

PUBLIC NOTICE

A CALL FOR STAKEHOLDERS' COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED REVIEW OF THE PETROLEUM PRODUCTS (PRICE SETTING) RULES

The Energy and Water Utilities Regulatory Authority (EWURA) has received concerns from stakeholders on two issues: (i) That TIPER fees paid by Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) for the use of TIPER's manifold is not justifiable (ii) That charges and fees paid by Petroleum retailers to local authorities and executive agencies such as Weights and Measures Agency (WMA), Occupational Safety and Health Authority (OSHA), National Environmental Management Council (NEMC), Government Procurement Services Agency (GPSA) and Regional Fire Commissioners are not reflected in the pricing formula. Information to justify concerns on charges from various local authorities has been submitted by some Retailers through Tanzania Petrol Station Operators Association (TAPSOA).

EWURA has considered the concerns and analysed the submitted information thereof. Based on the analysis, the Authority is proposing a review of the Petroleum Products (Price Setting) Rules to reflect reasonable rate for TIPER fees and separately allocating fragmented costs for OMCs and Retailers for the payment of city levy and fees to local authorities and executive agencies. This review of the pricing formula will ensure that both OMCs and Retailers recover the prudently incurred costs.

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 review of the pricing formula in the Petroleum Products (Price Setting) Rules to reflect reasonable TIPER fees and allocate city levy and fees paid by OMCs and Retailers to various local authorities and executive agencies. During the Inquiry period, EWURA will collect comments from all stakeholders including OMCs, Retailers, EWURA Consumers Consultative Council (EWURA CCC), the Government Consultative Council (GCC), District, Municipal and City Councils as well as the general public.

The Public Hearing Meeting will be held at EWURA offices in Dar es Salaam on **14th September 2016** from 10:00 am. Those who wish to submit comments pertinent to the Inquiry are requested to do so by submitting them in writing to the Director General at the above-mentioned address not later than 21st September 2016.

Interested parties who also wish to make presentations at the Public Hearing Meeting are requested to register themselves with EWURA in writing by 13th September 2016. The Authority has prepared a Discussion Paper pertinent to this matter. Copies of the Discussion Paper are available at EWURA 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