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PUBLIC UTILITY WORKERS' UNION OF TUC, GHANA OPPOSES HASTY MOVE TOWARD PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION (PSP) OF ECG

The attention of Public Utility Workers' Union (PUWU) of TUC Ghana has been drawn to media report of government intention to appoint a transaction advisor for the transition of the Electricity Company of Ghana (ECG) into Private Sector Participation (PSP) before Christmas.

This announcement came despite the ongoing turnaround program agreed with the Ministry of Energy and is being run jointly with Management and Workers of ECG, led by PUWU–TUC. This program was the outcome of constructive engagements with the Minister of Energy and aimed at reviving ECG through internal reforms rather than privatization. This came on the backdrop of the Minister's assurance of non-interference in the activities of the Power Distributer. Clear deliverables tabled at the meeting as the roadmap were accepted for implementation, which we are religiously following. It comes as a surprise such an announcement of the appointment transactional advisor.

We hereby wish to express our strong opposition to the move for the appointment of a transaction adviser as announced by the Minister for Energy.

Over the past five months, ECG workers have demonstrated an exceptional level of commitment, discipline, and dedication to this turnaround agenda. As a result of these collective efforts:

- Revenue collection has significantly improved
- System losses have been drastically reduced
- Power supply has been stabilized for the benefit of Ghanaians

These record gains have been acknowledged by high profile government officials including the honourable Minister of Finance, Dr. Cassiel Ato Forson during his presentation of the 2026 budget on November 13, 2025; the Majority Leader, Hon. Mahama Ayariga, on 27th November, on the floor of parliament and the Hon Minister of Energy and Green transition, Hon. John Abdullai Jinapor.

Through the hard work and commitment of all stakeholders, it has become obvious that ECG can

be revived and sustained through local expertise, worker commitment, non-political interference

and strong management support, without hastily transferring national assets into private hands.

PUWU-TUC is deeply concerned that the appointment of a Special Adviser at this stage appears

to be a premature and rushed decision. What transaction is there to advice on which has not

been tackled by ECG Management? We see the move for this appointment as a move influenced

by external interests seeking to take control of a strategic national asset for the benefit of a few

individuals, rather than the interest of Ghanaians.

We wish to emphasise and place on record again that ECG is a strategic national asset, and any

decision concerning its future must follow due process, transparency, and broad stakeholder

consultation. The agreed turnaround programme must be fully implemented, monitored, and

objectively evaluated before any alternative options are considered.

We therefore call on the government to:

1. Halt all actions toward PSP at this stage

2. Allow the turnaround programme agreed with ECG Workers and PUWU-TUC to run its

full course.

3. The outcomes of this programme should be evaluated and streamlined to agree with

national policy in energy distribution in Ghana.

PUWU-TUC remains committed to protecting public interest, safeguarding jobs, and ensuring

reliable and affordable power supply for all Ghanaians.

Yours faithfully,

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