

Summary

Lagos State Electricity Bill 2024

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Development and Administration of the **Lagos Electricity Market**

Roles and Functions of the Lagos State Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (the “Ministry”). include:

- i.determining, formulating and monitoring government policies for the state electricity supply industry and advising the State Government on all matters pertaining to the State’s electric power sector[1].
- ii.decentralization of power generation and distribution promoting efficiency and competition.
- iii.promotion of the use of renewable energy sources for electricity generation. This is in alignment with Nigeria’s 2060 Net Zero target.



The Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission

This part established the Lagos State Electricity Regulatory Commission (referred to as the “Commission”)

The Commission consists of five (5) members including two (2) non-executive members appointed from the private sector and three (3) executive members[1]. Both the Executive and Non-executive members[2] are appointed by the Governor subject to the confirmation by the Lagos State House of Assembly.

[1] Section 7 of the Lagos State Electricity Law 2024

[2] Section 9 of the Lagos State Electricity Law 2024, its subsection makes provision for the qualification of the members.



Functions of the Commission

The Commission shall be independent when performing its duties and functions. The functions and powers of the Commission includes:

- i.to establish, promote, facilitate and ensure an electricity market that is physically safe, technically secured, commercially sensible and economically efficient, at a reasonable cost for electricity consumers;
- ii.grant, renew, modify, withdraw, suspend or revoke competency certificates, licences, permits and authorizations for generation, transmission and distribution of power;
- iii.set, review and adjust tariff methodologies;
- iv.resolve disputes and complaints, amongst other functions/powers bestowed on the Commission.



Powers by the Commission

These powers can also be delegated to members, staffs^[1] or committees, and such functions performed by these persons are deemed to be discharged by the Commission.

The Commission has the power to hold hearings, make decisions and impose penalties for non-compliance of at least N1,000,000.00 (one million naira) with an additional N200,000 (two hundred thousand naira) per day for continuing infractions;

The Commission is required to consult with stakeholders before issuing regulations or guidelines- this is to ensure participation and transparency.



Powers of the Commission

The Commission has authority to establish advisory forums through which the stakeholders may provide feedback and recommendations. In addition, the Commission must have a legal adviser and Secretary. Both individuals have responsibilities and they also undertake duties assigned by the Chief Executive Officer of the Commission.



Digital Transformation

The Commission must establish an internet portal that allows interaction with stakeholders, providing access to forms, terms and conditions for licences, permits and authorizations; information on real-time data on performance and service metrics, and other relevant documents. The establishment of an internet portal simplifies processes for stakeholders and fosters operational efficiency.



Conclusion



These provisions emphasize on renewable energy, accountability, transparency and stakeholder involvement in regulating the Lagos Electricity Market. Hence, the State's effort to enhance power reliability, stability and attract investments.

