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THE ELECTRICITY ACT, 2007

NOTICE

This Bill to be submitted to the National Assembly is published for general information to the public together with a statement of its objects and reasons.

Dar es Salaam,
15th October, 2007

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Chief Secretary

A BILL
for

An Act to provide for the facilitation and regulation of generation, transmission, transformation, distribution, supply and use of electric energy, to provide for cross-border trade in electricity and the planning and regulation of rural electrification and to provide for related matters.

OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Bill is intended to make proposals for the enactment of the Electricity Act, 2007. The Bill intend to make better provisions for the regulation of the Electricity Subsector due to

liberalization of the electricity supply industry and responding to recently encountered challenges in the industry.

The Bill is divided into ten parts.

Part I deals with preliminary matters which include the name of the proposed Act, date of commencement and interpretation of certain important words, terms and phrases.

Part II make provisions for powers of the Minister and the Authority under the proposed Act. The Part also enshrines emergency powers of the Minister in the electricity supply industry.

Part III contain provisions relating to the regulation of the electricity supply industry, including provisions associated with provisional licences, licences and rights and obligations of licencees.

Matters relating to tariffs and charges are provided for under Part IV. The Part also provides for customer rights and protection.

Part V consists of provisions relating to monitoring, inspection, investigations and compliance. The Part also empowers the Authority to make various rules for purposes of better regulation of the industry.

Part VI deals with access to land for installations. It covers compulsory access, way leaves and compulsory acquisition of land.

Matters relating to rural electrification are covered under Part VII, which empowers the Minister and the Rural Energy Agency to prepare Rural Electrification Plan and Strategies.

Part VIII makes provisions for the reorganisation of the electricity supply industry.

Part IX deals with matters relating to dispute settlement; it provides for dispute settlements and appeals to the Fair Competition Tribunal.

Part X deals with provisions of general nature which include powers of the Minister to make regulations, powers of the Authority to make rules; matters relating to indemnity of employees repeal of the Electricity Ordinance, transitional provisions and savings.