



ERA CONSULTS STAKEHOLDERS ON THE PREPAYMENT METERING GUIDELINES

On September 18, 2014, Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) held a workshop at Imperial Royale Hotel in Kampala to consult stakeholders on the draft guidelines on implementation of the prepayment metering system widely known as “yaka”. The guidelines will be applied to both customers converting from post-paid metering and new customers.

The workshop was presided over by Mrs. Lydia Kiriire Oporu, a member of the Authority. She advised that the aim of moving from ‘postpaid metering to pre-paid metering’ technology was to increase power distribution efficiency and to improve the overall customer service.

She further highlighted that all issues raised at the workshop would be put into consideration



Eng. Joseph Oteng Otogo, a member of the ERA Board addressing the participants at the Prepayment Metering Guidelines Workshop.

before the adoption of the guidelines by January 2015.

The workshop was attended by representatives of distribution licensees, local government, central government agencies, consumer protection organizations and the general public.

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Some of the stakeholders who participated in the Prepayment Metering Guidelines Workshop.

The prepayment metering system is associated with several benefits including better budgeting for energy purchase; consumer control over power consumption and privacy.

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ERA SHOWCASES HER OFFERINGS AT THE 2014 ENERGY WEEK

Electricity Regulatory Authority (ERA) participated in the 2014 Energy Week that took place from 8th-13th September 2014 at the Forest Mall parking area, Kampala.

During the Energy Week, a number of ERA publications were disseminated; these included; *How to Reduce your Electricity Bill* booklet and *Understanding your Rights as an Electricity Consumer* booklets among others.

Over 300 people visited our stall. Many of

these raised concerns about the prepayment meters, saying that electricity consumption on prepaid meters was higher than that of the postpaid meters.

The Energy Week was a great platform for ERA to interact with electricity consumers, investors and other stakeholders. It was also a great opportunity to increase ERA's visibility.



The Minister for Energy, Hon. Eng. Irene Muloni inspecting the Go Green Energy stall after officiating the opening ceremony at the Energy Week.

The Energy Week is an annual consumer awareness campaign organized by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development in partnership with other sectors players, including ERA, GIZ and Eskom.

This year's campaign run under the theme "*Sustainable Production and Utilization of Energy for Uganda's Prosperity*" and aimed at promoting access to modern energy and sustainable utilization of the existing energy resources.



Mrs. Catherine W. Nabongo, Principal Consumer Affairs Officer, ERA handing over a booklet to an electricity consumer.

ERA TAKES PART IN THE SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FORUM

ERA participated in the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) Forum organized by the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development on September 10, 2014, to gain key stakeholder views and insights that shall be incorporated in the SE4All project document for Uganda.

SE4All is an initiative of the United Nations (UN) launched in 2011 with the objectives of; ensuring Universal access to modern energy services, doubling the rate of energy efficiency and doubling the share of renewable energy in the global energy mix.

The forum drew participants from the wider energy stakeholder spectrum in Uganda. Participants included Electricity Supply Industry (ESI) licensees from the public and private sectors, donors, government agencies and stakeholders involved in energy efficiency promotion and sustainable environmental use of energy.

Hon. Eng. Irene Muloni, the Minister of Energy and Mineral Development officiated at the forum, which was also attended by the Head of the European Union (EU) Delegation in Uganda and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) Resident Representative in Uganda, among others.



Hon. Eng. Irene Muloni, Minister for Energy and Mineral Development.

The Hon. Minister highlighted different interventions in hydro and other renewable energy sources including PhotoVoltaic (PV), solar and wind, energy saving and clean cooking technologies. In particular she highlighted targets under loss reduction specifically the achievement of distribution loss reduction to 17% by 2017 as this is expected to enhance efficiency and reduce the end-user electricity tariffs.

ERA AT THE 5th ANNUAL CEO SUMMIT

ERA participated in the 5th Edition of the Annual CEO Summit held on September 17, 2014, at the Kampala Serena Hotel.

The theme of the Summit was “*the role of energy in championing social and economic transformation.*”

The summit was attended by Dr. Geoffrey Okoboi, Director Economic Regulation who represented Dr. Benon Mutambi, the CEO at ERA.

The CEO Summit is a platform for decision makers in key industries across Uganda to discuss unique solutions to various challenges, the contributions and roles their entities can play in satisfying the target markets and general public.

It is also an opportunity for the decision makers to give insights of the initiatives they intend to undertake to serve the public even better in the future.



Dr. Geoffrey Okoboi,
Director Economic Regulation, ERA.

The 5th Edition of the Summit had representation from Eskom, Umeme Ltd, Monitor Publications, NSSF and Centenary Bank, among other organizations.

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