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THE ELECTRICITY ACT,
(CAP. 131)

RULES

(Made under section 47)

THE ELECTRICITY (DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL POWER PROJECTS) (AMENDMENT)
RULES, 2025

- Citation
GN. No.
491 of 2020
1. These Rules may be cited as the Electricity (Development of Small Power Projects) (Amendment) Rules, 2025 and shall be read as one with the Electricity (Development of Small Power Projects) Rules, 2020 hereinafter referred to as the “principal Rules”.
- Amendment of
rule 3
2. The principal Rules are amended in rule 3 by deleting the definition of the terms “avoided cost”, “eligible customer”, “small power producer” and “small power project developer” and substituting for them the following:
- ““avoided cost” means the incremental difference in costs saved by a Distribution Network Operator when purchasing electricity from another generator in comparison with the costs that would have been incurred by the Distribution Network Operator if such electricity had been generated by the Distribution Network Operator;
- “eligible customer” means any person who is authorised by the Authority to enter into a contract for the supply of electricity directly with any person licensed to generate electricity;
- “small power producer” means an entity producing electricity with a generating capacity between 100kW up to 10MW at a single site using renewable energy sources, a cogeneration technology, or some hybrid system combining a renewable energy source with fossils fuels not exceeding 25 percent of the total

installed capacity and either sells the generated power at wholesale to a Distribution Network Operator or at retail directly to a customer or customers, save that the small power producer may have an installed capacity greater than 10MW but shall only export power at the interconnection point not exceeding 10MW;

“small power project developer” means an entity generating electricity in the capacity between 100 kW up to 10 MW using renewable energy sources, a cogeneration technology, or some hybrid system combining renewable energy sources with fossil fuels not exceeding 25 percent of the total installed capacity and either sells the generated power at wholesale to a DNO or at retail directly to a customer or customers;”.

Amendment of
rule 4

3. The principal Rules are amended in rule 4 by-

(a) adding immediately after subrule (2)(b) the following:

“(c) the proposed project shall offer some other commercial and technical benefits to the Distribution Network Operator as may be determined by the Distribution Network Operator and approved by the Authority.”;

(b) deleting subrule (3) and substituting for it the following:

“(3) A small power project developer shall not develop an SPP in areas other than those declared to be of strategic nature under this Part.”;

(c) deleting subrule (6) and substituting for it with the following:

“(6) A DNO shall, in July of each year and in newspapers of wide circulation in Tanzania, publish the list of areas that have been determined to be of strategic nature in terms of sub rules 4(a).”; and

(d) deleting sub rule 8.

Amendment of rule 5

4. The principal Rules are amended in rule 5(3) by adding immediately after paragraph (e) the following:

“(f) for mini-grid developers, an endorsement from the Rural Energy Agency.”

Deletion of rule 6

5. The principal Rules are amended by deleting rule 6.

Amendment of rule 7

6. The principal Rules are amended in rule 7 by deleting the words “he may appeal to the Authority” appearing immediately after the words “rule 4 (5)” and substituting for them the words “may refer the matter to the Authority”.

Amendment of rule 11

7. The principal Rules are amended in rule 11 by deleting the words “may appeal to the Authority” appearing in sub rule (4) and substituting for them the words “may refer the matter to the Authority for determination”.

Amendment of rule 35

8. The principal Rules are amended in rule 35 by-

- (a) deleting the words “in the Third Schedule” appearing in subrule (1) and substituting for them the words “by the Authority”; and
- (b) adding immediately after subrule (6) the following:

“(7) A small power project developer and a Distribution Network Operator shall sign the standardised Power Purchase Agreement as approved by the Authority without any substantive amendment.

(8) The Authority may issue standardised addendum to the standardised Power Purchase Agreement for purposes of addressing emerging technologies and project specific innovations and such addendum shall set out the technical and operational requirements applicable to the project.

(9) Parties to an existing standardised Power Purchase Agreement may adopt any standardised addendum issued under subrule (8)

to form part of their standardised Power Purchase Agreement.”

