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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Nation	Pg 22	Power firm seeks to extend electricity reach
		<p>According to the publication, Kenya Electricity Transmission Company (Ketraco) is currently constructing power transmission lines with a total distance of about 900 kilometres as it seeks to increase supply in the region. The company has set up a total of 282 kilometres of lines and substations including 50 kilometre Sondu Miriu-Kisumu, 62 kilometre Chemosit-Kisii, 48 kilometre Galu-Rabai and 122 kilometre Kamburu-Meru. The firm's ambitious plans include the Mombasa-Nairobi line, which is the first 400kV transmission line in East and Central Africa.</p>
Business Daily	Pg 1 & 4	Higher power costs loom in KPLC's bid for review of tariffs
		<p>The publication indicates that electricity consumers could pay even higher charges beginning July if the government loses a bid to suspend review of retail tariffs that is due in the next 40 days. Energy Minister, Kiraitu Murungi said the review of electricity prices will remain suspended as the focus was in helping families deal with the rising prices of basic commodities but KPLC has indicated that it will go ahead and file an application with the energy sector regulator for upward review of retail tariffs to cover rising operation costs.</p>
	Pg 12	Germany's nuclear power review poses fresh challenges

	<p>According to the publication, Germany's dramatic rethink over nuclear power has thrown up new problems, as the consequences of a retreat from atomic technology emerge. Just after Japan's Fukushima nuclear disaster in March, Chancellor Angela Merkel announced a review of energy policy and ordered Germany's oldest reactors to be shut down immediately and perhaps permanently even though she had, a few months earlier decided to keep them running past their original shutdown dates. Power companies have warned of higher prices because of the shutdown and Germany has imported electricity to meet peak demand. Analysts have warned that coal-fired power stations will be boosted and nuclear ones in the nearby Czech Republic and France.</p>
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