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PARLIAMENT RATIFIES 13-ENERGY RELATED AGREEMENTS

The Parliament of Sierra Leone on Tuesday 05th December 2017 ratified 13 Agreements in respect of improving and expanding the coverage of sustainable electricity supply in Freetown and other parts of the country.

Presenting the Agreements prior to ratification, Minister of Energy, Henry Macauley said that the Agreements are aimed at power purchase and the supply of energy through EGTC and EDSA, partnering with the private sector. He also said that the Agreements will address the deficit in energy supply as some industries are operating off the Government's grid.

Hon. Dr. Bernadette Lahai said that the issue for energy is an issue of development, noting that the electricity situation has improved in the country, even though there are challenges in Freetown and other parts of Sierra Leone to access energy supply. She remarked that we are gradually moving towards energy self-sufficiency, whilst speaking on energy-mix to reverse rural-urban migration.

Hon. Leonard Fofanah, Majority Leader said that energy has the propensity of building a firm foundation for the socio-economic development of the country, saying that we have almost seen the light at the end of the tunnel in our quest for providing sustainable electricity for our people.

Other MPs spoke to the Agreements.

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