Amendment of
rule 36

9. The principal Rules are amended in rule 36 by deleting the year “2019” appearing immediately after the word “Rules”.

Amendment of
rule 58

10. The principal Rules are amended in rule 58 by adding immediately after subrule (2) the following:
“(3) A small power project developer shall sign a Performance Agreement with the Authority”.

Deletion and
substitution of
Second
Schedule

11. The principal Rules are amended by deleting the Second Schedule and substituting for it the following:

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SECOND SCHEDULE

LETTER OF INTENT APPLICATION FORM

(Made under Rule 9(1))

PART A: GENERAL INFORMATION

1.	Name of Applicant	
2.	Registration in Tanzania (where appropriate)	(a) Certificate of Incorporation No. ... (b) Certificate of Compliance No. ... (c) Certificate of Registration ... (d) TIN No. ... (e) VAT No. ...
3.	Physical and Postal Address	(a) Physical Address: i. Street ... ii. Plot No. ... iii. Block No. ... iv. House No. ... (b) Postal Address ... (c) Telephone No. ... (d) Mobile No. ... (e) Facsimile ... (f) E-mail Address ... (g) Website Address ...
4.	Legal Status of the	☐ Sole Proprietor

	Applicant (tick where appropriate)	☐ Partnership ☐ Public Limited Liability Company ☐ Private Limited Liability Company ☐ Parastatal Organization ☐ Government Agency ☐ Cooperative Society ☐ Non-Governmental Organization ☐ Others (Specify) ...
5.	Contact Person	(a) Name ... (b) Title ... (c) Postal Address ... (d) Telephone No. ... (e) Mobile No. ... (f) E-mail Address ...
6.	Names and Share Percentage / Number of Shares of Each Partner:	(a) ... No. of Shares/Share % ... (b) ... No. of Shares/Share % ... (c) ... No. of Shares/Share % ... (d) ... No. of Shares/Share % ... (e) ... No. of Shares/Share % ... <i>(use additional sheet if necessary)</i>
7.	Names of Directors	(a) ... (b) ... (c) ... (d) ... (e) ... <i>(use additional sheet if necessary)</i>
8.	Name of Chief Executive Officer	

PART B: HYDRO PROJECTS INFORMATION

1.	Location (longitude and latitude) & identification of river/stream/canal; head and flow	
2.	Intake coordinates	
3.	Power house coordinates	

4.	Flow rate (M ³ /s)	
	<i>(Use additional sheet if necessary)</i>	

PART C: SOLAR PROJECTS INFORMATION

1.	Location (longitude and latitude)	
2.	Irradiation (W/m ²)	
	<i>(Use additional sheet if necessary)</i>	

PART D: WIND PROJECTS INFORMATION

1.	Location (longitude and latitude)	
2.	Wind speed (m/s)	
	<i>(Use additional sheet if necessary)</i>	

PART E: BIOMASS PROJECTS INFORMATION

1.	Location (longitude and latitude)	
2.	Conversion rate (Kg/W)	
3.	<i>(Use additional sheet if necessary)</i>	

PART F: OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

1.	Installed power capacity (MW)	
2.	Planned power export (MW)	
3.	Expected annual energy generation (GWh)	
4.	Power Factor	

DECLARATION OF THE APPLICANT

I *(insert name)* being

(insert title/position) hereby declare that I am authorized to make this application on behalf of the applicant and that to the best of my knowledge the information supplied herein is correct and that within a reasonable period of time after notice, I undertake to provide whatever additional information EWURA may require in order to evaluate this application.

SWORN/AFFIRMED at by the said ... who is identified to me by .../known to me personally ... *(the latter being known to me personally)* this ... day of 202..
DECLARANT

BEFORE ME:

.....
COMMISSIONER FOR OATHS”.

Deletion of
Third Schedule

12. The principal Rules are amended by deleting the
Third Schedule.

Dodoma,
.....,2025

JAMES A. MWAINYEKULE
Director General