

General Notice No. 3267 of 2025.



ELECTRICITY REGULATORY AUTHORITY

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NOTICE ON GRID ABSORPTION CAPACITY AND INTERIM LICENSING MEASURES FOR GRID CONNECTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC AND WIND POWER PROJECTS

Under Section 9 (i) of the Electricity Act, Chapter 157 Laws of Uganda

The Electricity Regulatory Authority (the "Authority") issues this notice pursuant to Section 9 of the Electricity Act, Cap 157 (the "Act"), which empowers the Authority to regulate the generation, transmission, distribution, sale, export and import of electrical energy in Uganda;

HAVING REGARD TO—

1. The Renewable Energy Feed-in Tariff (REFIT) Guidelines Phase V and Phase VI, published vide General Notice No. 48 of 2024 and General Notice No. 950 of 2025 in *The Uganda Gazette* of 12th January, 2024 and 4th April, 2025; under which the Authority has prescribed standardised feed-in tariffs for eligible renewable energy technologies (including solar photovoltaic and wind power) for generating systems up to 50 MW;
2. The Electricity Licensing Policy, 2020, published vide *The Uganda Gazette* on 10th May, 2021 as General Notice No. 690 of 2021, which inter alia requires the Authority to have regard to the technical capacity of the national grid and the System Operator's forecasts under Section 55 of the Electricity Act when licensing intermittent sources of generation;
3. The Regulatory Notice No. ERA 001/2022 amending Regulatory Notice No. 001/2020 published vide *The Uganda Gazette*, on the 28th October, 2022 as General Notice No. 1674 of 2022 in the Uganda Gazette in respect of the implementation of grid connected solar photovoltaic and wind power intermittent electricity generation projects in Uganda;
4. The statutory duty of the Authority to ensure the continuity and reliability of electricity supply in Uganda while enabling private sector investment;

THE AUTHORITY HEREBY ISSUES THIS REGULATORY NOTICE.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

1. Uganda's renewable energy sector continues to attract substantial investor interest. To date, the Authority has licensed and permitted approximately 239 MW of Variable Renewable Energy (VRE) capacity, comprising nine projects (124 MW) at operational and License stage nearing operational stage, and six projects (115 MW) at feasibility stage;
2. Following a recent increase of approximately 50 MW in peak system demand, and further to technical studies by the System Operator, the firm absorption ceiling for VRE has been revised downward from 250 MW to 200 MW in respect of the absorption of additional Variable Renewable Energy into the national grid;
3. As of August, 2025, the national grid's technical capacity to integrate additional grid-connected solar and wind projects has been fully committed in respect of Licences and Permits issued by the Authority and any further additions of VRE, in the absence of enabling measures, will pose a risk to the stability and reliability of the electricity system;
4. In order to address the grid's technical capacity to integrate additional solar and wind projects, the System Operator, in coordination with the Authority, is undertaking a comprehensive Grid Stability Study which will determine future integration capacity thresholds for VRE at both transmission and distribution levels, and assess the applicability of enabling technologies, including hybrid and energy storage systems.

INTERIM REGULATORY MEASURES

Pending completion of the Grid Stability Study, the Authority hereby prescribes the following interim measures;

1. The receipt, processing and issuance of new permits and licenses over and above the already permitted or licensed solar

and wind power projects for grid-connected solar photovoltaic and wind projects will be temporarily paused;

2. Notwithstanding paragraph 1, the Authority shall prioritise licensing of generation projects which incorporate hybrid systems and energy storage technologies, where such projects demonstrably enhance grid stability, flexibility and support future VRE integration;
3. Licensing of off-grid renewable energy projects remains unaffected and shall continue to be processed in accordance with the applicable law and regulatory framework;
4. The Authority encourages investment in base generation technologies—such as large hydro, geothermal, and nuclear—to support long-term VRE integration without compromising grid stability.

These interim measures shall remain in force until the completion of the Grid Stability Study being undertaken by the System Operator, at which time the Authority shall issue further regulatory guidance. The Authority remains committed to enabling private sector participation in Uganda's energy transition. For further information, please contact the Authority via info@era.go.ug.

Dated **22nd October, 2025.**

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**GAZETTING COMPANY UNIFORM FOR
SENACA (U) LIMITED
NOTICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 23(2) of the Police (Control of Private Security Organisations) Regulations, 2013 (Statutory Instrument No. 11 of 2013) the general public is hereby notified that the duly recognised operational personnel of **SENACA (U) LIMITED**, shall exclusively don a uniform adequately described as below:

UNIFORM DESCRIPTION

- **HEAD CAP:**
Dark grey with a company name on the forehead.
- **SHIRT:**
 - i) Purple short sleeved shirt with pockets and pocket covers on upper front part, company name on the left upper front part above the pocket, and badge on both sleeves, and company name in white colour on the back.
 - ii) Light grey and White short sleeved shirt with pockets and pocket covers on the upper front part, company name on the left upper front part above the pocket, badge on both sleeves, and company name in black colour on the back.
- **TROUSERS:**
Grey with five pockets, and company name on the upper left front part of the trousers.
- **BELT:**
Black with purple and white in the middle.
- **SWEATER:**
Grey with a company name on the left upper front part, purple shoulders, flaps and elbow cover.
- **SHOES:**
Black boots.

