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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Nation	Pg 30	KPLC to hit 2 million connections next June
The Star	Pg 18	Five year power plan to cost Sh400bn - Kiraitu
Standard	Pg 29	State seeks new options as demand for power soars
		<p>According to the publications, Energy Minister, Kiraitu Murungi said that plans to accelerate power connections from 2008 to 2012 were on course with 800,000 customers already connected to the national grid. Speaking during the re-branding for KPLC, he said the country is projected to achieve universal access to electricity by 2030. The Minister said Sh5.6 billion had been allocated in the next year's budget for expansion of the power transmission system, Sh16 billion for geothermal development and Sh5.6 billion for rural electrification. Kenya Power MD, Joseph Njoroge said the re-branding is not just about changing the logo but their practices and the way they do things.</p>
Business Daily	14	EAC seeks funds for power masterplan
		<p>The publication states that the East African region will soon start harnessing its electricity generation resources that will solve rampant power shortages following the completion of the region's power master plan. EAC Deputy Secretary General said the masterplan will also enable the region to take advantage of interconnection opportunities to access electricity from neighbouring regions at competitive prices.</p>

	20	IBM cuts \$50 million off its electricity expenses
		According to the publication, Technology firm IBM has reported a Sh4 billion cut in electricity expenses underlying the ongoing efforts by companies to conserve energy. The company which attributed the saving to sound business and social practices said its employees were also healthier and safer on the job, received greater skills training and volunteered their time and skills to community projects in grater numbers.