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PUBLICATION	PAGE	HEADLINE & BRIEF
Business Daily	Pg 7	Lamu banks on Sh9bn Rabai project for power
		The Sh9 billion Rabai power transmission project in Lamu starts in August and is expected to trigger commercial and industrial activity in the region. Ketraco officials said the ground breaking is scheduled for next month, adding engineers were finalising soil analysis. Once complete, it will replace the 33kV single-circuit serving the region with 220kV capacity that will provide more reliable power.
Nation	Pg 28	Kenya power to explain frequent system losses

		<p>Kenya power will have to explain its various system losses before it gets a nod for review of power tariffs. The regulator ERC yesterday said the power utility firm will have to account for inefficiency in its systems that result in power leakages. Such losses are reloaded onto consumer bills. Briefing the media in Nairobi Mr. Mwirichia said review of the tariffs could take several months and will involve other stakeholders. Kenya Power justified the new tariffs saying the government wanted to connect more people by 2020 and meet the high demand for electricity arising from a fast-growing economy.</p>
The Star	Pg 14	KPLC tariff review to remain on hold ERC
Standard	Pg 7	House team summons KAA officials over power outage

		<p>There was outrage over power blackout at JKIA with a section of Members of Parliament describing it as a shame and embarrassment to the country. At the same time the Parliamentary Committee on Transport has summoned the Authority's management to explain the cause of the power outage that now threatens to give a negative image of the country's top international airport. Kenya power clarified that it was not to blame. We supply power to the sub-station at the airport and we do not manage their internal cabling.</p>
The Star	Pg 6	JKIA blackouts a disaster in waiting, warn airlines
People	Pg 14	Flight chaos as massive blackouts cripple JKIA
The Star	Pg 35	Households turn to solar as power bill grows
		<p>Uptake solar panels is on the rise in the country occasioned by high power bills. As a result of the ever-increasing cost of electricity, solar water heating systems are gaining popularity. Household save upto 60 per cent on power bills compared to solely relying on electricity for water heating.</p>