



ENUGU STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

ORDER NO. EERC/2025/001

ORDER ON THE EXTENSION OF THE DURATION OF THE INTERIM LICENCE GRANTED TO MAINPOWER ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION LIMITED AND OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO.

WHEREAS:

- (1) In exercise of the powers vested in it under the Enugu State Electricity Law 2023, and its regulations, the Enugu State Electricity Regulatory Commission ('the Commission') granted to MainPower Electricity Distribution Limited ('MainPower') Interim Electricity Distribution Licence No. EERC/IDL/2024/001 ('Interim Licence') dated 22nd October 2024 to undertake the distribution of electricity within Enugu State only, subject to the terms and conditions set out in the Interim Licence for a term of six (6) months only, commencing from 23rd October 2024 and expiring on 22nd April 2025.
- (2) By its Order No. EERC/2024/001 dated 22nd October 2024, the Commission issued to MainPower an interim tariff order which mandated MainPower to continue to operate the tariff order that was approved for Enugu Electricity Distribution Plc (EEDC) by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC) and applicable in Enugu State on 22nd October 2024, until the approval of MainPower's tariff review application by the Commission.
- (3) Notwithstanding the requirement of the said Order, MainPower was only able to submit its application for tariff review to the Commission on 31st December 2024, and has repeatedly delayed to provide the necessary information, or to satisfy the Commission's requirements for the tariff review.
- (4) In addition to MainPower's failure to diligently prosecute its tariff review application, its licence application has also suffered undue delay as a result

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of MainPower's failure to avail the Commission all necessary information in a timely manner.

- (5) It has become necessary for the Commission to issue an order to extend the term of MainPower's Interim Licence owing to the fact that neither its licence application, nor its tariff review application can be concluded within the duration of the Interim Licence.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE HEREBY ORDERS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The term of the Interim Licence is hereby extended for a further term of three (3) months with effect from 23rd April, 2025 to 22nd July 2025, and shall not be subject to any further extension thereafter.
2. The terms and conditions of the Interim Licence shall continue to apply during the term of the extension hereby granted by the Commission.
3. In particular, during the pendency of the extended Interim Licence, MainPower shall:
 - (a) take all necessary steps to satisfy the Commission's requirements for securing a substantive electricity distribution licence, as well as the Commission's requirements for the determination and successful conclusion of its pending tariff review application.
 - (b) continue to operate the tariff order that was approved for EEDC by NERC and applicable in Enugu State on 22nd October 2024, until the approval of a new tariff order for MainPower pursuant to its tariff review application currently pending before the Commission.
 - (c) apply NERC's order to EEDC on the capping of estimated billing that was in force in EEDC on 22nd April 2025, notwithstanding the provisions of the Commission's Customer Service Standards and Protection Regulations, 2024.
4. MainPower's failure to satisfy the Commission's requirements for both licence application and tariff review within the term of the extended Interim Licence shall be considered a serious breach by the Commission, and shall be

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the subject of enforcement action in line with the Commission's regulations and its enabling laws.

5. This Order and the obligations created herein shall take effect from 23rd April 2025.

DATED this 22nd day of April 2025



Chijioke M. Okonkwo
Chairman/Chief Executive Officer



Reuben C. Okoye
Commissioner, Market Operations

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