

NEWS

POWER

Customers can demand compensation for power outages - NERC

By Isaac Anyaogu

ELECTRICITY customers can demand compensation for lost hours when power distribution companies fail to supply contracted hours under the Service-based Tariff system, the regulator says in their current order.

As electricity distribution companies (DisCos) agitate for an increase in tariffs, their inability to fulfill their obligations to deliver service based on their contracts with customers brings into question their right to demand improved terms.

The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) last month issued an order on the migration of customers and compensation for service failure under the service-based tariff framework but the order is largely ignored by both the operators and customers even as NERC is yet to fully meet its own obligation under the order.

The order provides in section 6, that the "Commission shall, on a monthly basis evaluate the average availability of the 11kV and 33kV feeders as measured by the average number of hours of electricity supplied by a DisCo per day over a period of one month.

"Where it is established that the service level on a feeder in bands A to D has failed to meet up to 90 percent of the committed service levels within one month, the prepaid customers on the affected feeders shall be compensated with a token for units of energy in kWh to account for the difference between vended tariff and the applicable tariff for the actual services experienced in the month.

It also provides that "post-paid customers whose bills are issued with a one-month lag following the period services were rendered, the resulting bill of the post-paid customers of the affected feeders shall be issued

with the adjusted applicable tariff based on the actual service experienced during the period"

Inquiries show that this order has been largely ignored by DisCos and even most customers are not filing the required report. Some say even the rules are not enforced by even the regulator who drafted it. This leaves customers who are supposed to be shielded against exploitation vulnerable.

According to NERC's own data, it is not that customers are not complaining about service failures. In the fourth quarter of last year, the Commission recorded 261,278 complaints and 15 percent of these were about service interruption.

Analysts say the Commission has to do more to earn the trust of the regulator so that they can file complaints.

"I think it is a function of trust - trust for the DisCos, which is lacking, trust for the regulators to be able to "enforce".

People will have to trust NERC more, as it is their duty to mediate in the sector," said Adetayo Adegbeme, founder of PowerUP, a consumer rights advocacy, non-profit.

NERC introduced the Service-Based Tariff plan in July 2020 but it could not take effect until December due to the challenges with COVID-19 and labour protests.

Under the plan, customers are grouped in different tariff bands according to the number of hours of power supplied daily, with the highest receiving 20 hours or more paying between N45 and N55 kwh, and the poorest people getting less than four hours of supply daily seeing no increase in their tariff.

These tariff rates have since risen by over 30 percent in accordance with MYTO rules that require bi-annual yearly review of tariffs to reflect the realities of gas prices, inflation and foreign exchange volatility.

SUBSIDY REMOVAL

Tinubu removes restrictions on students' loans, to provide school buses

By Tony Allemen, Abuja

TO ease the burden of petrol subsidy removal on students of higher institutions of learning, President Bola Tinubu has approved the provision of buses for the students' bodies of all universities, polytechnics and colleges of education across the country.

Dele Alake, the special adviser to the president on special duties, communications and strategy, in a statement on Monday, said the president's desire "is to see that students can access their campuses without much difficulty as a result of higher transportation costs.

The provision of buses is also expected to remove the burden of the additional cost of daily commuting on parents and guardians.

"In line with his promise to ensure no Nigerian student abandons his or her educational pursuits as a result of lack of money and economic circumstances of their parents, President Tinubu has also approved the removal of all restrictions on the students' loan to make it available to any student or

household that may desire it. "Similarly, President Tinubu has directed the authorities in all federal institutions of higher learning to avoid arbitrary increase in sundry fees payable and where possible defer further increase so that parents and students don't face too many difficulties.

"While it is important to reiterate that President Tinubu has directed the release of over 200,000 metric tonnes of grains to families in 36 states and federal capital territory, Abuja, the government is working to ensure that vulnerable students can also benefit from conditional cash transfers and food distribution.

Tinubu in the statement saluted the courage, wisdom and partnership of Nigerian students "as the country navigates this challenging time."

It added that "President Tinubu will continue to prioritise education and the needs of the students, improve the welfare of teaching and non-academic staff and invest in infrastructure to make our institutions of higher learning become more globally competitive."



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2023, 2ND QUARTER UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Financial Statements for the 2nd Quarter ended 30 June 2023, have been prepared in conformity with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Statement of Financial Position as at 30th June 2023

	30 June 2023	31 December 2022
	N'000	N'000
Assets		
Property, plant and equipment	19,371,798	14,977,953
Deferred tax assets	325,261	-
Right of use	790,955	838,031
Intangible assets	128,064	7
Total non-current assets	20,616,078	15,815,991
Inventories	14,875,168	3,302,008
Withholding tax receivable	78,283	11,239
Prepayments	189,743	149,124
Trade and other receivables	15,475,948	18,031,307
Cash and cash equivalents	2,181,140	3,216,445
Total current assets	33,785,299	24,710,122
Total assets	54,401,377	40,526,114
Equity		
Share capital	171,442	171,442
Reserves	20,634,438	18,328,004
Total equity	21,405,880	18,499,446
Liabilities		
Employee benefit obligations	10,892	9,085
Provisions	247,105	224,179
Lease liabilities	108,900	103,281
Deferred tax liabilities	-	480,657
Total non-current liabilities	386,797	817,202
Contract liabilities	2,576,096	2,221,109
Dividend payable	169,851	169,851
Trade and other payables	23,951,673	16,068,426
Short term borrowings	1,411,103	1,411,103
Loan facilities	427,863	420,676
Tax payable	1,659,492	917,999
Total current liabilities	29,573,884	21,209,166
Total liabilities	30,542,787	22,026,668
Total equity and liabilities	51,948,667	40,526,114

