

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **NUPENG FROWNS AT FRAUDULENT ELECTRICITY BILLS**

The Nigeria Union of Petroleum and Natural Gas Workers (NUPENG) is worried and concerned about the high rate of electricity bills passed to consumers by the Distribution Companies known as DISCOS.

The union frowns at the exorbitant electricity bills passed to consumers without enjoying the services. The epileptic power supply nation-wide by the new companies known as DISCOS calls for urgent overhaul of the entire system.

The Nigerian electricity consumers are being shortchanged, cheated and embarrassed with fraudulent bills when there is no electricity. These fraudulent bills are putting more hardships, especially on the downtrodden masses, who cannot even afford three square meals a day and now have to cough out monies for electricity they don't get.

NUPENG notes that the exploitative attitude of the new DISCOS is injustice, oppressive, uncalled for and not in tune with the energy reforms of the transformation agenda of Mr. President, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan.

We are disturbed that with the huge monies budgeted and expended on power generation and distribution, there is still nothing to write home about, except perpetual darkness in many communities in the nooks and crannies of the country, only to be faced with huge bills.

NUPENG therefore calls on the National Electricity Regulatory Commission to be alive to its responsibilities by ensuring that the new electricity distribution companies give our citizens light twenty four hours of the day

and also ensure that prepaid meters are installed to check arbitrary estimated bills.

It is a shame that the National Electricity Regulatory Commission is concerned with only increase in tariffs but must also enforce better service delivery to electricity consumers in the country.

The union will join forces with other dis-satisfied Nigerians to make sure that these fraudulent bills are stopped, because we cannot watch citizens of this country been cheated with no light at high cost.

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