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PUBLIC NOTICE

A CALL FOR STAKEHOLDERS' COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE EWURA (PETROLEUM PRODUCTS PRICE SETTING) RULES TO INCLUDE LPG PRICING FORMULA

Due to the infancy of the industry which was characterised by low demand and limited storage and distribution facilities, EWURA's role in regulating Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) industry has been mainly on the technical aspects of the industry. LPG Marketing Companies (LMCs) were allowed to set prices of LPG thereby allowing them to market their products to boost demand and also increase their storage and distribution facilities.

You may recall that in 2013 and 2016 EWURA conducted inquiries to review the rules in an attempt to incorporate pricing formula for LPG. During the aforesaid inquiries, it was revealed that there was limited infrastructure (for storage) which was accompanied with low demand and lack of harmonised standards for LPG product and facilities.

However, there has been a concern from the public and other key stakeholders that LPG prices are unreasonably high and therefore need to be regulated. Nonetheless, EWURA has consistently continued to monitor LPG prices in the country and where necessary, intervened to ensure that the local prices are reasonable.

In view of the aforementioned, EWURA is proposing amendments to the EWURA (*Petroleum Products Price Setting*) Rules to include a new pricing formula for LPG.

In accordance with Section 19(2) (b) of the EWURA Act, Cap 414, EWURA has initiated a Public Inquiry to seek comments on the proposed amendments to the EWURA (*Petroleum Products Price Setting*) Rules. In the course of the Public Inquiry process, EWURA will collect comments from stakeholders, including LMCs, Distributors, Retailers, Consumers Consultative Council (CCC), the Government Consultative Council (GCC) and the general public.

A Public Hearing Meeting will be held on 13th September 2018 at EWURA Eastern Zone Offices in Dar es Salaam from 9:30am.

Those who wish to submit comments pertinent to the Inquiry are requested to do so by submitting them in writing to EWURA's Acting Director General at the

above-mentioned address not later than **14th September 2018** or through email at info@ewura.go.tz.

Interested parties who also wish to make presentations at the Public Hearing Meeting are requested to register themselves with EWURA in writing by **10th September 2018**. The Authority has prepared a Discussion Paper pertinent to this matter. Copies of the Discussion Paper are available at EWURA Headquarters and Zonal Offices during working hours from 9.00am to 5.00pm. The public is kindly encouraged to observe the deadlines for submitting comments. Further details may be obtained upon written request to EWURA's Director General.

Issued by:

Director General

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority