



ANAMBRA STATE ELECTRICITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

PUBLIC CONSULTATION PAPER ON DRAFT APPLICATION FOR LICENCES, (GENERATION, DISTRIBUTION AND TRADING) REGULATIONS, 2026 IN THE ANAMBRA STATE ELECTRICITY MARKET.

INTRODUCTION AND LEGAL BASIS

- 1.1 The Anambra State Electricity Regulatory Commission (“the Commission) is established under Section 4(1) of the Anambra State Electricity Law (the Law), and saddled with the responsibility for the implementation of the Law as provided under Section 4(3) of the Law, developing the Anambra State Electricity Market (ASEM) by regulating the generation, distribution, trading and supply of electricity in an efficient, transparent and consumer-centric manner.
- 1.2 Part of the functions of ASERC as provided in the Law, specifically Section 12(e), is to issue licences to persons seeking to be generation, distribution and trading licensees, while Section 13 of the Law empowers the Commission to issue, renew, modify, suspend or revoke licences and permits in the Anambra State Electricity Industry. Furthermore, Section 78 of the Law empowers the Commission to make regulations highlighting the procedure for applying for licences.
- 1.3 Accordingly, the Commission has prepared the Draft Regulations and places the same in the public domain for stakeholder consultation.
- 1.4 This consultation paper is issued to invite comments, suggestions and objections from stakeholders before the finalization of the proposed Rules.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS

The Draft Regulations seek to:

- i. Prescribe a transparent, streamlined and time-bound procedure for submission and processing of licence applications;
- ii. Specify information, documents and fees required for different categories of licences;
- iii. Enhance regulatory certainty for applicants and stakeholders;
- iv. Align the licensing framework with the provisions of the Law and relevant rules and policies;
- v. Promote competition, efficiency, transparency, accountability and consumer interest in the power sector.

3. SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY

The Draft Regulations shall apply to applications for grant of licence for:

- i. Generation of electricity
- ii. Distribution of electricity
- iii. Trading of electricity;

4. KEY FEATURES OF THE DRAFT REGULATIONS

The salient features of the Draft Regulations include:

- i. **Categorization of Licences:** Separate procedural requirements for generation, distribution and trading licences.
- ii. **Eligibility Criteria:** Clear eligibility conditions relating to legal status, technical capability and financial strength.
- iii. **Application Format:** standardized application formats and checklists to reduce ambiguity and deficiencies.
- iv. **Application Fees:** rationalized and transparent fee structure
- v. **Public Notice and Objections:** procedure for publication of notice and filing of objections/suggestions by stakeholders.
- vi. **Timelines:** indicative timelines for scrutiny, hearing and disposal of licence applications.

- vii. **Clarifications and Amendments:** Provision for seeking additional information or permitting amendment of applications.
- viii. **Grant or Rejection of Licence:** Criteria and process for decision-making by the Commission.

5. SUMMARY OF MAJOR PROVISIONS

Without prejudice to the detailed provisions contained in the Draft Regulations, some key aspects are summarised below:

5.1 Submission of Application

Applicants shall submit applications in the specified form along with supporting documents, affidavits and prescribed fees.

5.2 Preliminary Scrutiny

The Commission shall conduct preliminary scrutiny to ascertain completeness and compliance.

5.3 Publication of Application

Applicants shall publish a public notice of the application in newspapers as directed by the Commission, inviting objections and suggestions.

5.4 Objections and Suggestions

Any person may file objections or suggestions within the stipulated time period.

5.5 Hearings

The Commission may conduct hearings if considered necessary before taking a decision.

5.6 Grant of Licence

Upon satisfaction that the applicant meets the statutory and regulatory requirements, the Commission may grant the licence subject to appropriate conditions.

6. INVITATION FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

6.1 The Commission specifically invites comments, suggestions and objections from stakeholders, including licensees, utilities, consumers,

industry associations and the general public on any aspects of the Draft Regulations.

6.2 Stakeholders may submit their responses in writing, clearly indicating the relevant regulation number, issue and justification. The last day for submission of comments is on ...~~13th~~**13th day of March, 2026.**

6.3 Responses may be submitted by e-mail to: info@aserc.anambrastate.gov.ng Or delivered by Post, Courier or Hand delivered to:

Anambra State Electricity Regulatory Commission, (ASERC)
ASERC Complex, Old Government House
Enugu-Onitsha Expressway
Awka, Anambra State.

The draft Application for Licence Regulations 2026, can be found on the Commission's website on: www.aserc.anambrastate.gov.ng

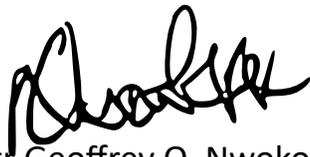
At the end of the Consultation, the Commission's decision on the proposed Application for Licence Regulations will be issued and published.

Details regarding the date, time and venue of the public consultation shall be notified separately on the Commissions website:

www.aserc.anambrastate.gov.ng

7. Disclaimer

This Public Consultation Paper is intended to facilitate stakeholder participation. The Commission reserves the right to modify, amend or revise the Draft Regulations based on stakeholder feedback and its own assessment, without being bound by any submissions received.



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