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OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC OF SIERRA LEONE**

**SEVENTEENTH REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS AND  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE ON PARLIAMENTARY VETTING OF  
PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS –JUNE, 2024**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service that is charged with the responsibility of vetting Presidential nominees to serve in public offices of state, met on Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 and interviewed **two** Presidential nominees for the following appointments:

- i. **Deputy Minister of Energy II** and
- ii. **Board Member, Audit Service Board.**

**2. PROCEDURE**

The Committee conducted its open hearing with live media trending to encourage active public participation, and within the usual framework of procedures. The nominees were interviewed on issues pertaining to their educational backgrounds to ensure that they had the required proven track records in pertinent work situations for appointments in such important offices of State. Further probing questions put to the appointees covered wide ranging issues relating to declared assets, tax obligations and their visions for productive tenures. Issues of unsuitability or otherwise were also closely looked into.

### **3. Twentieth Sitting of the Committee on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June ,2024**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, The vision of His Excellency and the Government of Sierra Leone is that within the next 3 to 5 years, to supply improved electricity access for at least 1 million people through driving increased investments in the renewable energy Grid-connections or distributed renewable energy (DRE) and corresponding investments in productive uses of electricity, in both the urban and the rural areas.

This goal can only be achieved when the Ministry of Energy and the Electricity Distribution Supply Agency will be able to produce 300MW in new regeneration and 600 mini-grids, which would help to reduce carbon emission by 1.2 million tons. In tandem with this vision His Excellency has nominated Mr. Edmond Benjamin Nonie an acclaimed energy expert to serve as Deputy Minister II to oversee the process.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members fulfillment of it constitutional mandates the Committee interviewed the following Presidential Nominees oath:

- 1. Ing. Edmond Benjamin Nonie -Proposed Deputy Minister II : Ministry of Energy**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Ing. Edmond Benjamin Nonie is an experienced engineer and innovation specialist, project manager and serial entrepreneur with over 10 years' experience in product development, drones data science, multi country entrepreneurship, and technology strategy.

He holds a Bachelors of Engineering Degree in Mechanical and Maintenance Engineering from Fourah Bay College. He is currently pursuing a Project Management Professional (PMP) certificate at the Project Management Institute.

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, Ing. Edmond Nonie is a highly motivated, performance driven, and result oriented development professional that has the following track record to serve in our Energy Sector:

- Drone Technical Specialist, UNICEF office of Innovation, Stockholm, Sweden: February 2021 to present
- Founder and CEO, Track Your Build Holdings Limited: September 2020 – February 2021
- Drone Corridor Consultant, UNICEF Sierra Leone Country Office: September 2019 – August 2020
- Investment Analyst, ManoCap LLC, Freetown, Sierra Leone: January – December 2016

Responding to inquiring question on his knowledge on the Energy Sector Mr. Nonie opined that "During the eleven days total power, I was part of the Presidential task force that came up with a quick fix sustainable energy and policy solution. A major way of solving the energy crisis in our country is firstly, building on the existing facilities and infrastructure ensuring that rehabilitation is done at the King tom power station, the Bumbuna Hydro Power Station and the Dodo Damn in Kenema". He furthered that the government should re negotiate the Karpowership agreement and enter into sustainable power agreement with the installations of Solar Energy, Hydro Electricity and Wind Mill for a sustainable power supply for the Country"

Questioned on mitigating power theft and protecting electrical cables, Mr. Nonie said "the government of Sierra Leone hired a consultancy firm from Kenya to train workers at the Electricity Generation Transmission Company to install machines that alarm and signal the illegal connections ". He continued that this will take a strong hold as the project unfolds deeper into connectivity.

Mr. Nonie further informed the Committee that plan are on the way for the Electricity Generation and Transmission Company and the hired private company to harmonize market prices. He also said the there are plans for the government to procure stronger and durable cable that will forestall power outbreak and

provide the needed leadership and vision for a sustainable power supply throughout Sierra Leone.

**2. Madam Matilda Mattu Kormoh : Proposed Member, Board of Directors, Audit Service Board**

Mr.Speaker, Honourable. Members, Madam Matilda Mattu Kormoh is a professional Accountant and Financial Manager with ability to work proficiently under pressure. She is self-motivated, result oriented and well educated in her area of study

She is a member of Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA) and the Institute of Chartered Accountants Sierra Leone (ICASL). She holds a Master's in Business Administration- International Business (MBA-IB) and a Bachelor of Science with Honours in Economics with accounting bias, from Fourah Bay College. She has an exemplary work record to name just a few:

- June 2018 – February 2020: Finance Manager, Care International in Sierra Leone
- April 2017 – July 2017 : Finance Consultant, IBIS Sierra Leone
- June 2015 – December 2016: Finance Director, ACDI-VOCA-SNAP
- June 2009 – May 2015 : Country Accountant, IBIS Sierra Leone
- March 2005 – December 2006: National Finance and Administrative Officer, World Food Programme.
- April 2000 – March 2003 : Regional Finance and Administrative Officer, Emergency Relief and Support Fund Project (World Bank funded), National Commission for Social Action NaCSA)

In her submission, on her role on the Board Mrs. Matilda Kormoh said" In contributing to providing policy guidelines for the Audit Service, She said it must be noted that the Service has more powers to ensure that people who

misappropriate are brought to book . She furthered that she will work collaboratively with other Members of the Board to ensure that employees of the service have a better conditions of work". She concluded to draw on her expertise and experience to give policy advice for a better and productive audit service.

#### 4. **Recommendations**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the Committee adjudged the following Presidential nominees to be adequately qualified for their proposed appointments and are therefore recommended to the House for approval:

1. Mr.Edmond Benjamin Nonie ,Proposed Deputy Minister II ,Ministry of Energy
2. Madam Matilda Mattu Kormoh ,Proposed Member ,Board of Directors Audit Service Board

#### 5. **Conclusion**

Mr. Speaker, Honourable Members, the **Seventeenth Report** reflects the **unanimous** view of the Committee. I therefore move that the **Seventeenth Report** of the First Session of the Committee on Appointments and the Public Service be adopted by the House and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Signed.....

**Hon. Mathew S Nyuma (JP)**

Chairman and Leader of Government Business

