (with the support of the CBN) for the provision of long-term (10-year tenor) single digit interest loans to Distribution Licensees strictly for the provision of The Presidential directive provided policy electricity meters. avidance to the effect that only local meter manufacturers/assemblers shall participate in the NMMP, pursuant to the provisions of Executive Order No. 5 and to foster job creation.
- b. Under the NMMP, end-use meters are to be installed on customer premises on Distribution Licensees own account and without payment for the meters by customers in any form except through end-user tariffs. The meters acquired and installed by Distribution Licensees under NMMP shall therefore form part of the regulatory asset base ("RAB") of the Distribution Licensees for the purpose of rate setting.

3) Stakeholder Consultations

 As a consequence of the likely impact of the NMMP structure on the provisions of the MAP Regulations 2018, the Commission undertook

- wide stakeholder consultations with a view to aligning metering of end-use customers through the MAP initiative and NMMP.
- b. The outcome of these consultations clearly favoured a structure whereby the MAP framework concurrently operates with the NMMP on account of the following imperatives:
 - i. The urgency of accelerating meter roll-out using all available frameworks.
 - ii. Upholding the sanctity of existing contracts with MAPs.
 - iii. Promotion of private sector investment in metering services.

7. METERING OBLIGATIONS

- 1) Distribution Licensees shall continue to be responsible for the metering of their customers with an obligation of meeting metering targets as specified by the Commission.
- 2) Distribution Licensees are obligated to take advantage of any of the following metering frameworks or a combination of frameworks towards meeting metering targets specified by the Commission. The cost of meters shall, under all frameworks, not exceed the regulated cost of meters.
 - a. MAP
 - b. NMMP
 - c. Vendor Finance
 - d. Self-funded by Distribution Licensee with its own funds
 - e. Other efficient external financing for meters
- 3) The Distribution Licensee shall monitor and ensure the effective implementation of all metering services in accordance with the Metering Code and other industry installation standards.

8. METER ASSET PROVIDERS

- 1) A MAP Permit holder shall have the obligations listed hereunder and provide the following metering services
 - a. Supply and installation of meters to customers of Distribution Licensees in accordance with the terms of their MSAs and SLAs.
 - b. The MAP framework shall only allow for upfront payments by customers that choose the MAP metering option in the meter rollout plans of Distribution Licensees.
 - c. The costs of single phase and three phase meters for MAPs, inclusive of all other associated costs of installation and warranties shall continue to be at the regulated rates approved by the Commission.

- d. Pursuant to the provisions of section 76 of EPSRA, the prudent cost of single and three phase meters for all MAPs shall be adjusted to align with the outcome of the competitive NMMP procurement process.
- All meters installed by MAPs shall be included in RAB of the Distribution Licensees by the Commission at the annual review of capital expenditure implemented by Distribution Licensees.
- f. Distribution Licensees are obligated to reimburse customers who pay for meters under the MAP framework through equal instalments of energy credits, at the time of vending, with the cost of the meter amortised over a maximum period of 36 months.
- g. MAPs may import fully built meters but their contracted quantities with each Distribution Licensee shall be subject to complying with minimum local content threshold of 30%. The minimum local content thresholds shall be reviewed by the Commission in response to proven local manufacturing capacity.
- h. MAPs shall be allocated metering volumes and rollout plans by Distribution Licensees that are consistent with the Distribution Licensee's plan for closure of the metering gap in their franchise area.
- i. The contractual scope along with the associated meter costs under the MAP framework shall upon completion of the NMMP procurement process be extended to include network clean up in readiness for metering. This scope extension shall however not include the supply of connection cables and associated accessories.
- j. Distribution Licensees may reassign a MAP's allocated metering volumes to the NMMP option or any other preferred metering framework to remediate performance failures by MAPs. The agreements between the Distribution Licensee and MAP shall contain mandatory clauses which emphasise the critical nature of performance by the MAP and adequately provide for the Distribution Licensee's right to reassign the MAP's contracted metering volumes to a third party as a contractual remedy that does not constitute a breach of contract.

9. ELIGIBILITY

- Parties shall be considered eligible to provide metering services under the MAP and NMMP framework subject to meeting the following conditions:
 - a. A MAP shall be deemed to be eligible to provide metering services in NESI upon being granted a Permit by the Commission.
 - b. Distribution Licensees may apply to the Commission for the appointment of LMMAs as MAPs and the issuance of a MAP Permit upon the completion of their metering obligations under NMMP.

10. APPOINTMENT OF MAPs

Distribution Licensees may appoint additional MAPs for the provision of metering services, subject to the approval of the Commission, provided that such additional MAPs are not LMMAs participating in NMMP.

11. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR MAP PERMIT

The minimum documentation requirements for the issuance of MAP Permit have been itemised in Schedule 2 of these Regulations. This list is not exhaustive as the Commission may require additional documentation in treating the application.

12. TENURE OF MAP PERMIT

MAP Permits shall be valid for 5 years and may be renewable by the Commission subject to a MAP's demonstration of satisfactory performance on contractual arrangements with Distribution Licensees.

13. ELIGIBILITY

LMMAs shall be deemed to be eligible to provide metering services in NESI upon being certified by the Commission as Metering Service Providers ("MSP") under Manufacturer Category.

14. CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY

- 1) LMMAs shall only be eligible to participate in NMMP procurement process upon fulfilment of the following conditions:
 - a. NMMP's shall provide confirmation that their local value addition is not less than the assembly of six (6) meter components at factory level in fulfilment of one of the policy objectives of NMMP. This requirement shall be subject to independent verification by the Commission.
 - b. Distribution Licensee's confirmation that the meters supplied by the LMMA have fully met the reliability standards and quality requirements of the utility.
 - c. Evidence of sufficient working capital (including stock of materials and/or work in progress) for the manufacture of a minimum of 100,000 meters annually.
 - d. Evidence of partnership with a Metering Service Provider or MAP for the implementation of the meter installation obligations of the LMMA's contractual arrangements with Distribution Licensees.

15. REQUIREMENTS FOR LMMA PERMIT

The requirement for certification as MSP (Manufacturer Category) shall be as provided in the "Guidelines for Certification for Metering Service Providers and related Matters 2013" or any other regulatory instruments as determined by the Commission.

16. PROCUREMENT PROCESS

- 1) There shall be open competitive processes for the procurement, supply and installation of single phase and three phase meters under NMMP in compliance with the principles of prudence in EPSRA. These open competitive processes shall be subject to the following general guidelines:
 - a. The total procurement quantities submitted by Distribution Licensees shall be bundled in lots based on the specifications of meters provided by Distribution Licensees, verified manufacturing capacity and rollout targets approved by the Commission.
 - b. The criteria for eligibility to participate in the bid process shall be restricted to local meter manufacturers in compliance with the Federal Government's policy directive.
 - c. The Commission shall appoint an independent verification agent to review and validate the manufacturing capacity of all eligible local meter manufacturers and assemblers.
 - d. There shall be a central Project Implementation Unit ("PIU") to oversee the procurement process for NMMP.
 - e. The evaluation criteria for determination of a regulated cost of meters under NMMP shall be based on a combined scoring of unit cost of meters, track record of delivered quantities by the LMMA over the last 3 years to Distribution Licensees, verified manufacturing capacity and responsiveness to the Distribution Licensee's technical specifications. The cost of meters determined by the outcome of the NMMP procurement process shall be the basis of contracting with all LMMAs.
 - f. Distribution Licensee's contractual scope with LMMAs shall include provision of meters, network clean-up (excluding supply of cables and associated accessories for supply), all meter accessories, installation and applicable manufacturer's warranty.
 - g. LMMAs shall partner with approved MSPs and/or MAPs for the purpose of complying with the installation obligations of their contracts with Distribution Licensees.

