

PRESS BRIEFS – 30th August to 1st September, 2008

PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Business Daily	1-4	<p>KPLC lures consumers to night-time electricity</p> <p>Power distributor offers industrialists lower tariffs if they shift to off-peak hours</p> <p>Homes and businesses faced with high electricity bills face a promise of some relief by KPLC to cut by a third the cost if they operate at night. The cheaper electricity would be available from 10am to 6am. Mr. Joseph Njoroge KPLC’s Managing Director said that the new billing system would be rolled out on a pilot basis but its operations are yet to be worked out.</p>
	2	<p>On Wednesday, September 3rd KenGen’s appeal will be heard before the CMA tribunal.</p> <p>This follows the pending application between KenGen, the appellant and the Respondents and Co-respondents ERC and KPLC. KenGen is petitioning for higher wholesale power tariffs that could see the cost of electricity rise further after last month’s 24 percent increase.</p>
	14	<p>Implement KPLC tariff strategy immediately</p> <p>The editor argues that the proposal by KPLC to offer consumers an opportunity to cut the size of power bills through off-peak</p>

<p>The East African</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>consumption is a positive development, which has some pitfalls one being that it should be implemented immediately and not as KPLC has promised to roll out in two years. Other major pitfalls include security and the rigidity of the labour market which should also be considered.</p> <p>Dar is set for Ruhudji hydropower station</p> <p>The project is estimated at \$800m and will be done via a Public Private Partnership</p> <p>Plans by Tanzania to construct a 358MW hydropower station at Ruhudji River entered a decisive stage after the floating of the tender recently.</p> <p>The project will be partly financed by a loan from the World Bank and will also be done via a Public Private Partnership approach.</p> <p>Experts argue that the country should choose the most appropriate interconnection point and to negotiate for power exchanges with Kenya and Uganda.</p>
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