

BLOOMFIELD LP WEEKLY ENERGY TITBITS (BWET)

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Abia State Electricity Regulatory Authority Issues Generation and Distribution Licenses to Private Companies

On April 24, 2026, the Abia State Electricity Regulatory Authority (“ASERA”) issued interim distribution and generation licenses to three (3) companies namely - New Era Electricity Distribution Limited, APL Electric Company Limited, and Geometric Power Aba Limited (together the “DisCos”), signalling the State’s transition to a fully regulated intrastate electricity market.

Following the transfer of regulatory oversight from the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (“NERC”) to ASERA on December 24, 2025, Abia State can now exercise full authority over its electricity market through the issuance of electricity licenses.

Read more at:

<https://dailypost.ng/2026/04/24/abia-takes-over-power-regulation-from-nerc-warns-firms-against-cheating-consumers>

Rural Electrification Agency Records Expansion in Nigeria’s Solar Manufacturing Capacity

The Managing Director of the Rural Electrification Agency (“REA”), Dr. Abba Aliyu announced that Nigeria’s installed solar panel manufacturing capacity has increased by approximately one hundred and fifty percent (150%) from one hundred and twenty Megawatts (120MW) in 2024 to about three hundred megawatts (300MW).

Speaking at a webinar organised by the African Association of Energy Journalists and Publishers (AJERAP), Dr. Aliyu disclosed that Nigeria has commenced the export of locally manufactured solar panels to Ghana, marking an emerging shift towards regional supply capability.

He attributed the expansion to policy support for local content, increased domestic assembly of imported solar components, and a gradually strengthening regulatory environment for distributed energy projects and private sector participation.

Read more at:

<https://www.thisdaylive.com/2026/04/24/rea-nigeria-raised-solar-manufacturing-capacity-by-150-capacity-to-300mw-in-2-years/>

The Transmission Company of Nigeria Strengthens National Grid with the Commissioning of New Transmission Lines

On Thursday April 23, 2026, the Transmission Company of Nigeria (“TCN”) commissioned new transmission line connections at the Ihovbor corridor, aimed at improving power evacuation and enhancing grid stability.

The General Manager for Public Affairs at TCN, Mrs. Ndidi Mbah, noted that the newly commissioned transmission lines are expected to enhance the evacuation of power by increasing transmission capacity from key generating stations, including the Niger Delta Power Holding Company (NDPHC) plants and the Azura Power Plant, into the National grid.

TCN further confirmed that the Ihovbor/Benin line currently transmits about Two Hundred Megawatts (200MW), while the Ihovbor/Ajaokuta line transmits about Ninety Megawatts (90MW). The new installation is expected to reduce congestion and improve power flow within the National grid.

Read more at:

<https://punchng.com/tcn-strengthens-national-grid-with-new-transmission-lines>



Rural Electrification Agency Advances the Development of Forty (40) Interconnected Mini-Grids to Strengthen National Grid

The Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Rural Electrification Agency, Dr. Abba Aliyu, stated that forty (40) interconnected mini grids are being developed to inject Two Hundred and Eighty-Eight (288) megawatts of additional capacity into the National grid, following recent regulatory reforms in the renewable energy space.

Dr. Aliyu, noted at the 2026 Energy Times Awards, that the revised Mini-Grid Regulations of 2026 (the “**Regulations**”), issued by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (“**NERC**”), increases the cap for isolated mini-grids and introduces clearer provisions for interconnected systems, while also harmonising licensing procedures and streamlining environmental and social impact assessment requirements.

Read more at:

<https://punchng.com/40-new-mini-grids-to-add-288mw-capacity/>

Dangote Petroleum Refinery Increases Production of Aviation Fuel

The Airlines Operators of Nigeria (“**AON**”), through its spokesperson, Professor Obiora Okonkwo, stated that Dangote Petroleum Refinery and Petrochemicals (the “**Refinery**”) supplies over Ninety-Five percent (95%) of the Jet A1 fuel consumed in Nigeria, positioning the Refinery as a critical support for Nigeria’s aviation industry.

Professor Okonkwo described the Refinery as a critical backbone for airline operations across Nigeria during a televised interview noting that the Refinery exported approximately One Billion, One Hundred Million (1,100,000,000) litres of Jet A-1 to Europe between March and April 20, 2026.

He explained that the expanding production capacity of the Refinery showcases Nigeria’s growing footprint in international markets and strategically positions Nigeria as a global contributor.

Read more at:

<https://guardian.ng/news/dangote-exports-1-lb-litres-of-aviation-fuel-to-europe-supplies-95-of-nigerias-jet-a1-says-aon/>