- h. The Commission shall issue an Order reviewing the cost of meters (including installation) under the MAP scheme to bring these costs into alignment with the meter costs evaluated by the outcome of the NMMP procurement process. The reviewed costs specified in the Order shall form the basis of contracting for the supply and installation of single/three phase meters with MAPs.
- i. All bids for the supply of meters by LMMAs under NMMP shall be supported by bid bonds as determined by the PIU.
- j. The determination of contract volumes with local meter manufacturers/assemblers shall be mutually agreed between manufacturers and Distribution Licensees in accordance with the verified manufacturing capacity of the local meter manufacturer/assembler. All Meter Purchase Agreements executed by Distribution Licensees and LMMAs shall be filed with the Commission.
- k. All contracts for the supply of meters under NMMP shall be backed by performance bonds issued by commercial banks.

17. Technical Requirements

Distribution Licensees, LMMAs and MAPs shall comply with the Metering Code, the Guidelines for Certification of Metering Service Provider and Related Matters and other applicable regulatory instruments of the Commission.

18. Technology Requirements

All technology systems deployed in accordance with these Regulations shall be compatible with the Distribution Licensee's metering infrastructure and evidence of applicable certification shall be provided along with applications filed at the Commission.

19. Local Content

- LMMAs and MAPs shall comply with the following local content thresholds:
 - a. All meters procured under the NMMP framework shall comply with the requirement for 100% local manufacture and/or assembly and for the purpose of these Regulations local manufacture and/or assembly involves the manufacture/assembly of 6 components of the meter in Nigeria.
 - b. All MAPs shall comply with a minimum of 30% local content threshold as measured by quantity of meters installed to consumers.
 - c. The Commission may amend the minimum local content thresholds in accordance with the provisions of the "NERC Regulations on National Content Development for the Power Sector" or any other regulatory instrument.

20. Rights of the Distribution Licensee

All meters supplied by LMMAs and MAPs shall form part of the Distribution Licensee's RAB upon full consideration along with all rights and privileges for the use of the meters.

21. Obligations of the Distribution Licensee

- Distribution Licensees shall have the following obligations under these Regulations:
 - a. Provision of meter deployment plans, along with details of customers to be metered, in compliance with the Commission's metering targets.
 - b. Execution of Metering Service Agreements and Meter Procurement Agreements with successful MAPs and LMMAs respectively for the supply and installation of meters.
 - c. Timely provision of relevant information to MAPs, to enable MAPs fulfil their obligations in the MSA.
 - d. Periodic inspection of meters to ensure integrity and reading accuracy.
 - e. Repair and replacement of faulty meters in compliance with the Metering Code and other regulatory instruments of the Commission.
 - f. The billing of customers strictly on their consumption pattern in the last billing cycle or the existing energy cap of the load cluster, whichever is lower on account of the Distribution Licensee's failure to repair or replace a meter within 2 working days of a receiving the customer's complaint.
 - g. The Distribution Licensee shall confirm the readiness of the customer's premises for metering within 10 days of the application for a MAP meter by the Customer.

- h. Where a MAP fails to meter a customer, the Distribution Licensee shall ensure a meter is installed within 10 days of being notified of the MAP's failure.
- Execution of Meter Procurement Agreements with successful LMMAs.
- j. The refund of the cost of meters to customers who make upfront payments for meters through approved MAPs and in compliance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- k. The refund to customers of the cumulative MSC payments made to MAPs in compliance with the provisions of these Regulations.
- 1. Payment of the unamortised cost of meters to MAPs supplied to customers under the MSC framework.

22. Rights of the MAP

- 1) The rights of MAP shall include:
 - a. A timely payment in full for services rendered in accordance with the terms of the MSA with the Distribution Licensee.
 - b. Access to customer premises to carry out its operations with respect metering in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MSA with the Distribution Licensee.

23. Obligations of the MAP

- 1) The obligations of the MAP shall include:
 - a. Installation of meters and metering accessories in compliance with the Distribution Licensee's specifications, industry standards and codes for meter installation.
 - b. Obtaining requisite test certifications and approvals for meters in compliance with extant codes, regulations and industry requirements.
 - c. Engaging only certified MSP (Installers) for the deployment of meters while fulfilling its obligations under the MSA.