Approved by the Board of Directors on 27 July 2023 and signed on behalf of:

Mr. Mervin Samuel (Managing Director)
 Dr. Samuel O. Newbold (Director)
 Mr. Saunoo Adajoro (Chief Finance Officer)

Statement of Profit or Loss and other Comprehensive Income for the period ended 30th June 2023

	30 June 2023	30 June 2022
	N'000	N'000
Revenues	59,648,894	42,660,939
Cost of sales	(50,738,133)	(39,944,683)
Gross profit	8,910,760	2,716,256
Other income	61,319	37,467
Administrative expenses	(4,923,488)	(2,202,939)
Selling and distribution expenses	(209,884)	(191,535)
Impairment loss on financial assets	(705,485)	208,119
Operating Profit	3,133,223	567,368
Finance income	51,870	(9,308)
Finance costs	(69,968)	(73,307)
Net finance costs	(18,098)	(82,615)
Profit before taxation	3,115,125	484,752
Taxation	(804,691)	(132,939)
Profit after taxation for the period	2,310,434	351,813
Other Comprehensive Income, net of income tax	-	-
Total comprehensive income for the period	2,310,434	351,813
Earning/(Loss) per share		
Basic and diluted earnings per share (Naira)	6.74	1.15

The Company ended the period with a year to date profit of N2.3b, the Board is of the opinion that the new strategy put in place would yield better results for the Company in the coming years.

Comparative Figures

Certain comparative balances have been reclassified to conform to the current year grouping

Reclassified from	Reclassified to	Naira '000
Selling & Distribution Expenses - Freight Expenses	Cost of Sales	653,860
Administrative Expenses - Amortization of ROU assets	Selling and distribution expenses	50,158
Administrative Expenses - Station running expenses	Selling and distribution expenses	18,382

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Labour insists on nationwide protest from tomorrow

By Johnbosco Agbakwuru

ABUJA—The organized labour, yesterday, insisted on going ahead with its planned nationwide mass protest over the removal of petroleum subsidy.

Rising from another round of meeting of the steering committee on palliatives at the Presidential Villa, Abuja, they also expressed doubts about President Bola Tinubu's ability to control inflation and gasoline prices due to

the unification of the exchange rate.

Speaking, the President of the Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, Mr Joe Ajaero, said the plan for workers to proceed on a peaceful protest from Wednesday had not changed.

He dismissed fears that the peaceful protest could be hijacked by hoodlums, saying such had never happened in the history of workers protest, saying it is the responsibility of security agencies to provide security for the protest to protect the workers.

Ajaero said the meeting of the steering committee was

adjourned till noon on Tuesday to enable the labour leaders listen to the president's national broadcast, yesterday.

However, reacting to Tinubu's plan to intervene on exchange rate over inflation and high cost of gasoline prices, Ajaero said: "By the time you have a single market and you are not having anything that has a comparative advantage, your energy is import driven, then how are you going to control it? How are you going to control somebody that exchanged dollar at about 900 (naira)? Are you going to tell him to sell below the price?"

"How are you going to tell even NEPA today, with the cost of production not to increase tariff? Even corn sold at N18,000 in the villages by February, now it's about N56,000. How are you going to control it?"

We're dealing with oil cabals —Gbjabiamila

On his side, the Chief of Staff to the President, Femi Gbjabiamila, said issues were trashed at the closed door meeting and that they adjourned to listen to the

President broadcast.

He also said that the government is dealing with the oil cabals that have brought the economy to its knees.

"We have been locked behind for a couple of hours, we had a good meeting, issues were thrashed out on the situation in Nigeria today in terms of issues centred around on government intervention on the situation in the country."

Fielding question on why government did not roll out palliatives before announcing the stoppage of petrol subsidy, he said the previous government did not budget for subsidy and that President Tinubu is rolling out palliatives to cushion its effect on the people.

We inherited a very bad situation —NSA

Also speaking, the National Security Adviser, NSA, Nuhu Ribadu, pleaded with the organised labour to give the administration little chance to fix the battered economy.

He said President Tinubu inherited a bad economy that he is working hard to fix.

"The meeting was an opportunity for us to appeal to the labour leaders by extension Nigerians that we are facing difficulties and challenges that are not our making. We inherited a very bad situation. Most of the problems people are talking about are not a creation of this govern-

ment. This government is barely two months old and since we have been facing these difficulties and challenges, we have a listening and engaging President, a president who will want to have a conversation and react.

"He is truly, genuinely, honestly doing it. Our appeal is please Nigerians give us the support that is needed and required, we are working, and we are trying to change things. We inherited a very bad situation, we are trying to stop all those things we witnessed in the past, we are trying to stop the killings, stop the attacks on trains, stop attacks on prisons, stop IPOB what they are doing, stop bandits, stop Boko Haram," he said.

It will be recalled that the organised labour stormed out of the meeting on Friday last week, claiming that there were no top government officials to negotiate with them.

Present at Monday's meeting were Ajaero, his counterpart from TUC, Festus Osifo; the General Secretary of NLC, Emma Ugbaja; the TUC Secretary, Nuhu Toro and other members of the organised labour delegation including Prof. Sam Amadi.

From the side of government are the Chief of Staff to the President, Femi Gbjabiamila; Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Kacholom Daju; Group Chief Executive Officer of Nigerian National Petroleum Company Limited (NNPCL), Mele Kyari and the Special Adviser to the President on Energy, Olu Verheijen among others.

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