Since its inception over six decades ago, Uganda’s Electricity sub-Sector continues to evolve, hitting major milestones across the three segments of generation, transmission and distribution. The commitment of the NRM Government to infrastructure as enlisted in the 2021 - 2026 Manifesto, has facilitated a major transformation, delivering the Country from Power Supply deficiency.

The Betricity Regulatory Authority continues to appreciate the Government, and all Energy Sector players for your support that enables the Sector to grow and excel.

2021 - 2023 ELECTRICITY SUB-SECTOR PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

**POWER Generation**

The Government continues to prioritize investment in power generation. Between 2021 and 2023, fourteen (14) generation plants were commissioned, adding over 131.53 MW to the Country’s total Installed Generation Capacity which stands at 1,401.96 MW. Of this capacity, 6.99 MW is Off-Grid systems.

The Government of Uganda has also successfully tested and dispatched 80 MW of Karuma Hydropower Plant to the Grid.

**TARIFF Incentives**

The Government has established a US $0.0747 Cents per kWh Tariff for industrialists able to increase production capacity to maintain their monthly billing invoices without affecting the financial sustainability of the Electricity Supply. The move targets to support the Country’s industrialization agenda.

The Government of Uganda has further introduced a Cooking Tariff of UGX 412 per kWh for domestic consumers to promote clean cooking.

**ELECTRICITY Connections**

With effect from 14th December 2022, the No-Pole electricity connection cost was reduced from UGX 720,883 to UGX 470,000. Electricity connection applicants now have the option of paying the full UGX 470,000 upfront or a minimum of UGX 200,000 and accessing a credit facility of up to UGX 270,000 availed under the Uganda Development Bank (UDB) financing scheme. The UDB credit facility, at zero interest rate, is recoverable from the customer at a minimum of 15% of every electricity purchase over a period of up to 8 years, with an option of early repayment.

**ELECTRICITY Act, 1999 (Amendment)**

In 2022, the Government of Uganda successfully completed the amendment of the Electricity Act, Chapter 145 Laws of Uganda. The amendment, among other benefits, provides deterrent penalties for vandalism of electricity infrastructure, a move that facilitates efforts to accelerate access to quality and reliable electricity services.

**REGULATORY Ranking**

For the Fifth Consecutive Year, Uganda’s electricity regulatory framework was identified as Africa’s best in the Electricity Regulatory Index study conducted by the African Development Bank in 2022.

**CONSUMER Protection**

To heighten its effort on consumer protection, ERA established a Consumer Protection Centre. The Centre is a redress point for unresolved electricity complaints from consumers. In 2023, ERA will also establish its first regional office in Gulu District and later roll out the same to other regions of the country. This move aims to bring the regulatory services closer to electricity users and enhance the monitoring of Licensees’ compliance with Quality of Service standards.

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