- d. Compliance with the provisions of the Metering Code by ensuring that all meters are tested and calibrated by the Nigerian Electricity Management Services Agency ("NEMSA") prior to customer installations.
- e. Compliance with agreed service standards in MSAs with Distribution Licensees.
- f. Installation of meters at customer premises within 10 days of being notified of payment and the Distribution Licensee's confirmation that the premises are ready for metering.

24. Rights of the Customer

- 1) The rights of Customers under these Regulations include:
 - a. The installation of an appropriate meter to accurately determine energy consumption and provide for energy accounting.
 - b. Where a Customers elects to make upfront payments for meters under these Regulations, the cost of the meter shall be refunded through energy credits by the Distribution Licensee. The reimbursement schedule shall be as approved by the Commission, having regard to an evaluation of the financial standing of the Distribution Licensee. This provision also applies to upfront payments already made by customers upon the commencement of the MAP framework in 2018.
 - c. Where a customer has made monthly payments under MSC the cumulative amount paid shall be refunded through energy credits.
 - d. The repair or replacement of faulty meters by Distribution Licensees within 2 days in accordance with the provisions of the Metering Code at no additional cost to the customer. Where it is established that the customer wilfully damaged a meter, the Distribution Licensee shall replace the meter based on an upfront payment by the customer or other mutually agreed terms of payment.
 - e. Where dispute arise on responsibility for destruction of a meter, the customer shall be entitled to a to fair resolution of the dispute in

compliance with the Metering Code and other regulatory instruments of the Commission; and the Distribution Licensee shall replace the meter pending the resolution of the dispute.

f. The Customer and representative of Distribution Licensee's shall jointly note the energy credits remaining on meters being replaced and the customer shall be credited with the outstanding energy credits on the replacement meter within 48 hours of installation.

25. Obligations of the Customer

- 1) The obligations of customers include:
 - a. Granting access to their premises for inspection and installation of meters in accordance with the installation requirements of the Distribution Licensee. Any customer that denies access to his premises for purposes of inspection and installation of a meter shall be disconnected from supply and denied service by the Distribution Licensee until access is granted to the premises.
 - b. Ensure the safety of the meter and by not tampering with it; and also ensuring that unauthorised persons are not granted access to the meter.

26. Rights and Obligations of LMMA

The rights and obligations of LMMA shall be as provided in the terms of their contracts with Distribution Licensees. LMMAs shall be required to submit monthly returns with the Commission on performance under its contracts with Distribution Licensees and transactions with MAPs including pricing, volumes and pending deliveries.

27. Reporting Obligations

Distribution Licensees, MAPs and LMMAs shall be required to file returns specified in Schedule 3 or any other return specified by the Commission.

CHAPTER VI

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS IN MAP AND NAMP AGREEMENTS

28. Metering Service Agreement

- 1) MSAs executed between Distribution Licensees and MAPs shall provide for:
 - a. The number of meters to be installed by the MAP in the Distribution Licensee's network over an agreed period.
 - b. Details of the cost structure.
 - c. Payment terms
 - d. Meter specifications.
 - e. Warranties
 - f. Other terms agreed by the parties.

29. Meter Purchase Agreement

- MPAs executed between Distribution Licensees and LMMAs shall provide for:
 - a. The quantity of meters to be supplied by the LMMA
 - b. Delivery period
 - c. Cost structure
 - d. Payment terms
 - e. Meter specifications.
 - f. Warranties
 - g. Other terms agreed by the parties.

30. Service Level Agreements

- SLAs executed between Distribution Licensees and LMMAs or MAPs shall specify the following minimum standards and responsibilities:
 - a. Timeframe for meter installation.
 - b. Minimum installation standards.
 - c. Protection against unauthorised access/tampering.
 - d. Key performance indicators.

e. Compensation for meter bypass and tampering by agents of LMMA and MAP.



31. VENDOR FINANCE

Where a Distribution Licensee and LMMA or MAP mutually agree on a deferred payment arrangement, the base cost of meters shall not exceed the regulated price approved by the Commission. Where the cost of financing is in excess of the rate granted by the CBN under NMMP, the approval of the Commission shall be obtained prior to the execution of the MPA.

