

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NO. EC_EP-01-08-002**



**CERTIFICATION OF BULK CUSTOMERS IN RESPECT
OF ELECTRICITY**

1. Further to the Energy Commission Public Notice dated May 30, 2003 on the *Classification of Bulk Customer in respect of Electric Power*, the Energy Commission has instituted a certification regime, effective **January 1st, 2008**, for electricity consumers classified as bulk customers.
2. Existing bulk customers of electricity operating in the deregulated electricity market in accordance with the prescribed definition of a bulk customer are required to regularize their bulk customer operations in the deregulated electricity market by applying for and securing a Bulk Customer Permit from the Energy Commission by **February 1st, 2008** failing which that bulk customer shall be deemed to have been stripped of its bulk customer status. Henceforth, the Bulk Customer Permit shall serve as the only legitimate bulk customer identification for operating in the deregulated electricity market in Ghana.
3. All consumers who qualify to operate as bulk customers of electricity and wish to operate in the deregulated electricity market in Ghana are also required to apply and secure a Bulk Customer Permit from the Commission in order to operate in the deregulated electricity market.

4. As required by the classification,
“A bulk customer in respect of electricity consumption is any customer of electricity with a Maximum Demand of at least 3 MVA consistently for a consecutive period of 3 months and a minimum annual energy consumption of 6 million kilowatt-hours (kWh).”

5. All existing and potential bulk customers are required to submit the following in respect of their application for a Bulk Customer Permit, in order to facilitate processing of applications:
 - An application letter indicating among others the location of plant/premises
 - Nature of industry/operation
 - Installed plant capacity in respect of electricity demand
 - Monthly and annual records of electricity consumption data (2005-2007) in respect of the plant-
 - MVA Demand
 - Energy (kWh) consumption

6. A flat processing fee of **GH¢6,000** shall be charged by the Commission for each application.

7. A Bulk Customer Permit issued by the Commission will be valid for a period of three years after which it could be renewed.

8. Annual operating fees will also be charged by the Commission at a rate of **GHp0.05/kWh** of annual energy consumption.

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