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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
The Star	Pg 15	KPLC seeks more electricity retailers
		KPLC is currently training 14 vendors to boost distribution of prepaid token buying centres in Nairobi where over 90,000 pre paid meters have already been installed. KPLC is looking to increase the number of installed pre-paid meters to 500,000 by end of 2011.
The Star	Pg 18	Energy costs hit investors
		Some Kenyan manufacturers may relocate to other countries because of strains from high energy costs, rising inflation, weak shilling and political uncertainty. Kenya heavily depends on hydropower, which has been affected by spells of drought over the years, is biset by regular power outages and has to rely on costly diesel-fired electricity, rising energy costs.
Business Daily	Pg 21	Eskom denies rumours of power load shedding

		<p>South African power utility Eskom, which is battling to keep the lights on in Africa's biggest economy, has denied currency market rumours of power outages. South Africa's national grid nearly collapsed in early 2008, forcing mines and smelters to shut for days and costing the country billions of dollars in lost output. Eskom has said the system would be tight for the next few years until the first of its new power plants come on stream.</p>
Business Daily	Pg 40	Swiss phases out nuclear
		<p>The Swiss government has decided to phase out nuclear power, amid growing public hostility to the industry. The government announced it would replace the country's five ageing plants after they reached the end of their life times. However, the authorities also said they would not decommission any prematurely. April's disaster at the Fukushima plant in Japan has sparked debate in several countries. Switzerland currently gets about 40 per cent of its energy from nuclear power</p>