32. METER FINANCING BY DISTRIBUTION LICENSEES

- 1) Where Distribution Licensees directly procure meters from other sources outside the MAP and NMMP framework:
 - a. The basis for the additional meter financing option and associated terms and conditions shall be subject to Commission's approval.
 - The allowable costs of meters, accessories, installation and warranties shall not exceed the regulated pricing approved by the Commission.
 - c. The terms of supply shall not be in conflict and/or competition with the terms of existing MAP and NMMP contracts.

33. Cancellation of Permit

A Distribution Licensee shall terminate an MSA with a MAP in the event of performance failure in meter roll out and in accordance with the terms of its contract. The Commission shall upon verification of the performance failure cancel the Permit issued to the non-performing MAP.

34. Prohibition of Related Party Transactions

Distribution Licensee, its core investors, subsidiaries, affiliates, directors and their relatives are prohibited from setting up, owning shares or holding directorships and senior management positions in MAPs and LMMAs; and these related parties shall also not engage in joint ventures with MAP or LMMA. The enforcement action by the Commission shall include but not limited to cancellation of permits issued to the MAP or LMMA along with penalising the Distribution Licensee for violation of these Regulations.

35. Dispute Resolution

All agreements executed by parties pursuant to these Regulations shall contain appropriate dispute resolution clauses for settlement of disputes by arbitration.

36. Application of other Regulations

The provisions of other regulations and regulatory instruments of the Commission shall also be applicable to the extent of their relevance.

37. Conflict with other Regulations or Codes

These Regulations shall prevail in the event of conflict with any other regulation or codes with respect to the subject matter of these Regulations.

38. Amendment or Repeal

The Commission may from time to time amend or repeal, in whole or in part, the provisions of these Regulations.

39. Filing of Agreements

Distribution Licensees shall file copies of all agreements executed pursuant to these Regulations with the Commission.

40. Capping of Unmetered Customers Bills

All unmetered non-maximum demand customers shall be billed using the Commission's prevailing Order on capping of estimated bills.

41. Health and Safety Regulations

All parties affected by these Regulations are to comply with all statutory health and safety regulations.



APPLICATION FOR "NO OBJECTION"

- 1. Applications for "No Objection" shall be filed along with the following:
 - a. Completed application form.
 - b. Certificate of incorporation and memorandum/articles of association.
 - c. Tax clearance certificates.
 - d. Certified audited financial statements for 3 consecutive years prior to the year in which the application is made.
 - e. Detailed resumes of applicant's board of directors, management and technical staff.
 - f. Five-year business plan.
 - g. Details and proof of the applicant's relevant previous experience.
 - h. VAT registration certificate.
 - i. Annual returns filed with CAC
 - j. Copies academic and professional qualifications of staff.
 - k. Proof of warehousing facilities for metering systems.
 - I. Proof of ability to secure funds for the procurement of metering systems.

SCHEDULE 2

- 1. Applicants for MAP Permits shall file the following documents with the Commission:
 - a. Completed application form.
 - b. Certificate of incorporation and memorandum/articles of association.
 - c. Annual returns filed with CAC
 - d. Tax clearance certificates.
 - e. Certified audited financial statements for 3 consecutive years prior to the year in which the application is made.
 - f. Detailed resumé of management and technical staff.
 - g. Five-year business plan.
 - h. Applicant's relevant experience in asset finance, metering and other relating business.

SCHEDULE 3

Reporting Requirements

- Distribution Licensees shall file a detailed meter deployment plan with the Commission.
- 2. Distribution Licensee shall file monthly meter installation returns with the Commission.
- 3. MAPs shall file monthly sales and meter installation returns with the Commission.
- 4. LMMAs shall file monthly production, meter deployment/installation returns with the Commission.
- 5. Any other return that the Commission requires.

THE COMMON SEAL OF NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION was affixed pursuant to the Order of the Commission on the 9th Day of August 2021

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