



NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

STAKEHOLDER FORUM ON THE METER ASSET PROVIDER AND NATIONAL MASS METERING REGULATIONS

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (“NERC” or the “Commission”) hereby invites Distribution Licensees (“DisCos”), Meter Asset Providers (“MAPs”), Local Meter Manufacturers and Assemblers (“LMMAs”), stakeholders in the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (“NESI”) and interested members of the public to a stakeholder forum on the Meter Asset Provider and National Mass Metering Regulations No. NERC-R-113-2021.

2. The Stakeholder Forum is being convened pursuant to sections 32 of the Electric Power Sector Reform Act (“EPSRA” or the “Act”).

BACKGROUND

3. The Commission issued the Meter Asset Provider and National Mass Metering Regulations (the “Regulations”) on 9 August 2021 pursuant to section 96 of EPSRA, thereby amending the Meter Asset Provider (“MAP”) Regulations NERC-R-112.

4. The Regulations were issued after wide stakeholder consultations to align metering of end-use customers through the MAP initiative with the National Mass Metering Programme (“NMMP”). NMMP is the Federal Government’s policy intervention in metering with the support of the Central Bank of Nigeria (“CBN”) in recognition that the accelerated closure of the metering gap is a key requirement for improving customer satisfaction and ensuring the financial sustainability of NESI.

5. The Regulations provide standard rules for the implementation of metering programmes under the MAP framework, NMMP and other metering programmes approved by the Commission.

6. The Regulations provide the regulatory framework for the achievement of the underlisted goals –

- a. Closure of the metering gap in NESI

- b. through accelerated meter rollout.
- b. Phasing out the use of capping as a means of estimating consumption of end-use customers in NESI.
- c. Attracting private sector investment in the provision of meters/metering services thereby increasing local manufacturing capacity, increasing local capacity in the provision of value-added services and employment opportunities.
- d. Enhancing revenue assurance in NESI.

STAKEHOLDER FORUM

6. The Commission hereby invites stakeholders and interested members of the public to a stakeholder forum which seeks to –

- a. Discuss the performance of MAPs under the old metering framework.
- b. Discuss the core principles behind NMMP.
- c. Apprise members of the public on the Regulations.
- d. Discuss the implementation of the Regulations.

7. The stakeholder forum is scheduled to hold by 10am on 16 September 2021 at the Marriott Hotel, Ikeja, Lagos.

8. The Commission welcomes submissions from stakeholders and members of the public. Submissions should be clearly marked “Stakeholder Comments on the Implementation of the Meter Asset Provider and National Mass Metering Regulations” and addressed to the Chairman of the Commission. The deadline for filing submissions for consideration at this stakeholder forum is by 3pm on 14 September 2021.

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