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**The Executive Secretary,
Bureau of Information, Communication & Technology,
State Secretariat Complex,
Ado-Ekiti.**

**PUBLICATION OF EKSERB/2024/001 INTERIM ORDER ON MANDATORY
METERING OF ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS BY ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION
COMPANIES IN EKITI STATE.**

I am directed to refer to the above matter and inform you that the Hon. Commissioner (MIPU), Prof. Mobolaji Aluko has approved to publicize the first metering order of Ekiti State Electricity Regulatory Bureau (EKSERB) accordingly.

2. Please, find attached the copy of the order to be uploaded to EKSERB and Ekiti State website for the awareness of the general public.
3. Thank you.

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For: Executive Secretary**



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ORDER NO: EKSERB/2024/001

**BEFORE THE EKITI STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY BUREAU
("THE BUREAU")**

ORDER ON MANDATORY METERING OF ELECTRICITY CUSTOMERS BY ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION COMPANIES OPERATING IN EKITI STATE, OWNERSHIP OF METERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF METER ACCESS PROVIDERS

Title

1. This regulatory instrument may be cited as the *Order on Mandatory Metering of Electricity Customers by Electricity Distribution Companies Operating in Ekiti State, Ownership of Meters, and Responsibilities of Meter Access Providers.*

Background

2. One recurring issue facing electricity consumers in Ekiti State are arbitrary and outrageous electricity bills, which major cause is the estimated billing method adopted by electricity distribution companies (Discos) imposed on un-metered customers.
3. This type of electricity billing method has discouraged many customers from paying for monthly electricity consumption, resulting in loss of revenue for electricity distribution companies and loss of confidence on the part of electricity customers.
4. While several efforts had been made by the national electricity regulator to increase the adoption and disbursement of electricity meters by electricity distribution companies, this has not resulted in substantial increase in the number of electricity customers utilizing electricity meters in the state.

5. The Bureau notes and welcomes NERC Order NERC/2024/040 cited as the "***Order on the Deregulation of Meter Prices for Meters Deployed under the Meter Asset Provider Scheme***", and builds upon it in this Order for this and any other meter schemes as may be specified by the Bureau.
6. To resolve the logjam in the deployment of electricity meters by electricity distribution companies, the state government through the Bureau opened discussions with several reputable Meter Asset Providers with a view to deregulating meter prices and improving meter distribution. Stakeholder engagement was also held with the public and Discos.

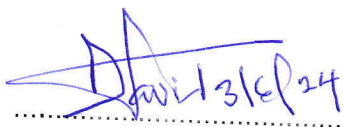
THE BUREAU HEREBY ORDERS as follows:

- A. With effect from 10th June 2024, all electricity distribution companies shall begin mandatory metering of all electricity customers in the state.
- B. All Discos shall ***with immediate effect*** discourage the estimated billing method and ensure that all new customers are provided with smart prepaid or postpaid meters.
- C. Electricity Distribution Companies in the state shall accept Bureau-certified smart meters, and which must be purchasable by customers directly from Meter Asset Providers registered with the Bureau.
- D. Licensed Meter Asset Providers may sell directly to eligible electricity customers in the state, and must provide and install these meters within ten (10) working days of payment to their (MAP) designated bank accounts. Failure to install these meters shall draw a fine not exceeding the cost of these meters multiplied by each day not installed after payment.
- E. Electricity distribution companies operating in the state are mandated to integrate these meters with their back-end systems within five (5) working days after being informed of their installation by the Meter Asset Providers, and must work towards ensuring that these customers receive transparent billing every month. Failure to integrate these meters shall draw a fine not exceeding the cost of these meters multiplied by each day not integrated after being informed by the MAP.
- F. All meters fully paid for, financed by or provided as donation to customers shall be considered to be the sole property of the customers. However every relocation voids the Disco's previous integration, which must be applied for anew.

G. Each Disco shall ***within one (1) month*** of this order submit a comprehensive metering plan and strategy with the Bureau.

This Order is issued without prejudice to existing obligations and commitments of electricity distribution companies to existing MAPs.

Dated this 3rd Day of June 2024



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