

NOTICE OF STAKEHOLDER FORUM

Saturday, October 17, 2015 @ 10:00am - Sanniquellie City Hall

Government of Liberia (GoL) and West African power Pool (WAPP) signed an agreement for cross border electrification from 2 HV substations (San Pedro and Danane) in Ivory Coast to 18 communities in Maryland, Grand Gedeh and Nimba Counties (cross border project). The communities in the Nimba Distribution Area are: Logouato, Saclepea, Duoplay, Kanplay, Ganta, and Sanniquellie.

In order to improve operational efficiency of the distribution system and quality of service to its consumers in the NDA, GoL seeks to bring in management expertise through public-private participation and propose to invite bidders for selection of a Distribution Area Operator for distribution and retail supply of electricity in the NDA on the basis of competitive bidding.

The concession shall include all the activities relating to distribution of power to the existing and future consumers in the NDA, including maintenance of the distribution assets and all the related activities subject to the terms and conditions as stipulated from time to time by the relevant regulatory authorities.

The concession is projected to commence as soon as possible for a period of 3 to 5 years.

All written submissions shall be considered if received within 14 days of the date of the stakeholder forum.

- (a) Strategic importance of the proposed concession is the economic development of the NDA as a component of the Cross Border Electrification project. The system in NDA consist of subtransmission and low voltage network of 113km of 33kv submission line from Gbenta (Cote D'Ivoire) to Nimba County, Low voltage network and service connection to the following communities in NDA: Logouato, Saclepea, Duoplay, Kanplay, Ganta and Sanniquellie.
- (b) The costs that GoL may be required to incur in order to facilitate the implementation of the concession is undetermined
- (c) The long-term socio-economic benefits and the financial return to GoL expected to accrue from the concession are increased access to electricity for businesses and households and potential revenue to Liberia Electricity Corporation (LEC) from sales of electricity
- (d) The extent of investment of private resources proposed to be required from bidders to meet the needs of the affected communities are undetermined
- (e) GoL resources proposed to be provided to meet the needs of the affected communities are undetermined
- (f) Other measures to be instituted to address any environmental challenges, social costs and other adverse externalities for the affected communities includes an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) that have already been conducted for this project
- (g) (1) Technical feasibility of the proposed concession: Assessment has established that the concession is technically feasible
(2) Financial feasibility of the proposed concession: Assessment has established that the concession is financially feasible
- (h) Any other reasons that may justify choosing the concession option: the need for effective arrangement for the commercial management of the system
- (i) Classes of persons, institutions and organizations particularly affected by the proposed concession: Nimba Distribution Area (NDA) of the Cross Border Electrification Project (Logouato, Saclepea, Duoplay, Kanplay, Ganta, and Sanniquellie.)

For further information:

1. Location in Sanniquellie: public locations and radio, where possible
2. Location in Monrovia: print media
3. Location on the internet: www.emansion.gov.lr