

BLOOMFIELD LP WEEKLY ENERGY TITBITS (BWET)

Bloomfield LP's Energy Practice brings you highlights of interesting energy developments in Nigeria
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The Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission Issues New Penalties to Address Electricity Meter Bypass and Electricity Theft

On Monday, February 17, 2025, the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (“NERC”), issued an order titled “*Amended Order on Unauthorised Access, Meter Tampering and By-Pass*” with Order Number: *NERC/2024/148* (the “*Order*”), to tackle the increased incidents of unauthorised access to electricity and meter bypass by electricity consumers/end-users.

The Order seeks to mitigate unauthorised access to electricity supply through measures addressing tampering and meter bypass. It also establishes clear guidelines for the disconnection or reconnection of unauthorised connections ensuring transparency and compliance.

Additionally, the Order imposes administrative charges on defaulters for non-Maximum Demand (“MD”) meters, at the rate of One Hundred Thousand Naira (N100,000.00) for single-phase meters and Two Hundred Thousand Naira (N200,000.00) for three-phase meters. Subsequent violations will however attract higher penalties. In addition to the administrative charge, a defaulter, will be liable to pay for Loss of Revenue and the reconnection cost to the Distribution Companies (“Discos”).

Read more at:

[Amended-Order-on-Unauthorized-Access-Meter-Tampering-and-By-pass.pdf](#)

The Federal Government of Nigeria Bans Fuel Tankers with Fuel Capacity Exceeding Sixty Thousand (60,000) Litres from Operating on Roads

The Federal Republic of Nigeria (“FGN”), through the Nigerian Midstream and Downstream Petroleum Regulatory Authority (“NMD-PRA”), has placed a ban on the operation and transportation of fuel tankers with fuel capacity exceeding sixty thousand (60,000) litres on the country's road (the “Ban”).

The Ban, which will take effect from March 1, 2025, has been made to eradicate the unsafety, accidents, loss of lives and properties caused by these fuel tankers to road users.

Read more at:

<https://businessday.ng/news/article/fg-bans-fuel-tankers-over-60000-litres-from-march-1-2025/>

The Transmission Company of Nigeria Commissions New Power Transformer in Osogbo, Osun State

On Friday, February 21, 2024, the Transmission Company of Nigeria (“TCN”) disclosed the commissioning of a new One hundred Mega Volt-Amperes (100MVA) power transformer at the 132/33kV Osogbo Transmission Substation in Osun State, thereby boosting the substation's capacity from one hundred and eight (180) MVA to two hundred and eighty (280) MVA.

This development represents TCN's network expansion initiative which is being executed in collaboration with the World Bank and further marks an essential advancement in the country's electricity transmission infrastructure.

Read more at:

<https://www.thetimes.com.ng/2025/02/tcn-commissions-new-100mva-power-transformer-to-boost-osogbo-grid-capacity>



Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited Shuts Down Crude Pipeline in Bayelsa State

On Friday, February 21, 2025, Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria Limited (“Shell”) disclosed that it had shut down crude oil flows into the 16-inch Nun River-Kolo Creek crude trunkline.

Mr Micheal Adande, Shell’s spokesman, stated this step was taken following the Shell Oil Spill Response Team’s discovery of an oil leak from Shell’s pipeline at Obololi community, a coastal community along the River Nun in the Southern Ijaw Local Government Area in Bayelsa State. He stated that Shell is currently planning to conduct a regulator-led joint investigation visit to determine the cause and impact of the spill.

This oil spill poses a risk to the marine life and residents of the region affected, and it is expected that Shell and the regulators will conduct a thorough investigation to determine the impact of the spill and develop a strategy to prevent future occurrences.

Read more at:

<https://punchng.com/spill-shell-shuts-crude-oil-line-in-bayelsa>

The Transmission Company of Nigeria Discloses a New Peak Power Generation Capacity

The Transmission Company of Nigeria (“TCN”) has announced that the Nigeria power sector achieved a new peak power generation capacity of five thousand five hundred and forty-three point two zero Megawatts (5,543.20MW) in the year 2025, on Friday, February 14, 2025, at 11:00 p.m. This new development is reported to have surpassed the previous power generation peak capacity of five thousand four hundred and seventy-eight point seven three (5,478.73) MW recorded on Thursday, February 13, 2025.

The General Manager of TCN, Ndidi Mbah, further stated that the new maximum daily energy of one hundred and twenty-five thousand, one hundred and fifty-nine point four-eight megawatt-hours (125,159.48MWH) was the highest ever, recorded in the nation’s electricity industry.

Read more at:

<https://guardian.ng/news/power-generation-hits-5543mw-in-2025>