

ELECTRICITY POWER SECTOR REFORM ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 2020

ARRANGEMENT OF CLAUSES

Clauses:

1. Amendment of the Principal Act
2. Amendment of section 32
3. Amendment of section 60
4. Amendment of section 67
5. Amendment of section 76
6. Amendment of section 94
7. Citation



A BILL

FOR

AN ACT TO AMEND THE ELECTRICITY POWER SECTOR REFORM ACT NO. 6, 2005, TO AMONG OTHER THINGS EMPOWER THE NIGERIAN ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION TO EFFECTIVELY EXERCISE SUPERVISORY ROLE OVER DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES THROUGH PROVISION OF REGULATION FOR TARIFF INCREMENT, CONSUMER EDUCATION AND ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SOURCES FOR SUFFICIENT POWER SUPPLY AND FOR RELATED MATTERS

Sponsored by Hon. Ben Rollands Igbakpa

[] Commencement

ENACTED by the National Assembly of the Federal Republic of Nigeria-

- 1 1. The Electricity Power Sector Reform Act No 6, 2005 (in this Amendment of
- 2 Bill referred to as "the Principal Act") is amended as set out in this Bill. the Principal Act
- 3 2. Section 32 (2) of the Principal Act is amended by-
- 4 (a) inserting after the existing paragraph (f), new paragraphs "(g)" Amendment of
- 5 "(h)"and "(i)"- Section 32
- 6 "(g) monitor and supervise the activities of Distribution
- 7 Companies";
- 8 "(h) undertake Consumer Education to acquaint them with their
- 9 rights and responsibilities in accordance with the Act";
- 10 "(i) explore alternative sources of energy and make periodic report
- 11 through the Minister to the National Assembly on progress made; and
- 12 (b) renumbering the existing paragraph (g) as new paragraph
- 13 "(j)"
- 14 3. Section 60 of the Principal Act is amended by- Amendment of
- 15 (a) inserting after subsection (1), a new sub clause "(1A)"- Section 60
- 16 "(1A) The Commission shall have the following Divisions-
- 17 (a) Renewable Energy, Research and Development;

- 1 (b) Government and Consumer Affairs;
2 (c) Finance and Management Services;
3 (d) Engineering, Standards and Safety;
4 (e) Legal Licensing and Enforcement;
5 (f) Market Competition and Rates; and
6 (g) any other Division the Board may establish from time to time."

7 (b) substituting the marginal note "Staff of the Commission" for the
8 marginal note "Staff and Structure of the Commission".

Amendment of
Section 67

9 4. Section 67 (1) of the Principal Act is amended by inserting after
10 sub section (2), a new subsection "(3)"-

11 "(3) Subject to the provision of subsection (1) (b), a distribution
12 licensee shall stop estimated billing and provide and install pre-paid meters to-

13 (a) existing consumers not less than 45 days from the initial transfer
14 date; and

15 (b) new consumers not less than 60 days upon connection to
16 electricity supply."

Amendment
of Section 76

17 5. Section 76 of the Principal Act is amended by-

18 (a) inserting new Clause "8A" after the existing Section 8-

19 "8A The Commission upon receipt of representations, evidence,
20 information and advice and after taking into account any objections, shall
21 transmit through the Minister to the National Assembly the proposed tariff
22 methodology for its approval.";

23 (b) substituting paragraph (9), for new paragraph "(9)"-

24 "(9) Upon receipt of the approval from the National Assembly that a
25 tariff methodology should be changed, the Commission shall give notice in the
26 Official Gazette, and in one newspapers with wide circulation of the tariff
27 methodology change";

28 (c) substituting paragraph (10), for new paragraph "(10)"-

29 "(10) The Commission shall after taking into account other factors,
30 invoke the provisions of subsection (8) mutatis mutandis".

