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The Chief Executive
Volta River Authority (VRA)
Electro-Volta House
18th February Road, Accra

GHANA

Dear Sir,

Subject: West African Power Pool Grid Emission Factor (GEF) Standardized Baseline:
Kick-off Meeting to Update GEF, September 17 to 18, 2020

You may recall that the West African Power Pool (WAPP) developed a Grid Emission Factor (GEF) Standardized Baseline for the power interconnected system within the ECOWAS region that was approved on February 27, 2017 and envisaged to expire on February 26, 2021. As you are also aware, the benefits of having a regional GEF as a Standardized Baseline shall among others, facilitate access to climate markets as well as reduce the transaction costs for Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) project proponents who otherwise would have to retrieve, calculate, and audit this information on a project-by-project basis. This is particularly significant in light of the renewed drive of the sub-region to augment the component of renewable energy in the regional energy mix as reflected in the 2019-2033 ECOWAS Master Plan for the development of Regional Power Generation and Transmission Infrastructure.

Against this backdrop, we are pleased to inform you that the World Bank has agreed to provide support to WAPP to among others, update the current WAPP GEF. In addition, the Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) that was involved in the formulation of the current GEF has also indicated its keen interest to collaborate with WAPP on the technical aspects of the GEF update. Furthermore, a Consultant funded by the World Bank has been recruited to support WAPP in this endeavour.

In light of these, the WAPP Secretariat intends to organise from **September 17 to 18, 2020** a meeting of the WAPP Strategic Planning and Environmental Committee (SPEC) to kick-off the assignment of the Consultant. Due to the comprehensive nature of the assignment, the WAPP Member Utilities that are not represented on SPEC shall have their Representatives on the Engineering and Operating Committee (EOC) take part in the meeting.

During the meeting, the Participants shall among others, validate the methodology, workplan and implementation schedule of the Consultant as well as exchange on the data collection requirements. Please note that the meeting shall be held through Video Conference due to the challenges associated with COVID-19. Please find attached the draft Agenda for the meeting as well as the contractual Terms of Reference, the Methodology, the Workplan and the draft Data collection form.

In light of these, we shall be most grateful if you could authorize the participation of **Mr. Abdul Noor WAHAB**, the Representative of VRA on the EOC in this meeting and send us the confirmation by **September 11, 2020**. The link to connect to the meeting shall be shared as soon as the confirmation is received.

Whilst thanking you for the usual support, please accept the assurances of our high consideration.



Baba JARJUSEY

For : Secretary General

