



WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL

SYSTEME D'ECHANGES D'ENERGIE ELECTRIQUE OUEST AFRICAIN

SECOND SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE WEST AFRICAN POWER POOL ORGANISATION

DECISION WAPP/14/DEC.26/10/07 RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE DISTRIBUTION AND COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE

The General Assembly

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC.5/12/99 of the twenty-second summit of the Authority of the Heads of States and Governments of ECOWAS held in Lomé on December 10, 1999 relating to the establishment of the West African Power Pool (WAPP);

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 18/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government of ECOWAS held in Niamey on January 12, 2006, relating to the Articles of Agreement for the establishment and functioning of the WAPP;

CONSIDERING the Decision A/DEC. 20/01/06 of the twenty-ninth summit of the Authority of Heads of State and Government held in Niamey on January 12, 2006, relating to the establishment of the WAPP Secretariat as a specialized institution of ECOWAS;

RECALLING the Headquarters Agreement signed between the Republic of Benin and the West African Power Pool Secretariat;

CONSIDERING the Articles of Agreement relating to the organisation and functions of the West African Power Pool dated July 6th, 2006 in particular Articles 4, 5, and 7;

RECALLING the Final Report of the 1st Session of the General Assembly held in Cotonou, July 6th, 2006 recommending the creation of an Organisational Committee that would address distribution and commercial -related issues;

DECIDE:

- Article 1:** The Amendment to the Articles of Agreement, "**Amendment No. 1**", as indicated in the attached Memorandum, relating to the establishment of a new WAPP Organisational Committee called the "Distribution and Commercial Committee" is adopted.
- Article 2:** The present Decision comes into effect upon its signature.
- Article 3:** The Secretary General shall take all necessary measures to ensure the implementation of this Decision.

Done in Abuja, Nigeria, on this day of October 26th, 2007,



Chairperson

Engr. (Dr.) J.O. Makoju



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General Secretariat / Secrétariat Général

***Second Meeting
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Abuja, October 26th, 2007

Memorandum on Commercial and Distribution Committee for WAPP

Abuja, October 2007

Commercial & Distribution Committee

Introduction

WAPP members have raised the need for a new Organisational Committee to address commercial and distribution issues. These issues are not only pertinent to distribution companies, and will affect the whole supply chain – transmission and generation companies alike depend on the revenue collected by distribution companies, and their ability to supply customers.

The issue was discussed during the WAPP Executive Board Meeting of 27th April 2007. The formation of the Commercial and Distribution Committee was approved by the Executive Board but they require amendments of the Articles of Agreement which requires approval by the General Assembly.

The General Assembly is hereby invited to consider and adopt the amendments to the WAPP Articles of Agreement below:

Amendment No.1: New Article

“6.7 Commercial and Distribution Committee

The Commercial & Distribution Committee (CDC) shall be comprised of eight (8) representatives from companies responsible for distribution; and four (4) representatives of transmission/generation companies and Other Members, not to include companies that are already represented on the committee.

The Executive Board shall appoint the representatives of the CDC at the regular meeting of the Executive Board immediately following each annual meeting of Members. Each representative of the CDC shall continue to be a representative thereof until the Executive Board appoints his/her successor. Where a vacancy occurs, the Chairman of the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy on an interim basis until the next meeting of the Executive Board.

The CDC shall meet at least twice per calendar year, and additionally as needed, provided that a quorum, as defined in this Articles of Agreement, is present. The CDC shall report to the Executive Board following each CDC meeting with respect to its activities, and with such recommendations, as the CDC deems necessary.

The responsibilities of the Commercial & Distribution Committee shall include:

- a) Developing and recommending best practice for network operation and planning, supply standards and commercial activities;*
- b) Maintaining an annual series of historical and forecast peak and annual demand for the system as a whole, for each utility and by customer sector, based on Universal Time (GMT);*
- c) Responding to activities as requested by the Strategic Planning Committee or Executive Board;*
- d) Monitoring the current state and evolution of the electric energy supply industry and proactively recommend commercial practices that meet industry needs and promote commerce;*
- e) Completing a self-assessment annually to determine how effectively the CDC is meeting its responsibilities; and*
- f) Performing such other functions as the Executive Board may delegate or direct.”*