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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Standard Saturday	28	<p>KPLC targets a million new consumers</p> <p>KPLC plans to connect a million new customers to its grid in the next five years, its Chief Executive, Don Priestman said. The plan would cost between Sh128 billion and Sh192 billion. He added that some of the funding would come from existing customers and a lot from the Government.</p>
People Saturday	17	<p>New power plan shocks power consumers</p> <p>Electricity consumers in Meru region reacted with indignation following the increase in power tariffs. The consumers in Meru region have petitioned the Government to repeal the increment until the current inflation standing at 31.5 per cent falls and the economy improves.</p>
Standard Sunday	31	<p>Higher power tariff could be a blessing in the long run</p> <p>The writer Xn Iraki argues that KPLC should justify the standing charge. He adds that the best way to deal with tariff hikes is to increase the supply of power sold to KPLC and also change to alternative energy sources. High power tariffs would not only bring more producers in the market but also competition, which could bring down the prices.</p>
The East African	19	<p>Poor planning dims Africa's power performance</p>

Over half a billion African's will be without electricity by 2030 unless a \$560b investment is made on energy

Key players in Africa's electricity, converged in Nairobi last week under the umbrella of Union of Producers, Transporters and Distributors of Electric Power in Africa (UPDEA) to discuss the state of the sector on the continent. At the conference African counties were urged to form regional partnerships to facilitate transfer of skills and information, thus accelerating growth and expansion of power supply.

21 Uganda power sector to double by 2014

Reforms enacted by the Government as well as a hybrid approach to generation have made the country's electricity sector attractive for private sector

Revenues from Uganda's electricity industry will rise from \$144 million in 2007 to \$323 in 2014 buoyed by liberalization of the sector and new investments. Uganda has the highest electricity tariffs in East Africa. During last weeks 16th Congress of the Union of Producers, Transporters and Distributors of Electric Power in Africa it emerged that only 10 per cent of the population of African nations have access to electricity. The current head of the union Mr. Eddy Njoroge who is also KenGen's CEO said that we should not see the increasing demand as a challenge but rather as an opportunity to expand our business and power growth.

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