Electricity (Own Consumption Undertakings Licensing Capacity) Regulations, 2026

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Energy and Power Development, after consultation with the Zimbabwe Energy Regulatory Authority, in terms of section 65 of the Electricity Act [*Chapter 13:19*], has made the following regulations:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Electricity (Own Consumption Undertakings Licensing Capacity) Regulations, 2026.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

"grid connection agreement" means an agreement with a network operator for the connection of the generation station to the grid;

"grid operator" means the person authorised through the relevant license to operate the grid;

"grid impact assessment report" means an assessment done by the grid operator to determine the impacts of connecting a generation station to the grid;

"own consumption" means utilisation of electricity from a generation station owned by the same entity.

Application

3. These regulations shall apply to electricity generation stations producing electricity for their own consumption.

Registration before construction

4. Subject to section 40 of the Act, no person shall, without a licence issued by the Authority, operate a generation station for their own consumption with a capacity in excess of 10 Megawatts (MW):

Provided that persons intending to construct and operate undertakings between the capacities of 100 kilowatts to 10 MW shall, before construction register the facility with the Authority

by filling in Form GFOC1 in the Schedule, attaching a grid impact assessment report, company registration documents, evidence of access to land, environmental impact assessment or exemption letter from the Environmental Management Agency, upon payment of an application for registration fee of US$10,00, excluding VAT.

Notification of completion of construction

5. (1) Upon completion of construction of a generation station, a person intending to operate it shall fill in form GFOC2 in the Schedule, attaching a commissioning certificate.

(2) The Authority shall publish in a national newspaper, a quarterly notice of registered generation stations for own consumption with capacity up to 10 MW, that it would have registered and shall keep a register of all registered and operational projects.

Operations

6. All technical requirements related to the connection, operation, and maintenance of such plants shall be in accordance with all relevant existing laws.

SCHEDULE

FORM GFOC 1

REGISTRATION OF GENERATION FACILITY FOR OWN CONSUMPTION

1. Name of the company owning the generation facility

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2. Physical address of the generation facility

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3. Site Coordinates

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4. District

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5. Province

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6. Activities to be supplied with power (***tick appropriate***)–agriculture ☐, manufacturing ☐, telecommunications ☐, education ☐, commerce ☐, other (specify)\ ☐

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7. Type of technology used for the generation of electricity

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8. Nameplate capacity of the generation station (MW)

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Battery storage capacity_____-MWh

9. Name of EPC company

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10. Funding (tick appropriate) – own funding ☐, lease to purchase ☐, other (specify) ☐

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11. Expected life of the plant

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12. Expected years of capacity upgrades

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13. Ultimate expected capacity after upgrades

FORM GFOC 2

NOTIFICATION TO OPERATE A GENERATION FACILITY FOR OWN CONSUMPTION

1. Name of the company owning the generation facility

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2. Physical address of the generation facility
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3. District
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4. Province
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5. Type of technology used for the generation of electricity
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6. Installed capacity (MW)

7. Battery storage capacity_____-MWh
8. Whether inspected by ZETDC (tick appropriate) – Yes ☐ No ☐
9. Will the plant be net-metered?
   Yes ☐
   No ☐
10. Has the plant been successfully commissioned?
    Yes ☐
    No ☐