

SUMMARY REPORT TWO-DAY RESIDENTIAL RETREAT FOR PARLIAMENTARY MEMBERS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE – APRIL 2005.

Executive Summary:

Electricity Regulatory Authority hosted a two-day symposium for Parliamentary Members on the Sessional Committee on Natural Resources on 1st - 2nd April 2005 at Entebbe Botanical Beach Hotel.

The Symposium for MPs was part of our regular consultation process and information sharing with key stakeholders on pertinent issues in the power sector. It was also geared towards providing highlights of the 2005 power tariffs to MPs. The recently concluded symposium was a success in terms of attendance and discussions. Additionally members were able to understand the challenges faced by the Regulator during the tariff setting process.

Attendance:

- ❑ The Symposium attendance was twenty-five MPs out of twenty-seven, along with one Secretary, and a Parliamentary Research Officer. Overall this was a great success.
- ❑ Additionally the State Minister for Energy - Hon. Werikhe and his Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Energy & Mineral Development – Mr. Kabagambe Kaliisa were present to handle all Policy issues. These were successfully handled.
- ❑ Other resource persons on the program were also able to attend and successfully deliver presentations / discussions to participants as time allowed. Due to the length of some key discussions on pertinent sector issues, some presentations were not delivered as the program had provided.

Objectives of the Symposium:

- ❑ Highlight in detail the new 2005 electricity tariffs.
- ❑ Obtain input from MPs on way forward with rising power tariffs as a result of scarcity of electricity as an economic good.
- ❑ Highlight major impacts that the power sector reforms have generated.
- ❑ Need to inform one another on pertinent issues in the power sector especially at this critical time of transition from Government companies to private concessionaires.

ACTION POINTS:

- ❑ Members agreed to hold another workshop specific only to the tariff setting procedures, mechanisms, and components of the new approved 2005 electricity tariff.