

**PUBLIC NOTICE
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**PERMANENT LICENCE FOR SERVICE PROVIDERS
IN THE ELECTRICITY SECTOR**

1. In accordance with Section 11 of the Energy Commission Act, 1997 (Act 541) no person shall engage in any business or commercial activity for
 - (a) the transmission of electricity;
 - (b) wholesale supply of electricity; or
 - (c) the distribution and sale of electricity,**unless** that person has been granted a licence by the Energy Commission to engage in the service.

2. Service providers in the electricity sector have been operating under the authority of *provisional licenses* which were issued by the Commission, pending the completion and establishment of a comprehensive licensing framework by the Commission.

3. All service providers are hereby informed that the Energy Commission has completed the development of the licensing framework for service providers in the power sector. The licensing framework has since been published as the *Licensing Manual for Service Providers in the Electricity Supply Industry* and can be accessed electronically on the official website of the Energy Commission (www.energycom.gov.gh) or hard copies obtained for a fee from the office of the Commission located at Frema House, Spintex Road, Accra.

4. It is hereby announced for the information of all relevant service providers that the Commission is now in the position to issue permanent licences to all service providers in the electricity sector.

5. Specifically, service providers engaged in
 - electricity generation and supply,
 - transmission of electricity, and
 - distribution and sale of electricityare hereby required to regularize their operations to conform to the requirements of the law by applying and securing a permanent licence from the Energy Commission to support their commercial operations.

6. All such service providers are requested to comply with the directive under this public notice within **ONE MONTH** from the date of publication of this notice, but in any case, not beyond **February 15, 2008**. Operators who fail to comply with this notice within the stipulated time frame shall be sanctioned in accordance with the provisions under the Act.

7. The application procedure and requirements for each licence category can be obtained in the *Licensing Manual for Service Providers in the Electricity Industry*.

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