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PRESS RELEASE

ORDER IN RESPECT OF INTERRUPTION OF TRANSMISSION NETWORK

The Public Utilities Regulatory Commission (PURC) has taken note of a Public Announcement by Ghana Grid Company (GRIDCo) in the Daily Graphic of July 28th 2015, on a planned major replacement /maintenance exercise which is scheduled for completion by July 2016. As noted in the announcement the exercise is going to bring about further interruptions additional to the current load shedding.

Whilst the Commission acknowledges the importance of the execution of the planned maintenance works it is also mindful of the current challenges being faced in the supply of electricity nationwide and its impact on consumers of electricity and even water.

In this regard the PURC by an ORDER has directed GRIDCo to defer forthwith the intended major replacement exercise as published until the following directives are complied with:

- GRIDCo shall furnish the Commission with the schedule of works and planned completion dates for maintenance of the Transmission Network Infrastructure.
- GRIDCo shall furnish the Commission with details of all contingency measures the company has deployed to mitigate any impact the interruption of the transmission network may have on consumers
- GRIDCo as demanded by law shall provide prior information to the Commission before any future public announcements for planned maintenance works which may result in interruptions to worsen the current load shedding situation.
- GRIDCo shall provide a clear communication strategy it intends to deploy to inform all Stakeholders and the general public about intended interruptions associated with the planned maintenance works

With this ORDER the Commission is therefore requesting the deferment of the planned maintenance exercise on the transmission network as advertised in the Daily Graphic.

Failure to comply with this ORDER in a matter of one week would result in the PURC applying full SANCTIONS under the existing Laws.

The Commission envisages that if no reasonableness is attached to the execution of the replacement and maintenance exercise it is likely to compound the current Electricity challenges, which will result in a National Emergency.



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