Electricity Regulators, Operators to Endorse More Documents for Power Market

ERERA’s joint Consultative Committees of Regulators and Operators will meet on 29th and 30th November 2017 in Accra, Ghana to review the draft ECOWAS Rules on Sanctions and ERERA’s Enforcement Rules for the Regional Electricity Market.

The two documents are expected to help ensure the implementation, monitoring and control of the obligations agreed for the smooth operation of the regional market.

When reviewed and endorsed, both documents will be forwarded to the ERERA Regulatory Council for approval, and will form part of the body of instruments critical to the effective take-off and operationalization of the market.

Members of the Committees will also nominate and adopt chairpersons and members of the Bureau for the Consultative Committee of Regulators and its sister Consultative Committee of Operators.

The Consultative Committees of Regulators and Operators are organs established to assist the Regulatory Council of ERERA in its decision-making.

Both the Consultative Committee of Regulators and the Consultative Committee of Operators were created in November 2011, and began functioning in December of the same year.

Since November 2013, however, the Consultative Committee of Regulators has been chaired by the electricity regulator of Côte d’Ivoire (ANARE) while the Consultative Committee of Operators has been chaired by the CEB (Togo).
Preceding the meeting of the joint Consultative Committees of Regulators and Operators will be that of the Legal and Licensing Working Group (LLWG) on Tuesday, 28th November 2017 at the same venue.

The Legal and Licensing Working Group is an ad hoc technical advisory organ for ERERA, and is composed of legal experts from ECOWAS Member States.

Members of the Group will finalize their work, which began during their inaugural session on 10th October 2017 in Accra, on the documents to be considered by the Consultative Committees of Regulators and Operators.

Expected at these meetings are representatives of the Ministries of Energy/Power, electricity regulatory bodies and power operators of ECOWAS Member States, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), as well as the AfDB and the German international aid agency, GIZ.