



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE

Ministry of Energy

Press Release

Energization of the Kenema and Bo Substations on the CLSG Transmission Line

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The Management of TRANSCO CLSG, a regional transmission company responsible for the transmission of affordable and reliable electricity to millions of citizens in Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea has carried out the commissioning and testing of the Transmission Line between its Mano substation in Liberia, through to Tiloma and Bumpe substations in Sierra Leone. These stations are therefore now fully energized for interconnection to Sierra Leone Distribution Networks. The Electricity on the Transmission Network will be provided by CI Energies a company organized and existing under the laws of Cote d'Ivoire.

Tiloma is 8.4 KM from Kenema town, so connection to the Kenema distribution network, required a 33KV Transmission Line from the Tiloma to the EDSA Kenema substation. Given the importance and urgency of power to the region, the cost of that interconnection was paid for by Government, and implemented by EDSA.

In order to conclude the process for interconnection and energy transfer to the substations and load centers in each country, three (3) Agreements need to be finalized:

1. The Interconnection Agreement which covers the technical rules of interconnection and operation between the CLSG TRANSCO line and the systems of the utilities in each country.
2. The Transmission Services Agreement between TRANSCO and the utilities in each country. (LEC, EDSA and EDG).
3. The Power Purchase Agreement between the Power Producer CI Energies and the utilities in each country.

The general public is hereby informed that the above three conditions are at their final stages of negotiations, with an anticipated signature date by 1st week October.

Meanwhile, Cabinet has reviewed the preconditions, background, strategic relevance, urgency and benefits of the project, and has unanimously approved the interconnection. Therefore, power will be commissioned in Kenema and Bo in the next few weeks.

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